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Unitarian Universalist Church of Ft Lauderdale
Mission Statement:

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

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President's Message

"Illness is the night side of life, a more onerous citizenship. Everyone who is born holds dual citizenship, in the kingdom of the well and in the kingdom of the sick. Although we all prefer to use the good passport, sooner or later each of us is obliged, at least for a spell, to identify ourselves as citizens of that other place." – Susan Sontag, Illness as Metaphor



As a Unitarian Universalist, I feel all seven of our principles are the backbone of our faith, but I find myself particularly drawn to the seventh principle, which is "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part." To me, this means that everything is connected, and everything has some effect on everything else. Most of all, lessons learned can come at the most unexpected times and places.

For the past three months, I have been blindsided by illness. I have had to reduce my workload to concentrate on hospital stays, doctor visits, endless testing, blood draws, biopsies and innumerable phone calls. The process of being sick can be as exhausting as illness itself.

At the onset of my illness, unexpected advice from an unexpected source informed me that "...it may not seem so now, but you have been given a gift. Learn what you need from the experience." Understandably, I was skeptical. What could this curve ball to my existence possibly show me?

As it has turned out, the lessons have been many and powerful. I've learned that illness can be conquered. I've learned that everything I do has an impact on both my illness and wellness. I've learned to advocate for myself. I've learned that my church family truly cares about my well-being. I've learned first-hand that our friends and church family can make things better. I've learned that I am loved. And aren't those lessons worth the challenge of an illness? I always welcome calls to talk about what's on your mind. I can be reached at (954) 296-0089.

Jim Giblin

You Will Be Floored!!

The board is close to making a decision about the new flooring. All we're missing is input from all of you. The new flooring will be being placed in the sanctuary, foyer, library, and hallway. The options for the flooring consist of polished concrete and vinyl slates designed to look like hardwood. Both options are resilient and will serve our needs quite well.

For the next month, samples of the vinyl flooring will be on display in the back left section of the Sanctuary. Also, a small portion of the floor in the upper right side of the Sanctuary (behind the curtain) has been polished and can be viewed by the congregation. Please take a few moments to look at the flooring options and provide your feedback. Everyone is welcome to speak to any member of the board regarding the options and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have. We on the board are dedicated to making our church home as appealing as possible. Please assist us in this endeavor by providing your input. Thank you.



Coleen Coburn - Secretary

Membership Info Sessions



Would you like to learn more about this congregation? Are you considering becoming a member? On the 3rd Sunday of each month, you are invited to bring your refreshments to the Multipurpose Room for a membership orientation session with Rev. Smith and other church leaders.

Welcoming/Membership Committee

Rev. Susan's Space

Unitarian Universalism is both very old and pretty new as a religion. In one way of looking at it, our Unitarian ancestors go back to the mid-16th century in Romania, Poland and Lithuania or even further back to the Council of Nicea in 325 CE. (We lost that vote.) On our Universalist side, we go back to the Spanish theologian Michael Servetus in the 16th century or the 2nd Council of Constantinople in 553 CE. (We lost that vote, too.) However, we could also argue that modern Unitarian Universalism is a 20th century religion started in 1961 with the merger of Unitarians and Universalism in the U.S. (And, it is no coincidence that the beginning of Post-Modernism with its support of "individual truths" vs. "The Truth" is also said to be 1961.)



I'm proud of the assorted theologians, heretics and martyrs in our past, but I am more or less obsessed with the unique experience of being part of a new religion. I've watched for more than three decades as we've tried to figure out who we are, what we believe and how our faith is practiced. Some things are very certain, but in some areas we have some noticeable gaps. I believe that one of the most unfortunate of those is that we lack a regular cycle of forgiveness and reconciliation such as you will find on a yearly, weekly or even daily basis in other religions. They teach us that human community and individual hearts and souls are not meant to carry grudges and regrets in perpetuity. We need a way to put the past in the past, to ask and offer forgiveness and to make a fresh start. Luckily, as Unitarian Universalists, it is in our power to learn from our elders and create our own rituals.

As the Jewish faith goes through their High Holy Days in early October, we will take inspiration from them. We will not imitate them, but we will delve into the symbolism of their observances in a contemporary way that is appropriate for both children and adults and wide variety of belief systems. A major motif of the Jewish New Year of Rosh Hashanah is turning, and I hope that you will turn toward or away depending on your personal needs as we reflect that life is both tart and sweet. In Judaism, the days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are a time for the members of the congregation to be reconciled one to another so that they can ultimately be reconciled with God as a healthy and whole community. I hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to unburden your heart whether there is something that you need to forgive or some forgiveness that you might seek.

