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*It's Pete Seegers's 90th Birthday and  
We're Celebrating with a Concert  
Sunday April 26 - 2:00pm  
"This concert is your concert..."  
Sing along on page 2*



## OFFICIAL NOTICE

Congregational Meeting of Elections  
May 17 - 12:45pm  
All Voting Members are requested to Attend This  
Very Important Meeting  
There will also be voting on changes to UUCFL  
Bylaws taking place during this meeting

## OFFICIAL NOTICE

### Happy 90th Birthday, Pete Seeger!

Join us as South Florida pays tribute to Pete Seeger on the occasion of his 90th birthday. The celebration begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at the Ft. Lauderdale Unitarian Universalist Church (Labyrinth Café). Suggested donation is \$5; children under 12 are free.

The concert, with Amy Carol Webb, Rod MacDonald, Ellen Bukstel, Matthew Sabatella, Tony Thomas, Rob Koppelman, Rudy Delgado, the South Florida Raging Grannies, the South Florida Solidarity Singers and more will feature songs written and/or made popular by Pete during his incredible seven-decade career as folk singer and song-leader extraordinaire.

The concert will be followed by an open mic, sing-along and musician's jam as well as the showing of a film made by Danny Seeger (Pete's son), introduced and narrated by Allan Aunapu, Clearwater's first captain. Plenty of good food, raffle prizes and birthday cake will round out the day's events.

Until he was blacklisted in the 1950s, Pete was a fixture on national radio with a string of hits that brought the sound of traditional music to new audiences everywhere. In the late 60's, he re-emerged on the public scene as a pioneer of protest music in support of international disarmament and civil rights and, more recently, as a tireless activist for environmental causes. As a songwriter, he is best known for his "Where Have All the Flowers Gone," "If I Had a Hammer," and "Turn, Turn, Turn," which have been recorded by many diverse artists and sung throughout the world.

Loved by all who have been fortunate enough to hear him in person for his ability to get folks singing and clapping together in three-part harmony. "Pete is the recipient of many awards, including a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award (1993), the National Medal of Arts from the National Endowment for the Arts (1994), the Kennedy Center Lifetime Achievement Honor (1994), and most recently a Grammy Award for the best traditional album of 2008 for his "At 89." A documentary about his life, "The Power of Song" aired recently on PBS and played in movie theaters throughout the U.S.

Pete continues to live on the banks of the Hudson River in a log cabin that he built with his own hands. This past January, he traveled to Washington, DC, to perform at the "We Are One" Inaugural Concert for Barack Obama. Joined on stage by his long-necked banjo, his grandson Tao, and Bruce Springsteen, Pete belted out the original verses of "This Land Is Your Land," and inspired us all once more as he did what he's been doing best for 70 years getting folks (this time one million strong) to sing and clap along... together.



For more information, call or e-mail Susan Moss at 954-478-8637 or OzWoman321@aol.com

### Prez Says

The 2008 General Assembly (GA) in Ft. Lauderdale caused quite a buzz among Unitarian Universalists in South Florida.

The 2009 GA of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUA) takes place in the shadow of the stunning Wasatch Mountains, in Salt Lake City, Utah on June 24-28

(<http://www.uua.org/events/generalassembly/index.shtml>). I encourage you to consider attending GA 2009 and anticipate hearing your comments on the candidates for UUA President.

While there are numerous issues and positions (including the Board or Review, at large Trustees, Commission on Appraisal, Commission on Social Witness, General Assembly Planning Committee, and Nominating Committee) on the ballot at GA 2009, the most prominent are the election of Moderator, Financial Advisor and President. Running for re-election are Gini Courter as moderator and Daniel Brody as Financial Advisor. Two candidates, Reverend Dr. Laurel Hallman, Senior Minister of the First Unitarian Church of Dallas and Reverend Peter Morales, Senior Minister of the Jefferson Unitarian Church in Golden, Colorado are running spirited campaigns for UUA President—one of them will replace William Sinkford who is ending his eight years as President of the UUA (<http://www.uuworld.org/news/articles/102252.shtml>).

