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UUCFL Annual Budget Meeting
Sunday February 17 at 1:00pm

All Voting Members are urged to attend
as we approve our Budget for 2013.
A Quorum of Members is required

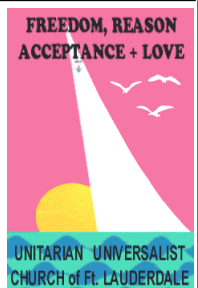
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Mission Statement:

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



From Your Board President



Here we are already it's February, and as I am writing this I am still under the weather. I am praying, that I am well by the time you read this. The Presidential Health has been an issue this month. As far as I can see, we have proven definitively that the church can run without my physical presence. This is a huge relief for me and I will endeavor to not test it again. Thank you all for your patience, support, calls and actually taking my spot and doing my work, I feel well loved this far advanced of February...

I was planning on writing this about Valentines day and love and maybe if this is short enough Gary can fit that in. (He did—Page 6) After talking to him I realized that I had to write a different article. I'm watching the Inaugural today and I remembered. I am a church leader. And love is important but I am talking about another love. A bigger love. In other languages they have multiple words for love and we are stuck with one word with a million meanings. I am talking about a way of loving the church, maybe a parental love. The church which is older than me is also my child. The institution is growing into adulthood and trying to overcome the trauma of its childhood. I've read the history and a lot of it was pretty traumatic, we weren't always so good at welcoming and respect like we are now. I am proud of what we have become.

Here we stand at another crossroads, as you know if you read the front page, the budget meeting was moved up a month. It was moved on account of my health and the fact that the treasurer was planning to be out of town and even if he plans not to say one word, that will never do. I am so excited about the budget we are offering to you for your approval. We are investing in the areas of church life. What a concept. I wasn't even at the meeting where this was decided. I was home sick and I am so proud of my board and their contributions. How will we pay for it? We will use the money given to us by those who are gone from us to continue our work. I'd rather not pull out so much, but maybe we won't have to. Maybe the fundraisers I have heard suggested will come to fruition and maybe they will be even more successful than I expect. I'd love to be surprised, but even if I am not, I believe an investment budget is the proper thing to do.

I think you have to believe, I think you have to have faith that we are going to grow in resources and members in the coming years and that eventually this time of scarcity will end and then we can rebuild our legacy fund so when the economy goes south and there is new and different trauma we will be ready. I believe we are doing the right thing and I believe you will continue to beat my expectations. I love you all and I love the church. What will we be able to do with all that great energy?

Myra Symons

Greetings From Your Shrunk Board!

There's a terrible flu bug and some rough karma going around. February's board meeting saw a small but mighty quorum of trustees attending the Board meeting. Thank you to everyone who was present - physically, by phone, or in spirit - and especially our corporeal Committee on Ministry guests. For anyone who rushed past all the important information on the first page to read an article by yours truly, I adore you and the annual budget meeting has been rescheduled due to illness and personal tragedy among our leaders. We hope to see everyone after service on February 17th for the new meeting.



I am excited to announce that we remained close to our projected budget for 2012 and while the proposed 2013 budget is similar, there will likely be some changes and investment in our community. I hope everyone concerned availed themselves to one of the budget meetings to offer their contributions and thank all who attended. Your feedback and suggestions are our meat and potatoes. Free range and locally grown, respectively.

The ongoing building usage project to draft rental agreements with all groups we share our home with is still a work in progress but more and more of our building users and renters are signing onto official lease agreements. Thank you to everyone contributing to this project.

You are also invited to share your thoughts or observe our processes at our Board meetings, held every second Monday of the month at 7pm. All are welcome!

Alexis Blasenheim, Secretary

Rev. Gail's Space

How To Send The Church A Valentine

It is the month when we talk about love. We normally think of Valentine's Day in terms of romantic love. If we don't have a dinner date with a beloved on that day we might get depressed. However, I think Valentine's Day is for everyone and even for our church. When I was in elementary school, we always made Valentine mail boxes to take to school for our cards to go into. One year I had the prize winning box which actually looked alarmingly similar to the current church mail box. A neighbor who was really good at crafts helped me make it. Well, to be totally honest, I more or less watched her make it. I was never very artsy. I think I used to get an average number of Valentine's. I was not the most popular kid but I was never disappointed in my supply. Some cards were homemade, some really fancy and some little tiny ones with no envelopes. My favorite part of Valentine's, however, was what we found at our door step every year. My father was not an ideal parent but he knew a thing or two about the right kind of surprises to give his three ladies. Every year there were three hollow chocolate Valentine's with our names on them in boxes at our door. My mother and sister and I knew they would be there but they were always different- some bigger- some smaller. Our names were in different colors and scripts. I was very sad when I went to college and was suddenly left out of the hollow heart delivery. I got a big fancy card instead after that. A lot of random friends have sent me Valentine's over the years. I actually don't think I ever got much Valentine attention from boyfriends. Did I always manage to break up with people before Feb. 14?