I'm here as a "developmental minister" which means I came here because you had real work that you wanted to do to revitalize your church. You have accomplished many things on your preliminary long-range plan which included bringing me here. Now, we need to continue this work as I discussed in our last newsletter.

Please plan to attend and to encourage others to attend our next visioning event "Looking Backward to Move Forward" which will be an exploration of our history as a congregation on Saturday, October 22 at 6:30 pm. This will be invaluable for me (and other newcomers). The bigger the turnout, the better the result.

Blessings,
Rev. Susan



The Sankofa Bird reminds us that we must continue to move forward as we remember our past. And at the same time we plant a seed for the future generations that come after us.



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Change comes to us in many ways, in different guises, and it can be welcomed with open arms or rejected with a vengeance. Change is hard even when we know we need it. The ultimate change, when we lose someone that means a great deal to us, especially when it is unexpected, is one of the hardest to endure. We are angry; we are sad; we want to crawl into bed and weep and sniffle and be left alone. Sometimes we drink a few too many glasses of wine in an attempt to feel better. As we go through our day, as long as we keep busy, we are sort of ok, but then, when a quiet moment comes, we go back to thinking, grieving, and drinking. As time goes on, most of us will start to rise back to the surface, slowly, and begin to feel good again. It takes longer for others, and some sort of help may be needed, whether with a therapist, a medication, or a combination. Experiencing this kind of change can give us a roadmap perhaps for dealing with other types of change. It is ok to be sad about changes that are uncomfortable for us, but ultimately acknowledging that we too will get through this, and perhaps, just maybe, there may be light at the end of the tunnel. What can be unsettling as well, is when others seem to be delighted with the changes, while we feel nervous, scared, and really unhappy. We never know what the future holds, so that change that frightens us now - the unexpected death, the sudden loss of job - whatever it is, know that we CAN come out on the other side, wiser, and ready to embrace the new. As we head into the holiday season, if any of you have friends or family that you have an uncomfortable relationship with, I encourage you to use the excuse of the holidays to reach out and try and repair, or at least renew. You never know what the next minute in your life may bring, but know that we can be sure that change will be part of it.

Love and blessings,

DRE Susan



October Children's Religious Education Schedule

Sunday October 2, 11AM
Regular RE

Sunday October 9, 11AM
Regular RE

Sunday October 16 11AM
Regular RE

Sunday October 23, 11AM
United Nations Day!

Sunday October 30, 11AM
Remembering our Ancestors

Sunday October 30, After Church,
The Great Pumpkin Carving Fest
12:30-3PM

We will be carving pumpkins with the kids. All are welcome to join in with the carving. Bring a pumpkin and something to share for a simple lunch. We will provide tools, a few extra pumpkins for visitors and those that forget, and simple sandwiches.

Lifenet 4 Families/Cooperative Feeding Program



LifeNet4Families
Cooperative Feeding Program

Thank you to all the folks who have been filling up our lobby basket for Lifenet 4 Families. Special thanks to Labyrinth Cafe attendees—you guys totally rock it!! As we head toward the holidays, keep up the good work by bringing canned meats,

beans, peanut butter, vegetables and fruits, as well as dried rice, pasta, beans and cereals. Our next workday with our friends from River of Grass UU Congregation will be Saturday October 8 from 9AM-11:30AM. Our workday is always the 2nd Saturday of the month. We will fill family food boxes, refill shelves, unpack pallets, or perhaps be pulled into the kitchen or dining room to help prepare or serve lunch. Please come out and enjoy fellowship while helping out in our community.

Susan Friend

Pumpkin Carving Fall Fun!!

Sunday October 30th after service from 12:30-3PM, please stay around and join the pumpkin carving fun!! We will carve pumpkins, help our kids carve pumpkins, and enjoy the hopefully cooler weather.



Bring a pumpkin, something to share for a simple lunch, and prepare to be spooked! We will have tools, a few extra pumpkins for visitors and those who forget, and some simple sandwiches. Please join us for fun and fellowship, and a chance to have your own grinning or grimacing jack-o-lantern for Halloween!