In addition to our minister, Gail Tapscott, your congregation will be designating voting delegates to GA. The UUA provides some scholarships to GA and your congregation offers some limited financial help for those attending. GA hotel rates are guaranteed through May 7, and changes to hotel reservations can be made through June 15. If you are interested in attending GA, please contact me or another member of your Board of Trustees.

**Ken Beier**



**Did You Know?**

You can receive via email, Florida District Connections, the twice monthly e-news by sending an email request to [FloridaDistrictUUA@cfl.rr.com](mailto:FloridaDistrictUUA@cfl.rr.com). It's a great way to keep in touch with UU events across Florida.

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

### **Preparing to Leave the Country**



As I write this column I am trying like mad to get ready to leave for my month in San Miguel deAllende. By the time you read this I will more than likely be back from my adventure. Such is the lag time between our deadline for the Journey and the time you hold it in your hands. I find myself with two things on my mind tonight. One is my profound delight in the new Mac Notebook that I have just acquired so that I can make good use of my research and writing time in Mexico. The other thing I am preoccupied with is the recent news that the "Rocky Mountain News" is closing down, leaving Denver with no daily newspaper. The only daily papers in several other major cities are also in danger of shutting down any minute. As I thought about it, I realized that these two events are sort of related. I have been, to say the least, behind the technology curve. Some of you who have tried to help me with computer issues know that I am very much in the slow group when it comes to catching up with the average person let alone the true techie. It feels like my mind just doesn't work that way. I have been forced to learn the basics to survive in my career and personal life but I have, to be honest, been almost as incurious about computers as our prior president was about pretty much everything. Enter my new Mac. I think it is true love. For the first time I think I might want to start learning more about this darling new toy. I envision myself learning how to do stuff with photo montages, watching movies in high def and being able to write and get my email as I sit in my beloved coffee shops. My former home laptop had been living on life support for years and really had been unable to go out in public.

I may even learn about Facebook and the Blogosphere. This is all very exciting and it means that like many others I will now be able to get news and information on line. However, I can't imagine never wanting to sit down on a Sunday afternoon, after all the excitement of the Sunday service, coffee hour and often meetings or discussions, with a cup of coffee and "The New York Times." I used to love spending Sundays with "The Washington Post" when I lived in DC and "The Boston Globe" when I lived there. Even the smaller places I lived in like Santa Fe and Flagstaff had local dailies that helped give a sense of identity to the community. I have never been a big fan of either of our South Florida dailies but I still don't want them to go away. We can always get our serious news from the great national papers at least as long as they can survive but I think not having local papers will take a great deal away from the already fragile sense of community that most people feel. I can see how addicting and time filling a good computer could be for the first time. However, I also see the potential for isolation and avoiding the risks and rewards of intimate personal interaction. I don't want to be a person living in the past but I also don't want us to embrace a future that keeps us from getting close to other people, reading books and exposing ourselves to the mishmash of information available in a general newspaper. Using the internet for most of our news enables us to be so selective and read only what we are already inclined to read. Somehow the economic situation makes the demise of newspapers seem even more ominous. Never have we been more in need of hearing the collective stories of the good and bad news in our communities. I am sure that creative solutions will be found- maybe a return of more meaty community newspapers or local weeklies or some kind of internet based way to access broad based community news. Some of you who have been very plugged in for many years may think I am crazy but I really don't think the internet is likely to be as good for local and state news if there are not real newspapers around. At any rate, we are living in a rapidly changing world in many ways and I think we all have to keep finding new and creative ways to survive and to stayed connected in a flesh and blood way. There is no way that Facebook or YouTube are going to give you a much needed hug. While I am away, I hope all of you stayed connected to each other and don't hesitate to reach out to our wonderful Caring Committee if you need a friendly dose of human help. Our current caring ladies are Molly Lesnick, Nicole Schulman and Dorothy Page. If you need a minister, the office will have a list of on call ministers.