This year the church as been receiving some early Valentine's. Some people who live elsewhere and attend other churches now still send us random contributions at this time of year. Some former members who have been gone for years, still pledge even though they have not seen us for years. We changed their lives in some way and they love us so they send Valentine's. In a way I think of every gift we receive for the Legacy Fund or the Endowment as a sort of posthumous Valentine. Never think that love is not stronger than death. Whenever, I look at our outside sign or look at our kitchen and bathroom floors or our new brick patio I think of the many members who are now here only in spirit still sending us love. Maybe you are getting an early tax return that is bigger than expected. Perhaps you have a sudden windfall. You could send the church a Valentine. We need it. We would appreciate it. It would show us you love us. We love you too. A church is all about creating a place where everyone can see themselves as lovable. Love is all about multiplying and adding not about dividing and subtracting. Send us some love this month. It can come in many forms. It will probably multiply.

Love from me to all of you.

Rev. Gail

Vespers Services 2013

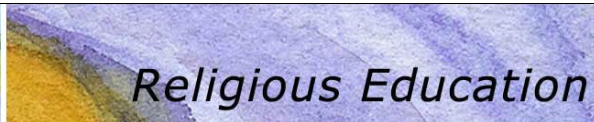
Vespers are held the third Friday of each month starting at 7PM. It is a time for music, readings, and quiet meditation that generally lasts 40-45 minutes followed by fellowship over wine and cheese.

This month's service is on Friday February 15 and is titled: 'Meditations on the Mystic Heart.' by John Shearer

Future Monthly Vespers are - March 15, April 19, May 17

There will be no vespers during the summer months (June, July, August) See www.uucfl.org/vespers/





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I am feeling grateful. I have had the experience lately of quite a bit of unexpected death (six in one week!). I feel sad, I am mad, frustrated with our health care system, sorry that I don't live closer to some folks, and sorrier yet that I don't get together with old friends until someone dies.

It has given me a bit of a heads up though. I am grateful for my wonderful husband and my delightful children. I need to remember to tell them how much I love them. I have three really great careers. I make music, for myself, and for others, and folks pay me to do it. Amazing.

Is the pay too low? Yup. Are the working conditions bogus sometimes? Yup. Is the schedule getting way difficult for a getting older pooter like me? Way yup. But I get to make art for a living. How great is that! I am very grateful for that blessing. I conduct our church choir. I stepped in when our beloved David Fisher got sick because I had some skills. I did not think I would really like it because I am an instrumentalist, not a singer. But I found out I really love helping the choir be their best selves for our Sunday services. I love hearing them sing. I love seeing the faces of the congregation who are moved by their singing. This is a blessing for which I am truly grateful. I am a religious educator. I do adult RE sometimes, but most of my time is spent with the kids.

Our program is small and I never know who will be here, but there is always someone and they are always ready for whatever I have to offer them. Our kids are smart, funny, and loving. Every Sunday I get to try and impart wisdom to great kids-what a blessing. So, I am trying every day to spend time thinking about my wonderful life. Sometimes we get hung up on the bad stuff and forget the grand brightness that surrounds us. I am grateful. I am grateful.

February Children's Religious Education Schedule

Sunday February 3, 11AM
Islam

Sunday February 10, 11AM
Valentine's Day

Sunday February 17, 11AM
Islam

Sunday February 24, 11AM
Sikhism/Jainism

Remember that children start every Sunday morning in church for the opening rituals. We will then leave to go to the back for religious education.

Love and Blessings, *DRE*
Susan



Lifenet 4 Families Update

We had a good workday in January. We had only three of us (Judy King, Mark Woodpecker, Susan Friend) but we got a lot done. We had fun too. I hope that I can encourage more of you to come out for our



LifeNet4Families
Cooperative Feeding Program

February workday which is the first Saturday of February, the 2nd. Thanks to the lobby basket fillers too.