Info or questions DRE Susan tiredmomofbob@aol.com

Vespers Returns—October 2016



Vespers' lovers rejoice, and come out Friday October 14 at 7PM in the Multi-Purpose Room for the start of 2nd Friday Vespers for 2016/17. Douglas Paul will be leading, and he will be featuring the work of the amazing Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941). This Renaissance man might be one of the greatest poets, writers and thinkers of the 19th and 20th centuries that you may have never heard of! Tagore was the first non-European to win the Nobel Prize (1913), a humanist, anti-nationalist, anti-colonialist, and so much more. Vespers is a service that combines readings, music and silence in a short (45 min) format, in a small, cozy space, with no announcements and finishes with refreshments, such as sparkling water, wine and cheese. Please come out to end your week or start your weekend with a lift!!

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Name Tags –

If you have not yet received a name tag lanyard, please sign up in church on Sundays. You have a choice of designs between a picture of the church and a chalice. Please wear your name tags each Sunday so our veterans and our newer members and visitors recognize each other better.



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.



Labyrinth Café Concerts Presents Tracy Grammer - Saturday October 8 at 7:30pm



Tracy Grammer rose to acclaim as half of the "postmodern, mythic American folk" duo, Dave Carter & Tracy Grammer. From 1998-2001, the duo released three internationally celebrated, folk chart-topping albums featuring Carter's mytho-poetic Americana songcraft and in 2002, toured with Joan Baez, both as featured artists and Baez's band members.



Called "the new voice of modern folk music," the duo was clearly in its ascendancy when in July 2002, Carter suffered a fatal heart attack while the duo was on tour. He was 49; Grammer, 34.

Grammer has become one of folk music's most beloved artists. Renowned for her springwater-clear alto, perfectly intoned violin, and guitar playing that is by turns percussive and delicate, Grammer is also a masterful storyteller with an ease and charisma on stage -- not to mention a riotous sense of humor -- that hardly belie her modest beginnings as Carter's reclusive accompanist. Stories about the duo's first meeting, Carter's quirks and fancies, or Grammer's own misadventures and missteps are woven thoughtfully into the set list to create a uniquely personal evening that connects audiences to performer, to the Carter/Grammer legacy, and most importantly, to one another. Additionally, Grammer has begun down the songwriter's path as part of RealWomenRealSongs, and is sharing her fresh, fledgling efforts -- and the stories behind them -- on her current tour, to the delight of her longtime fans. As one fan put it, "With Tracy, it's never just about the music. It's a soul journey."

[NOTE: This concert will be a words+music show combining beloved songs with readings from Tracy's memoir drafts... as well as showcasing some of Tracy's recent stunning originals.]

Reservations requested but not required:

Contact 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 received in the UU church office no later than Wednesday before Saturday show (or call or e-mail Susan at the contact info above):

UU Church of Ft Lauderdale ATTN: Labyrinth Café 3970 NW 21st Ave. Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309

Please consider purchasing our Season Pass, \$150 per person, which includes admission to all 9 September-May shows, as well as premium reserved seating and a Labyrinth Cafe Tshirt (designed and printed by Virginia and Erik, Labyrinth Café volunteers).

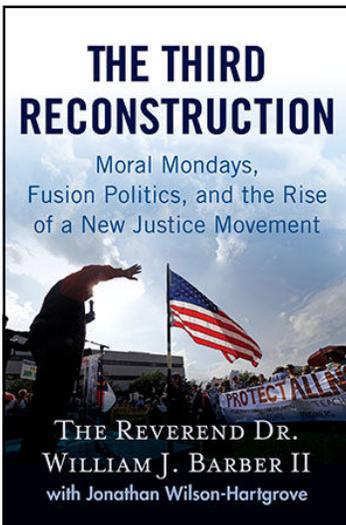
It's a wonderful way to support the UU church, our performers and the continuation of live, original music!

Please visit www.labyrinthcafe.com for further details and the artists' websites, and our Facebook page to give us

a thumbs-up, which will then keep you informed of upcoming concerts.

Can't wait for you all to join us once again for song and camaraderie!

Susan Moss Coordinator, Labyrinth Cafe Concert Series



UUA Common Read: The Third Reconstruction

The Third Reconstruction: Moral Mondays, Fusion Politics, and the Rise of a New Justice Movement, by the Rev. Dr. William Barber II and Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove (Beacon Press, 2016), is the 2016-2017 Unitarian Universalist Common Read. UUs were electrified at General Assembly 2016 by Rev. Barber's call for building and sustaining a movement for justice for all people. The Third Reconstruction offers helpful, practical guidance for engaging with justice movements born in response to local experiences of larger injustices. Congregations, groups, and individuals may purchase the book or find it in a public library and begin reading. A paperback edition will be available for purchase at inSpirit: The UU Book and Gift Shop (uuabookstore.org) in late September; bulk discounts for both hard cover and paperback are available. A discussion guide for UU congregations, groups, and individuals will be available for download October 1. Visit uua.org/re/adults/read, the Common Read page for more information.