See you soon,

***Rev. Gail***



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE) NEWS

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



The church year is flying by, and we are already planning for our end of year RE Service. May 17 is the date, so get it into your calendar now so that we can have all of our children involved. We also want to involve the adults who have been involved in adult RE this year, so you are all get it on your calendar too!! April 26, the UU Church from Miami will be bringing some of their kids (ages 4-9) to visit us. It is a field trip for them. They will do RE activities with our kids and then we will have lunch for the kids and parents. PLEASE try to have your kids here that Sunday to share time with fellow UUs. It is a good opportunity for the kids to see that there are others like them in the world. Remember, April Tuesdays are the "Articulating Your UU Faith" classes for adults. The time is 7PM, and we will meet in the Multi-Purpose room.

With the economy taking up so much of everyone's energy these days, make sure you reassure your children and everyone you know that this too will pass. Whatever our financial circumstances, things will eventually turn around. Remember that our church offers a place of respite and love. If you or your family have a need, please let me know; we are all here in this world together. This is a good time to really think about your children and their spiritual lives. Whatever our beliefs, we can and must offer our kids a hand on the spiritual highway. Parents are the best religious educators our kids have. Never forget that.



### Children's RE Calendar for April

Sunday April 5, 11AM  
Passover Lesson and Seder  
Kids Start in Class

Sunday April 12, 11AM  
Easter Activities

Kids may Start in Church (Pending)  
Egg Hunt will take place after Service  
Bring Friends and Family



**Sunday April 19, 9:30AM**  
**RE Committee Meeting**  
**All are Welcome and Encouraged**

Sunday April 19, 11AM  
Regular RE Classes

Sunday April 26, 11AM  
UU Miami Kids Visit  
Kids Start in Class

We look forward to the spring holidays with their celebrations of renewal, remembrance, hope and love. Try to make a special effort to get to church this month, and you won't be disappointed.

With love and blessings, Susan

*Love and Blessings, Susan*



### **Adult RE Calendar for April**

Tuesdays April 7, 14, 21, 28  
7PM,  
in the Multi Purpose Room  
"Articulating Your UU Faith"  
Come learn how to talk  
about your  
religion and beliefs

### **Teens Eyeing Trip to Boston**

The teen group will be focusing on their upcoming heritage trip to Boston, the central location of the Unitarian Universalist Association Headquarters and the history of the UU movement. We have appreciated the support of our generous congregant members and our Endowment Board in our fundraising efforts, and we ask for your continued support as our teens trace their religious roots to hold them close as they develop their wings to set them free.

*Gary Ladka and Valerie Turner—Teen Advisors*



**We still have some tea and coffee left to sell.**  
**Support our teen trip, and the Cooperative Feeding Program.**



## Labyrinth Café presents

Amy Carol Webb/Denice Franke  
**Saturday, April 11, 2009 7:30pm**

Visit [www.amycarolwebb.com](http://www.amycarolwebb.com) and  
[www.denicefranke.com](http://www.denicefranke.com)

With four popular and critically acclaimed independent CDs of original music, and the fifth in production, Amy Carol Webb is frequently on the road from celebrated concert halls and festival stages to spiritual gatherings and intimate house concerts, sharing stages with many whose work inspires her own. Her joy is infectious, her courage inspiring, her songs gifts of literature, humorous, often profound poems of one woman's remarkable journey from precious child to woman to mother... to "Songweaver."



Denice Franke's career is rooted firmly in her gift for singing, and an intuition for penning songs that get under the skin. She accompanies herself on the guitar with grace, and skill, and a repertoire of rhythms that rock listeners gently in place as they take in the 'movie' each song projects. Life as a touring artist began for Denice in 1978. Franke (pronounced "Frankie" - the name she answers to as readily as her first) will tell you straight out she's grateful for the distances traveled, and for the water under the bridge. It's what informs her music these days. What makes her dive more deeply into her own stories, and those of the characters who find their way to her songs.

Reservations requested but not required:  
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\$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 received in the UU church office, c/o Labyrinth Café, no later than Wednesday before Saturday show.

It's a wonderful way to support the UU church, our performers and the continuation of live, original music! Please visit [www.labyrinthcafe.com](http://www.labyrinthcafe.com) for further details, the artists' websites, as well as [www.myspace.com/labyrinthcafe](http://www.myspace.com/labyrinthcafe) for song samples!