Remember, now that the holidays are over the need for food is still great.

Questions or info DRE Susan
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A New View Of World Religions



Adult Education

Based on many new insights and resources she has been exposed to in her new part-time career as a Professor of World Religions, Rev. Gail will offer a completely new approach to learning about the religiously pluralistic world we all live in this winter. Starting on Tuesday Feb. 12 at 7:00 p.m. we will try to look at other religious traditions

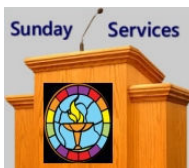
in terms of how they might enhance our lives as Unitarian Universalists and also help us live comfortably in a world where being conversant with a range of world views is really a life and death matter.

In the January newsletter, we said this class would be on Wednesday but Rev. Gail is going to be teaching at Strayer University in the spring term rather than the winter one so we will use the normal Adult Religious Education night after all. I hope a lot of you will take advantage of this. If you are finding the Sunday sermon series on world religions interesting, the class will give you a more in depth understanding and even help you try to finally develop a spiritual practice that might enhance the quality of your life. A Flyer with more details on the structure and topics for each class will be out soon but go ahead and mark you calendars for Tuesdays from Feb. 12- April 9. The cost for the class will be a mere \$35 for the whole series. Individual classes will be \$8. This would be a great thing to invite a friend or neighbor to attend. It is less threatening than church and it promises to be fun and informative. There will be lectures, discussions, readings and spiritual practices. Please try to let us know ahead of time if you wish to attend so we can make enough copies of handouts Please speak to Rev. Gail Tapscott at 954-288-4245 if you have further questions.

Rev. Gail

Want a Chance to Impact Sunday Services? Here It Is!

Is there a particular topic or area of interest that you would like to do a worship service on? Come join the Sunday Services Committee on Saturday, February 16 from 1:00-5:00 pm at UUCFL for our Worship Workshop, where you can learn more about what putting a worship service together



entails. We'll address the key points necessary for putting together a well planned service, such as the Order of Service, examples of different topics appropriate to focus a service on, and the different roles of all of those involved. There will be a snack break midway through the workshop with hummus, fruit, veggies, etc... To RSVP contact either Opal Murray at (770) 265-6242 or John Shearer at (859) 358-0095.

We hope to see you there for this afternoon of learning and fun!

Sunday Services Committee

Music Notes

January turned out to be a great start to the New Year musically. Four Shillings Short charmed everyone with their varied instruments and positive message. Fortunately we had a second opportunity to hear them at the Labyrinth Cafe the next Saturday. Thank you, Susan Moss, for introducing us to this delightful duo.



Choir assisted on the January 13 Martin Luther King service leading the hymns. Members of the Haitian Church joined us to sing the prelude. This was a treat.

The Choir added fitting selections to Rev. Gail's program on Shinto and Tribal Religions which began and ended with drumming. Personally I learn a lot from Rev. Gail's explorations into "other" methods of worship.

Speaking of treats, guest musician, Stephan Mikes introduced us to the lovely sounds of the sitar which he played for the January 27 service. Stephan is a master acoustician and a delightful, sensitive musician.

Moving on to February, our choir will be singing on the 3rd and 17th. You may remember "Amani Utupe" by Simms which was sung a few years ago by the Tri-Choir (our choir combined with those from Boca and River of Grass). It will be heard again on February 3. Two weeks later, the choir returns with two a capella songs for Rev. Gail's service on Taoism.

The February 10 Bold Justice program will include a love song presented by Vernon Allen. "Where E'er You Walk" is a poem by William Congreve set to music by George Frederick Handel. This is our tribute to Valentine's Day.

We are excited to present on February 24 Peter Mayer who wrote "Blue Boat Home" and "Holy Now" among other familiar hymns. He will share his music with us during Rev. Gail's service "Ordinarily Sacred". This should be a highlight of the February programs. Our thanks to Susan Moss and Jerry Waltz for helping to arrange for the special soloists to enhance the February services.

Dot Muise, Director of Music

Committee on Ministry

Ministry happens in many ways in our church. The Committee on Ministry welcome your comments and questions to help improve all our ministerial experiences at our spiritual home.



We are Dave Griswold, Chair 786-389-9575
Mara Newman and Betty Highton.