Coming CUUPS Events

October marks our High Holy Day: Samhain. The uninitiated see this time as Halloween.

The Veil Between the Worlds is especially thin. The Dead with unfinished business pass back over. Those waiting to go, go now. Now is a time to communicate, to make offerings and to make peace. Saturday October 29 we will hold our 18th Witches' Ball. Our theme will be, "The Goblin King." There will be an Attunement with the Dead, a Druid's Rite, and a Midnight Ritual. Witches' Mark will dazzle us with their electric music. Izrafel will follow as DJ. There may be some costume contests. It's all for \$15 at the door.

Thursday night Study Group continues:

- October 4 Topic: Join us to make Cat Nip Toys
- October 13 Topic: Cauldron Magick with the Crone's Counsel
- October 20 Topic: TBA.
- October 27 Topic: Stories of Samhain and Witches' Ball Planning.



--Kip, Resident Pagan

*With Blessings, Edie & Marty McAnulty - CUUPS Facilitators
TheMoonPath Chapter of CUUPS*

Attention: Newbies, Especially but Open to Everyone Forming Group Discussions After Sunday Service

I'm new to the church but come from UU churches in Maryland where we would meet in a circle group after the service to discuss the sermon or another agreed-upon topic, and I would like to try to get a program like that going here at UUCFL.

If you would like to get to know people easier/ faster, here's your chance.

Contact me at 410-370-6616, pwpw63@yahoo.com (call, text or email) if you're interested.

If we get 5 to 10 people, we may meet after the service in the library (bring your coffee) and let's discuss the ideas shared in the sermon (or pick a topic) and get to know one another. We can rotate with a leader for the group or on a volunteer basis. Thank you for your consideration of this.

Patricia Winchild





The UU Florida SE Cluster *presents our*
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TURNING POINT; Essays on a new Unitarian Universalism

Guest Speaker

Rev. Dr. Fredric Muir, Editor

The Rev. Dr. Muir will offer a prophetic critique of the ideologies and practices from the past that cripple our faith and then offer an inspiring vision for our future—a future that is being born right now!



"As the world and our nation engage in unparalleled religious diversity I seek ways for our way of religion to partner in building the Beloved Community. I believe that this will require Unitarian Universalists to reach into our liberal religious heritage for those values that can shape a promising future. Now is our turning point."

And Best Practices Workshops in the Afternoon

Saturday, October 29, 2016

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Miami

7701 SW 76 Ave., Miami, FL 33143 <http://uumia.org/>

\$15 per person advance

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\$20 at the door; cash or check. Registration includes Lunch and Continental Breakfast

Childcare through 12 years old available for \$20 each child, register by mail, deadline Oct 24.

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Deadline for PayPal registration is *Midnight Wednesday, October 26, 2016*

9:00 Registration + Continental Breakfast
9:45 Welcome - Rev. Dr. Kenneth Klaus
10:00 Turning Point - Rev. Fredric Muir
12:30 Lunch
1:30 Cluster Business Meeting
2:00 Best Practices A
MEMBERSHIP Care and Feeding of a Congregation. Congregational growth is about many things—not just numbers. How does your congregation maintain its health and engage the world? Do you live your values in the world? Leana Bresnahan, River of Grass
FAITH DEVELOPMENT Care and Feeding of a Growing RE Program. Just like growing children, religious education needs constant care and nurturing. What happens when attendance drops? What summer programs

do you offer? How do you recruit teachers? Karen Gonzalez, River of Grass and Ellen Cormier, Boca Raton.
3:15 break
3:30 Best Practices B
WORSHIP Worship that Works
We gather in worship to find meaning and live more deeply. Worship creates connections within, among, and beyond us, calling us to our better selves, calling us to live with wisdom and compassion. Bring your current Orders of Service and brainstorm. Kathy Jens-Rochow, River of Grass
MUSIC Bringing music to the people
Music and singing are integral parts of our UU worship services. Whether it's classical, rock, folk, or a cappella, music shifts the energy of worship and moves it into our bodies. How can you build a good music ministry? Gayle Giese, River of Grass and Susan Friend, Ft. Lauderdale
4:45 Closing

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Save The Date!