### Susan Moss—Labyrinth Café Concerts

**Next Month - Saturday, May 9, 2009**  
Rod MacDonald/Michael McNevin

*"I love my country very dearly, and I greatly resent the implication that some of the places that I have sung and some of the people that I have known, and some of my opinions, whether they are religious or philosophical, make me less of an American." - Pete Seeger*  
[from testimony for the House of Un-American Activities Committee], August 15, 1955

## Music Notes

If you read your Journey for March, you know that the choir schedule changed. They did not sing as previously noted on March 15 because David was out of town. He was celebrating his 80th birthday with his family. It turned out to be a reunion as members of the family flew to the gathering from various parts of the U.S. Happy Birthday, David.



The choir had a more modest celebration at our Wednesday, March 11 rehearsal. They will return to sing again on March 29. Why so late? The final Tri-Choir presentation for this year was held at the Boca Raton Fellowship on March 22. Thank you to Monica Pavlik for leading the congregation that Sunday in our March Call to Community. We do have talented singers in our family besides the choir members!

Our plans to include more instrumental music in the program continue. Thank you very much to Alfredo Tamburrino for his beautiful flute music on March 1 and for playing with the choir. The flute added a real sparkle to the anthem, "Take These Wings".

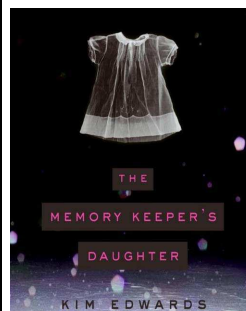
Moving on into April, we have some special treats planned. Easter is a time for the choir to sing praises with Antonio Vivaldi's magnificent "Gloria in Excelsis" sung in Latin. This music was written for a much larger group, but wait till you hear our choir carry it off.

Due to a generous gift from Alfredo Tamburrino and Ted MacDonald, we will hear from cellist, Robert Moore at our April 5 service. Thank you so much, dear music lovers.

We are all looking forward to the return from sabbatical of our minister, Rev. Gail at the April 26 service. The choir will also sing at that service. See you in church.

**Dot Muise, Director of Music**

### UUCFL Book Group



The next meeting of the UUCFL Book group will be April 19 at 12:45 pm.

The book for the month will be "The Memory Keeper's Daughter" by Kim Edwards.

Join us for stimulating discussion. For more information, please call Melanie Taffel at 954-298-9827.

### Building and Grounds Update

Greetings!

It has been a few months since my last entry. As I review those previous messages to see where we were my spirits are lifted.

The items which had the greatest importance to our direction for the building and grounds committee are well underway. In some areas there are obvious changes, some more subtle than others. The roof on the North side of the building has been repaired and sealed. The flat roof over the Diaz/Altar area is now in top shape and should provide some additional savings in energy use.

Work will soon begin on the replacement of metal doors and the janitor closet door in the hallway. These doors are special sizes and fire rated to maintain the highest safety standards. Following this, the exterior of the building will receive some overdue repairs and painting. The tower itself has been of special concern and will be the most challenging portion of the project. These major accomplishments are the result of giving of ourselves. People often share with me that the grounds look great. I reply that it is a team effort. Those who participate on the team show up once a month to share their energy. The work being done now through the service of others is also a team effort. In February the attending UUCFL membership voted unanimously to support the cost of such an undertaking. That was a team effort.

Prior to this work beginning an architectural engineer reviewed our needs with the tower, which has provided guidance to that end. The board as a team provided leadership in approving that step in the process. All this make my task as the Chair of Building and Grounds, a joy rather than a concern. And, while all this has been in the works, the playground is being renewed, the Memorial Garden is going through a makeover, and all the routine, and sometimes mundane activities of building and grounds are being addressed. We UUCFL members enjoy a most wonderful portion of Paradise. I feel so fortunate to be responsible for its care. While I consider it my good fortune, it would not be possible without the TEAM. An acronym for The Employees And Members. TEAM UUCFL. Go Team!