Committee on Ministry

A Word On Being Welcoming

Dear congregants,

I would like to take this opportunity as the head of the Welcoming Committee to address some important concerns regarding membership. My name is Debbie Rivera and I wish you all a warm welcome. This is such a rewarding position and extremely important. I miss the congregants when they do not show for a long period of time. When guests come to the church I feel disappointed when they do not return. As the head of the committee, I wish that you all make an effort to welcome guests and that you try and get to know them. As Unitarian Universalists we believe that each and every individual is important. We have a wonderful community and we need to show that in our actions and our words. With your help we can make this congregation a stronger and more vibrant community. Let's live up to our principles to the best of our ability. Please contact me if you would be interested in joining the welcoming committee. Please mark your calendars for our new members service scheduled for February 17th to welcome our new members! Please consider joining the Welcoming Committee contact me via email: justduckiedeb@gmail.com or 954-815-9230

Sincerely,
Debbie Rivera



President's Article - Love Languages

In honor of Valentine's day and the whole I have the perpetual flu...Dr. Gary Chapman wrote the five love languages, the book is written for Christians but applies to everyone. Everyone, Dr. Chapman says has a primary love language. Mine is split between Quality time and acts of service. I took the quiz so I know. Now don't get me wrong words of Affirmation are good too and gifts are graciously received.



Words of Affirmation—Actions don't always speak louder than words. If this is your love language, unsolicited compliments mean the world to you. Hearing the words, "I love you," are important—hearing the reasons behind that love sends your spirits skyward. Insults can leave you shattered and are not easily forgotten.

Quality Time—In the vernacular of Quality Time, nothing says "I love you" like full, undivided attention. Being there for this type of person is critical, but really being there—with the TV off, fork and knife down, and all chores and tasks on standby—makes your significant other feel truly special and loved. Distractions, postponed dates, or the failure to listen can be especially hurtful.

Receiving Gifts—Don't mistake this love language for materialism; the receiver of gifts thrives on the love, thoughtfulness, and effort behind the gift. If you speak this language, the perfect gift or gesture shows that you are known, you are cared for, and you are prized above whatever was sacrificed to bring the gift to you. A missed birthday, anniversary, or a hasty, thoughtless gift would be disastrous—so would the absence of everyday gestures.

Acts of Service—Can vacuuming the floors really be an expression of love? Absolutely! Anything you do to ease the burden of responsibilities weighing on an Acts of Service person will speak volumes. The words he or she most wants to hear are, "Let me do that for you." Laziness, broken commitments, and making more work for them, tell those with this language their feelings don't matter.

Physical Touch—This language isn't all about the bedroom. A person whose primary language is Physical Touch is, not surprisingly, very touchy. Hugs, pats on the back, holding hands, and thoughtful touches on the arm, shoulder, or face—they can all be ways to show excitement, concern, care, and love. Physical presence and accessibility are crucial, while neglect or abuse can be unforgivable and destructive.

Myra Symons

Coming CUUPS Events

There is no sabbat in the month of February; however, Valentine's Day falls on a Thursday so we are doing a special program on Love Spells. Come and bring a date. If you haven't got a date, all the more reason to come. We shall work some magick.

There are at least four components to a Love Spell. How many do you count?

There will be three other Study Groups in February. We shall come up with topics for them. Perhaps you would like to suggest something? See our calendar at MoonPathCUUPS.org/coming.htm.

Kip, Resident Pagan



New Member Orientation Class Offered

Thinking of becoming an official member of the church or would just like to know more about us? We are delighted to welcome new members and friends to our family. Please join us for a class so that we can get to know each other better. Rev Gail and members of the Welcoming/Membership Committee will be here to share with you information on becoming a member and some of the great benefits as well as some of the history of the church and Unitarian Universalism.