Giving and Thanksgiving: A Celebration

Sunday, November 20, 2016 at 11 a.m.

A very special stewardship service and feast where we will make our pledges of support for the ministries of the congregation in 2017. We're trying for 100% attendance

Rev. Susan

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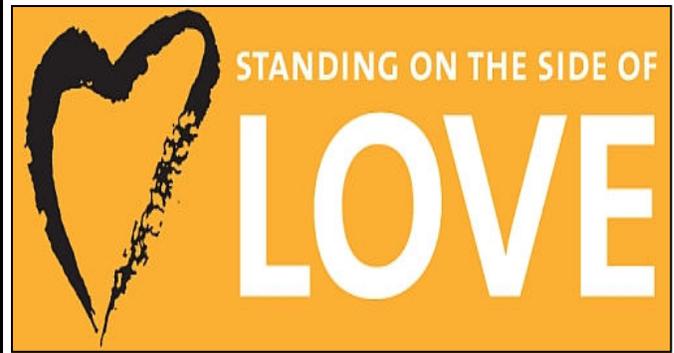
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Learn more about the CFP and other ways you can help.

Visit www.lifenet4families.org



October Birthdays

- Amber Anderson 10/2
- London Coburn 10/2
- Guy Jeanty 10/2
- Noralee Traylor 10/5
- Gerard {Jerry} Zelin 10/10
- Judy Knopp 10/12
- Sebastian Coburn 10/20
- Rosa Mendoza 10/20
- Maytham Abdur-Raheem 10/28



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

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



October Calendar

2 ●9:30am- UU Sisterhood ●11:00am - Sunday Service	3	4	5 ●6:45pm - Choir Rehearsal	6 ●7:00pm Mens Group ●7:30 pm CUUPS	7	8 ●9:00am - LifeNet4 Families Workday (See page 5) ●7:30pm Labyrinth Café Concert (See page 6)
9 ●11:00am - Sunday Service ●12:30pm - Fellowship Lunch Day	10 ●7:00pm - Board Meeting	11	12	13 ●7:00pm Mens Group ●7:30 pm CUUPS	14 ●7:00pm Second Friday Vespers Service - by Douglas Paul (See page 5)	15
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23 ●11:00am - Sunday Service ●12:30pm - Fellowship Lunch Day	24	25	26 ●6:45pm - Choir Rehearsal ●7:00pm - Move to Amend	27 ●7:00pm Mens Group ●7:30 pm CUUPS	28	29 ●7:00pm - 19th Annual Witches Ball (See Page 7)
30 ●11:00am - Sunday Service ●12:30pm - Pumpkin Carving (See page 5)	31	Every Sunday : 11:00 AM- Church Service and Children's Religious Education	Visit our on line calendar for late-breaking events www.uucfl.org and click "Coming Activities"		Religious Education Events See special calendar on the RE page 4	

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Sundays Service & Children's
at 11 am: Religious Education

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Sunday Morning Services at 11 am

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October 2 – "A Brief History of Us" by the Rev. Susan M. Smith. During the first two Sundays of October, we will continue to focus on the Second Source of Unitarian Universalism: "Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love" and participate in two unique services inspired by the Jewish High Holidays. This first service prepares all ages in ways serious and whimsical to start fresh.

October 9 – "Leaving the Past in the Past" by the Rev. Susan M. Smith. After a week hopefully spent repairing the fabric of our lives together, we will again engage in rituals for children and adults to allow us to stop carrying burdens of anger, guilt and blame. Choir will sing, and lunch will follow.



October 16 – "Dying with Dignity, Dying in Peace" – Bill Schoolman presents an enlightening discourse on the major points for self-deliverance as well as the UUA resolution "...to support legislation... for the right to die with dignity.." and how the Florida laws guide these actions. You are invited to join Bill after services for further discussions in Classrooms 5/7.

October 23 – "Our Heritage of Democracy" by the Rev. Susan M. Smith. As we approach a major national election, it is a good time to reflect on our 5th Principle: "The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large." Why is this a religious tenet with us? We'll talk about the origins of our commitment to democratic process which goes back almost 400 years. Lunch will follow.

October 30 – "A Vote and A Voice" by the Rev. Susan M. Smith. As people with democratic process as a religious tenet, we have a special responsibility to "do democracy" well as individuals and as a congregation. We will explore the profound challenge that this particular spiritual practice can be.