Respectfully,

**Steve Lange Chair of B & G**



### Bingo Fundraiser Returns to UUCFL in the Near Future

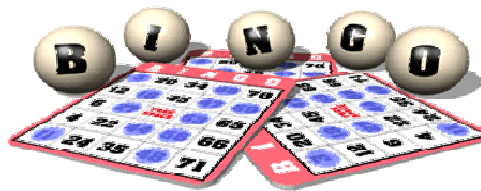
Bingo will be coming to UUCFL as a major ongoing fundraising effort as voted by our congregation. We are working on the format now, and we will be making announcements of the exact details shortly.

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.

Please call or email me at 954-969-7221 or [garylada@mindspring.com](mailto:garylada@mindspring.com).

**Gary Ladka**



### It's Tax Time - Each Referral to H&R Block Helps UUCFL

As tax time approaches there is a way we can help our church as well as helping ourselves to what is hopefully a large refund.

Member Ken Wensel is arranging for a \$25 gift back to the church for every new person who brings their 2008 taxes to H&R Block.

Ken's office is in Welleby Plaza at 10097 W Oakland Park Blvd, Sunrise. Of course if you wish you may take the certificate, which you may pick up at UUCFL, and take to any H&R Block office.

**Ken Wensel**



**H&R BLOCK**

### UUCFL Expands on the World Wide Web of Existence



Find us on  
**Facebook**

Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search for our group, Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Lauderdale

Also get a sneak preview of the experimental new UUCFL website which will be ready for public launch very soon. Visit [www.uucfl.org/test](http://www.uucfl.org/test)

### 6th Annual Earth Day Work Day & Potluck Picnic

April 25, Saturday, 8:30-1:30 pm - John Lloyd State Park Dania Beach, FL. We will be replanting some seaside plants and doing beach cleanup. Bring gloves, hat, sunscreen, and food for the feast. Contact Janine Griffiths, 954-764-7782 / [dragnfli@bellsouth.net](mailto:dragnfli@bellsouth.net)



### Freedom Video and Discussion

A series of 30 minute stimulating and challenging "Freedom" videos on topical civil liberties issues is being offered at the church. The next will be on Sunday, April 12 at 9:30 AM. The award winning videos were prepared by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). Each video will be followed by a 30-45 minute discussion which will be moderated by Bill Schoolman, president of the Broward ACLU and a new member of UUCFL. The videos will be held on the second Sunday of each month.

If you have any questions, contact Bill at billschoolman@aol.com. The schedule of the videos for the next six months is as follows:

April 12 - 9:30 AM - Drug Wars  
 May 10 - 9:30 AM - Gay and Lesbian Rights  
 June 14 - 9:30 AM - Women's Rights  
 July 12 - 9:30 AM - Dissent



### CUUPS Update



Saturday April 25 we celebrate Beltaine from Noon until Sundown.

There will be Food, Vendors, Workshops, a May Pole and a Ritual around 5 PM. Come celebrate this Rite of Spring and Fertility with us.

Study Group continues each Thursday at 7:30 pm with a different topic each week.

***Kip, Resident Pagan***

### Are you Credit Worthy?

Karen Novak will share with us the far-reaching uses of your credit score. Join us Sunday, April 19, after service around 12:45 PM. See [uucfl.org/credit](http://uucfl.org/credit) Karen will tell us how to raise our score and to better protect ourselves from identity theft. This is a free presentation and a light lunch will be provided.



***Kip Barkley, more credit than money***

### Florida District Elects Betty Brantley as Director

Seventy delegates from 23 congregations elected UUCFL member Betty Brantley to a one-year term on the Florida District Unitarian Universalist Association Board of Directors on March 21 in Sarasota. The Sarasota congregation did a wonderful job of hosting the Florida District for a weekend of worship, workshops, and fellowship. Highlights include a film presentation, *Wilderness Journey -- The Struggle for Black Empowerment & Racial Justice Within the Unitarian Universalist Association* and a keynote address by Dr. Charlie Clements, President of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC). Charlie reminded us about the important work for human rights and human welfare supported by UUSC. Kudos to Betty for supporting our Florida District!