We also love to hear the story of your journey that brought you to UUCFL and your hopes and dreams of our shared future together in the congregation. We request that you attend this class which is scheduled for Sunday February 3 at 12:45pm. We will officially welcome new members during our February 17 Sunday Service. Please contact Rev Gail at 954-288-4245 or revgailtapscott@aol.com or Debbie Rivera at 954-815-9230 justduckiedeb@gmail.com

The Welcoming/Membership Committee



Labyrinth Café Concerts Presents : John Gorka
Saturday, February 9 at 7:30pm



John Gorka, lauded by Rolling Stone as "the preeminent male singer-songwriter of the new folk movement," was born and raised in New Jersey, where he received a guitar as a Christmas present at age 10. His older brother swiped it, so Gorka took up the banjo instead. He first began writing songs with a church group, before eventually moving away from home to attend Moravian College, where he was exposed to the folk-music scene. After encouragement from Nanci Griffith, he won the Kerrville Folk Festival's New Folk Competition, and released his debut disc in 1987. A mainstay of the folk scene since the mid-1980s, Gorka balances his rich baritone and introspective songwriting with his trademark dry wit and humor. John Gorka's music demonstrates an easy melodic sensibility: Nothing is contrived or overproduced. His work is built around little more than his unmistakable voice and the simple, clean sounds of his guitar. www.johngorka.com

Reservations requested but not required:

Contact Myra at Myrafly@yahoo.com or Susan at OzWoman321@aol.com or 954-478-8637

\$20 at the door, plus non-perishable item for our local Cooperative Feeding Program (canned meats, beans, fruits, vegetables, peanut butter, dried milk, pasta, rice, cereal, baby food and baby formula);

Advance reservations: \$ 17, checks (made out to the performer) received in the UU church office, c/o Labyrinth Cafe, no later than Wednesday before Saturday show.

We encourage you to take advantage of our season pass which includes admission to all remaining shows, as well as a Labyrinth Cafe T-shirt (designed and printed by Virginia and Erik Anderson, 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 www.myspace.com/labyrinthcafe for song samples!

Susan Moss, Coordinator, Labyrinth Cafe Concert Series

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



As an H&R Block nonprofit partner, your organization will be able to raise money while helping your members and associates get exceptional tax preparation services. Last tax season we awarded more than \$500,000 to organizations like yours and we hope to increase that number in 2013.

The program is easy and convenient. We'll send you \$20 for each new client you refer to H&R Block. The more new clients you refer, the more money your organization can make! So distribute the Referral form to your members and friends—even if they don't attend the church.

The program runs between January 1 and the IRS income tax filing deadline (usually April 15) of the current year. By June 30th, your organization will receive one convenient check with your total program reward.

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

BOLD Justice/Social Justice - Dates of Action for Your Calendar

Over 40% of our third graders are not reading at grade level. That number would still be unacceptable even if you cut it in half. BOLD Justice is working on getting a new reading program into five Broward schools.

On Friday February 22nd at 7:00pm we'll be having a Network Member meeting at our church. Then on Tuesday February 26th at 7:30pm there will be a countywide BOLD Justice Network Rally (Details of exact location and time will be available shortly). This Rally is where everyone will be briefed and trained for the Nehemiah Action.

On March 18th at 7:30pm at the War Memorial Auditorium in Fort Lauderdale is BOLD's Nehemiah Action, where we will be holding Broward Officials accountable for these dismal reading scores as well as pushing for an ordinance that will help get jobs to some of Broward's least fortunate. We want to have 70 plus church members there to stand up for Justice on Education and Wage Issues along with all of the other participating churches in the organization.

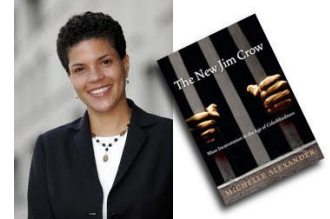
On February 14th at the court house in Ft. Lauderdale there will be a Marriage Equality Action, where we will hold a mock marriage ceremony and go in to apply for marriage certificates. For details please get in touch with me, Lore, 954-670-3664 or starofinanna@gmail.com.

The BOLD Justice/Social Justice Team



“Read, Discuss, Act on Mass Incarceration” Continues Sunday, February 10 and 24, 1 p.m. at UUCFL

All are welcome to address the issues posed by Michelle Alexander in her book, “The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness”.



Join the 20 people from diverse environments, few of whom knew more than a few of the others who had a stimulating initial January 6 meeting and resolved to meet five more times over the next three months to discuss Alexander’s analysis of the rebirth of a U.S. Caste system whose population consists primarily of African American men whose lives have been constrained by their contacts with the criminal justice system and who therefore face life-long discrimination in housing, employment, and civic participation.

Alexander graphically depicts how this criminal justice system, based on a hyper-inflated War on Drugs, functions as a means of social control of this population following the dismantling of Jim Crow in the 1960s.

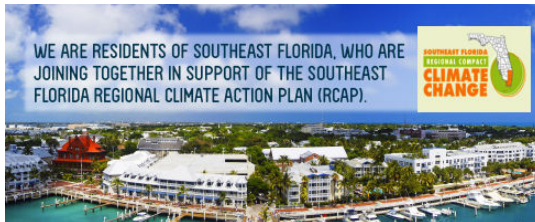
Alexander challenges the civil rights community and all of us to place mass incarceration at the forefront of a new movement for racial justice in America. The group formed to absorb Professor Alexander’s thesis via reading and discussion with the intent of then formulating and carrying out ACTION.

At the February sessions the first 4 chapters will be discussed. That includes (1) a history of racialized social control in the U.S. which has been achieved largely by appealing to the racism and vulnerability of lower-class whites; (2) the structure of mass incarceration with a focus on the War on Drugs, where enormous financial incentives have been granted to law enforcement to engage in mass drug arrests through military-style tactics; (3) How a formally race-neutral criminal justice system can manage to round up, arrest and imprison an extraordinary number of black and brown men when people of color are actually no more likely to be guilty of drug crimes and many other offenses than whites; and (4) How, in many respects, release from prison does not represent the beginning of freedom but instead a cruel new phase of stigmatization and control where myriad laws, rules and regulations discriminate against ex-offenders and effectively prevent their meaningful re-integration into the mainstream economy and society.

The Broward library system has numerous copies and the book is available at all physical and on-line bookstores. The discussions are free. Those interested are invited to contact Bob Bender, bob@benderworld.com., 954-531-1928.

Bob Bender

South Florida Climate Action Conference



I believe that climate change is the most important issue facing us today, and the SE Cluster is partnering to present the South Florida Climate Action Conference. We are joining members of the scientific-technical, faith-based, government, and activist communities in Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe and Palm Beach counties to exchange information and work together to implement the SE Florida Regional Climate Action Plan [rcap]. Probably because of sea level rise regional leaders have gotten together and written our regional climate action plan. We are fortunate to have this plan, for most areas of the country have not done planning like this.

The SE Florida regional climate change compact addresses how we can mitigate the causes of climate change and adapt to its consequences. The conference will stimulate dialogue and encourage us to engage in direct action to support the regional climate action plan [RCAP]. The RCAP is our region’s response to climate change and sea level rise; by advocating and implementing this plan we will move our region toward climate resilience and sustainability.

The climate action conference will be on Saturday, March 2, from 9 to 5 at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Boca Raton, 2601 St. Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton, fl 33434 www.uufbr.org

\$20 per person/ \$10 per student. Lunch and continental breakfast included. To see the schedule and view the speakers, and to register go to <http://sfclimateactionpartners.org/> this partnering workshop is sponsored by the UU Fellowship of Boca Raton Endowment Fund.

There are 2 exciting dedicated youth programs: <http://sfclimateactionpartners.org/standard/youth-programming> I hope to see you there,

Steve Jens-Rochow,
President, SE UU Cluster

*"Our faith calls us to heal injustice and to create a sustainable earth;
and with that service grow spiritually and congregationally."*

Occupying Ft Lauderdale

Occupy Ft Lauderdale/Labor Outreach resumes regular meetings at UUCFL every Saturday at 4 p.m. beginning February 9



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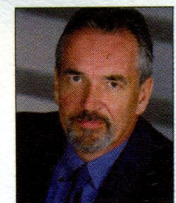


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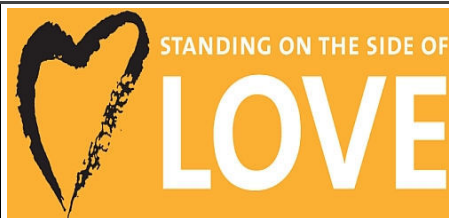


February Calendar



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

Religious Education
Events
See special calendar
on the RE page 4



Visit our on line
calendar for
late-breaking events
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"Coming Activities"

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•8:45am - Cooperative
Feeding workday
(See page 4)

3

•9:30am - UU Sisterhood
•12:45pm - New Member
Orientation Class
(See page 6)

4

•7:00pm - A Course in
Miracles

5

6

•6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal-
Sopranos and Altos
•7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal-
Tenors and Basses

7

•7:30 pm CUUPS

8

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•4:00pm - Occupy
Ft Lauderdale/Labor
Outreach
•7:30 pm Labyrinth Café
Concert (See page 7)