***Ken Beier***



### Words from the Board

Your Board of Trustees met in March and here are some of the highlights:

- Took further steps in the process of enabling the building repairs and painting to be done as voted by the congregation.
- Learned of progress and future meeting scheduled with representatives of the Sunset Sudbury School, a potential long-term renter for housing a school at the church during the day.
- Were informed that Rev. Naomi King was available as minister on call while Rev Gail was away on her sabbatical.
- Chose to have March's 5th Sunday collection to go toward the Children of Haiti, a cause near to the hearts of our Sunday morning church rental group.
- Heard that The Cooperative Feeding Program is glad that UUCFL will be participating in food distribution through "Share Florida."
- Worked further on Office Administrator job description.
- Charged all future incoming Boards of Trustees (after May Elections) to create a strategic plan for the year to be presented at the beginning of the Church's program year (in September).



***Respectfully Submitted - Gary Ladka/Secretary***

### Office Notes - April 2009 - Greeting and good wishes from Sandy in the Office

Happy Spring!

If you have not yet started one, there is a lot of talk about growing our very own 'Victory Gardens.' I think our DRE Susan Friend already has her students working on a similar project.

Available FREE on-line, provided by Google, is a copy of The War Garden Victorious by Charles Lathrop Pack. Written in 1919, even the historical art posters are informative. You can download a free PDF file or read the book on your computer screen.

For organic seeds, Mary Bardis suggested I try a local company called E.O.N.S. They turned out to be very good. They have a wonderful variety of seeds, clearly marked when they are 'heat tolerant' and if they are 'good in containers'. They even had a reasonably priced bag of earthworm fertilizer available to pick up. They have organic, natural pest stuff too. You can look at their full list of available seeds on-line. I found the description and instructions very clear and informative. E.O.N.S. is in West Broward County.

I recycled gallon water jugs and empty coffee containers and got a few plants to sprout in a nice potting mix I got at a local garden shop. The hot peppers are doing pretty well and the eggplant plants bloomed about 3 weeks ago. Now there are tiny eggplants and slim

hot peppers. That, and a couple of herbs, is all I can handle. By the time you read this, I hope to have sprouted some Pigeon Pea plants. I will try that on 'the chance' they will produce something good to eat by the end of the year.

Mine is a small operation, but I am enjoying it. I doubt I will save any money this first season. The soil, seeds, fertilizer, will cost about what I would have spent on eggplant, peppers and Basil. But there are seeds enough to plant again and that next planting will save me a few dollars.

I love Springtime. Maybe I will plant Sweet Peas in the Fall.

Let me know when I may be of help to you. Good wishes. *Sandy*



### UUA Trustee Tidbits

Happy April, one and all. It has become a tradition for me write a column about General Assembly, and this year to encourage you to travel to Salt Lake City in June 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> for our annual Association meeting. It is an especially important occasion this year because we **honor Rev. Bill Sinkford** for his eight years of outstanding presidency of our Association, and we elect a new UUA President. Another reason to attend is to experience UU University which will be part of the programming during GA rather than the days preceding the Assembly.

Also it is an important year for the Congregational Study/Action Issue (CSAI). The invitation is with congregations and districts to take our current topic of concern and face it, reflect upon it, learn about it, respond to it, and take action on it. The current CSAI adopted at the 2006 GA started with the question: "...should the UUA reject the use of any and all kinds of violence and war...and adopt a principle of seeking just peace through non violent means". This year's Assembly will vote to adopt a new Statement of Conscience, Peacemaking.

The Ware Lecture this year will be delivered by Melissa Harris-Lacewell, Associate Professor of Politics and African American Studies at Princeton University. She is an author whose academic research is inspired by a desire to investigate the challenges facing contemporary black Americans and to better understand the multiple, creative ways that African Americans respond to these challenges.

In addition to worship services, events, and exhibits, a wealth of great programming is being sponsored by the General Assembly Planning Committee. All promise to provide a rich experience for everyone who attends. There will be much diversity in programming to please the interests of attendees including: Facilitator training in Small Group Ministry, Dance as a Spiritual Experience, Building Unity between different racialized ethnic groups, Confronting the Top-heavy Distribution of U.S. Wealth, and much more.