10

•Journey Submission
Deadline
•1:00pm - Read, Discuss, Act
on Mass Incarceration
(See page 8)

11

•7:00pm - Board Meeting
•7:00pm - A Course in
Miracles

12

•7:00pm - A New View of
World Religions Class
with Rev Gail (see page 5)

13

•6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal-
Sopranos and Altos
•7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal-
Tenors and Basses

14

•Time TBA -
Marriage Equality
Action at Ft.
Lauderdale
Courthouse
(See Page 7)
•7:30 pm CUUPS

15

•7:00pm - Vespers
Service 'Meditations
on the Mystic
Heart.' by John
Shearer (See page 3)

16

•1:00pm - Sunday Services
Workshop (See page 5)
•4:00pm - Occupy
Ft Lauderdale/Labor
Outreach

17

•9:30am - UU Sisterhood
•11:00am - New Members
•1:00PM - Annual Budget
Meeting (All Voting Members
Please Attend)

18

•7:00pm - A Course in
Miracles
•7:30pm - Sunday
Services Committee

19

•7:00pm - A New View of
World Religions Class
with Rev Gail (see page 5)

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•6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal-
Sopranos and Altos
•7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal-
Tenors and Basses

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•7:30 pm CUUPS

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•7:00pm -Social
Justice Committee
(BOLD Justice
Networking
(see Page 7)

23

•4:00pm - Occupy
Ft Lauderdale/Labor
Outreach

24

•11:00am - Special Guest
Singer/Songwriter Peter
Mayer Performs During Service
•1:00pm - Read, Discuss, Act
on Mass Incarceration
(See page 8)

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•7:00pm - A Course in
Miracles
•7:30pm - Welcoming/
Membership Committee

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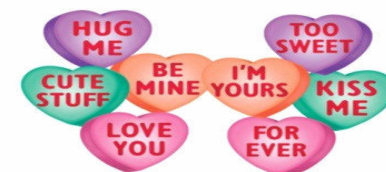
•7:30pm - BOLD Justice
Network Rally (location
TBA) - See Page 7)

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•6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal-
Sopranos and Altos
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Tenors and Basses

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•7:30 pm CUUPS



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February 3 - A Sea Change - Rev. Dr. Dorothy May Emerson, historian of Unitarian Universalists women, preached Rev. Gail's installation sermon here almost 14 years ago. She returns to share insights from her new book in progress A Sea Change: What the 1960's Taught us about Equality, Freedom, Love and Peace. Our wonderful choir will be singing.

February 10 - Strategies For Winning - Andy Lee, Executive Director of BOLD Justice will share with us a story of winning a battle for social justice that our Social Justice Chair, Lore Bernier says is one of the most inspiring narratives she has ever heard. We have major BOLD Justice events coming up soon and we encourage everyone to attend especially anyone who has some reservations about our commitment to this initiative. We don't have to all agree on any one issue but it is part of our living tradition to keep an open mind and to sometimes change our minds. Vernon Allen will offer us a love song. Some old friends may also pay a visit to share their unique take on Valentines Day.

February 17 - An Early Experiment In Religious Diversity - A Visit From Three Sages- As part of her ongoing series on a new look at World Religions, Rev. Gail will look at a period in religious history when the people of China frequently practiced three religions at once. Taoism, Buddhism and Confucianism not only lived together peacefully in the land, they also frequently existed peacefully and creatively in one person with each providing special lessons in living a fulfilling life. The great master's themselves may show up. There is much to draw from here for Unitarian Universalists. We will also welcome new members and enjoy our choir.

February 24 - Ordinarily Sacred - Rev. Gail and famous UU singer songwriter Peter Mayer who wrote the hymn "Blue Boat Home" will work together through spoken word and sung words to ask us to think about how the holy and sacred can be found in unexpected places, people and things. It is an extraordinary opportunity for us to have Peter here. Please bring any of your friends who love good music.

March 3 - Older And Wiser Or Just Older - Rev. Gail is about to turn 67. She thinks she is still 18. Come hear UUCFL President Myra Symons try to get to the bottom of the real Gail Tapscott in a no holds barred interview that is bound to ruin Rev. Gail's career while enlightening and entertaining you. If you think you have heard all Rev. Gail's stories about her family and her colorful life at least twice, you still have surprises in store. Some of the music that has inspired her will also be offered by the choir and from her eclectic CD collection.