And last but not least is beautiful, vibrant Salt Lake City. The city is a vacation destination. All around are accesses to natural recreation, remarkable history, warm hospitality, and more diversity than Salt Lake City is known for, with a booming Hispanic community and a major locale for the resettlement of displaced people...including several hundred from Hurricane Katrina. There is a light rail system in the convention district and the airport is mere minutes away from the Salt Palace Convention Center, where most GA events will be held.

I encourage you to check out [generalassembly@uua.org](mailto:generalassembly@uua.org) for more information. You know I can be reached at [jlund@uua.org](mailto:jlund@uua.org) or 813-931-9727.

*Joan Lund*



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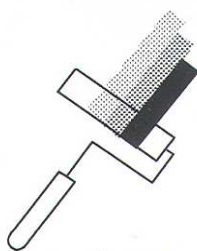
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Erika Rose Elardi 4/2  
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Robert Van Sickle 4/22  
Caden Ryals-Luneburg 4/23  
Martha George 4/27  
Lara Laign 4/27  
Mark Woodpecker 4/29  
Spike Friend 4/30



*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*

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



# APRIL 2009 CALENDAR

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

Visit our on line calendar for  
late-breaking events  
[www.uucfl.org/events.htm](http://www.uucfl.org/events.htm)



**Religious Education Events**  
See special calendar  
on the RE page 4

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**1 April Fool's Day**  
•10:30am—Gentle Yoga  
•12:00Noon—Brown Bag  
Lunch Bunch  
•7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal

**2**  
7:30 pm CUUPS

**3**

**4**

**5**  
•9:30am-UU Sisterhood

**6**  
•7:30pm - Peaceful Meditation

**7**  
7:00pm—Articulating  
Your UU Faith Class

**8**  
•10:30am—Gentle Yoga  
•7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal  
  
**Passover**  
Begins at Sundown

**9**  
7:30 pm CUUPS

**10**

**11**  
7:30pm—Labyrinth Café  
Amy Carol Webb/Denice Franke  
(See page 5)

**12 Easter Sunday**  
•Journey Submission  
Deadline  
•9:30am—Freedom Video and  
Discussion (see page 7)

**13**  
7:00pm - Board Meeting

**14**  
7:00pm—Articulating  
Your UU Faith Class

**15**  
•10:30am—Gentle Yoga  
•7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal

**16**  
7:30 pm CUUPS

**17**

**18**  
7:30am Building & Grounds  
Workday

**19**  
•9:30am—Religious Education  
Committee  
9:30am-UU Sisterhood  
•12:45pm—Book Discussion  
•12:45pm—Credit Discussion

**20**  
•7:30pm—Peaceful Meditation  
•7:30pm—Sunday Services  
Committee

**21**  
7:00pm—Articulating  
Your UU Faith Class

**22**  
•10:30am—Gentle Yoga  
•7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal

**23**  
7:30 pm CUUPS

**24**

**25**  
•8:30am—Earth Day Clean Up  
at John U Lloyd State Park  
•12:00pm—Beltaine  
Celebration

**26**  
12:45pm—Membership  
Committee  
2:00pm—Pete Seeger Birthday  
Concert

**27**

**28**  
7:00pm—Articulating  
Your UU Faith Class

**29**  
•10:30am—Gentle Yoga  
•7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal

**30**  
7:30 pm CUUPS





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at 11 am: Religious Education

## The JOURNEY



**Sunday Morning Services at 11 am**

**APRIL 2009**

### ***April 5 - Emerson and the Transcendentalists***

Reverend Steve Hooks at the Center for Spiritual Living will share his insights on the influence of Emerson and the transcendentalists on New Thought in general and Religious Science in particular.

### ***April 12 - A UU Looks at Easter***

Susan Shaw (soon-to-be-ordained former ministerial intern) from the UU Fellowship of Boca Raton reframes Easter from the perspective of a Unitarian Universalist.

### ***April 19 - Earth Day***

Susan Moss and other members of the UUCFL share reduce/re-use/recycle stories, connecting Earth Day to our seventh principle (the interdependent web).

### ***April 26 - Gracias a la Vida***

Reverend Gail Tapscott is back in the pulpit, returning from Mexico, the second part of her sabbatical. Ole'!

