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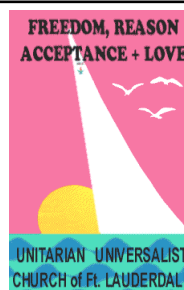
**Sunday Services  
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for seekers of spiritual growth, truth, and meaning.



## From Your Board President



Here we are looking forward to Thanksgiving and then the holidays. If you go to the mall it's Christmas already! I'm looking forward to time with my family and with a church family as well. Thanksgiving brings back memories of departed loved ones, excessive dinner plates, and some pretty funny stories. My mother was the consummate host. She did most

Thanksgivings from scratch like I would like to do if I had more energy and a teenage helper like she had.

Branson Alcott, Louisa May's father, was unsure about the ethics of feasting when so many went hungry. I'm not sure I don't agree with him. Thanksgiving should be about being grateful for what we have, grateful for what we don't have to deal with and generosity to those who have less. I'm getting used to having less dessert. By this I mean my serving size is 1/8 or 1/4 of what I used to have. It's taking some time to adjust. I'm grateful that I can eat dessert at all. I'm glad I have the choice.

I think we're blessed in this church with riches we don't see. It is like how the fish does not see the water. We don't know how good we've got it. Most of our members are employed or well retired. Many of us are generous givers of our time talent and treasure. We are blessed with beautiful grounds and a lovely sanctuary that has already been paid for by those who came before. Very soon we will all be blessed with the end of political ads, I know this will all make us very happy.

After Thanksgiving, we will be preparing for the December holidays for Xmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and New Year's. May this not be a time of materialistic excess. May we find a way to celebrate the festival of lights without breaking the bank of today or tomorrow, may we find a way to celebrate the winter festival without exhausting ourselves and yet sharing joy. This calls for some creativity on our parts, some appropriation of other traditions, and some making our own. This is a very UU thing to do.

If you have any ideas on how you could better share your time talent and treasure please let me know. You're very creative people and I'm glad to lead you and hear your creative ideas when I have a minute which is rare, but can happen once in a while. It seems there is still a list of areas where we need help so I appreciate all who've stepped up and I am looking to be able to get help for them.

**Myra Symons**

## Hello from the Board

Let the sun shine in! I hope everyone had a joyful experience at our Age of Aquarius Stewardship kickoff. All our Stewardship volunteers deserve a great, big round of applause. And if you haven't yet turned in your pledge for 2013, I encourage you to do so, so all our volunteers' looooong, hard, endless hours of devotion are not for naught. Or at least because desire to make a financial contribution to help ensure the continued existence and growth of our beloved community.



Forget for a moment that we are a welcoming and loving congregation that respects all life and the interdependent web in which we all live. Forget all that makes you call UUCFL your spiritual home. We *still* have the *coolest* church ever because we have Grateful Dead and Jimi Hendrix posters displayed in our Sanctuary. Just sayin'. We need your help to keep our groove going!

Mark Woodpecker has been busy addressing some repairs and improvements around our building. The Board approved that funds be drawn from the Building Fund in order to finance bath fan repairs. Please keep an eye out in the Journey for Building and Grounds work days or contact Mark if you would like to volunteer.

Our Treasurer Benny will be contacting you in the coming weeks via email or snail mail with your remaining 2012 pledge balance so be on the lookout if you are not sure where you stand in your budget contributions. There will also be budget workshops leading up to the Annual Congregational Meeting in January for you to contribute ideas and recommendations, and not just the green stuff.

There is an ongoing effort by the Board to reevaluate building usage and rental agreements in order to streamline the rental process and clarify who uses our grounds and when. It is amazing to see just how many people and groups our building serves. We have a number of UUCFL committees, multiple religious congregations, and a myriad of outside groups such as the Course in Miracles and Occupy meetings.

If you are planning an event, don't forget to check out [uucfl.org](http://uucfl.org) for our church calendar and availability. Contact [gatekeeper@uucfl.org](mailto:gatekeeper@uucfl.org) and include the name of your event and time period to claim your spot on the UUCFL calendar. And check out the calendar to find out more information about all events taking place in our community.

Of course one of the recurring, yet always entertaining, events to attend is the monthly UUCFL Board of Trustees meetings held at 7pm on the first Monday of every month. I hope to see you there!

**Alexis Blasenheim - Secretary**

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

### **Resilience and Flexibility**

When I first became the minister at UUCFL going on 14 years ago, a member at the time commented that the church would be perfect if we just got all the leadership positions filled with competent people. I recalled replying that while that would be a great thing it would only be perfect for a brief time because the very nature of church life is change, transition and shifts. Lately, I have needed to listen to my own advice. For one brief shining moment it looked as though we had all the leadership holes filled in for this year at UUCFL. Then that thing called life intervened with unexpected events like illness, life transitions and different priorities cropping up and I became very distressed.

I thought to myself, "Can't we at least have a little rest between crises?"



As I was lamenting the fact that life is so unpredictable and having a little pity party for myself, a line from one of my all time favorite movies, "Zorba, the Greek" popped into my mind. The Zorba character played by Anthony Quinn said to his young protegee "All of life is trouble, only death is easy." Well considering the alternative, I guess I choose life with all its irritations, imperfections and extreme messiness.

The Sunday that I spoke about "Trauma and Healing" I was feeling a bit overwhelmed by losses and changes and then that Sunday there were many new people who showed up and said they had experienced something at the service that felt transforming. Once again, I felt I had overcome my own negativity and helped create a space for something positive to happen for people in need. Is that not why we are here?

Sometimes we need to be at church for someone else not for ourselves. We need to remember that most basic lesson of life—that my elderly relatives drilled into me when I was a child- the most important thing you will ever do is to offer help and comfort to another soul in need. It is a lesson that I need to get hit in the head with over and over again as apparently, I am a very slow learner. Thanks to all of you who show up on Sundays and other times and keep reminding me of why I do what I do for a living. May we all become more of a healing community for each other as the year unfolds.

Blessings,

***Rev. Gail***

### **Vespers Services Continue**

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.



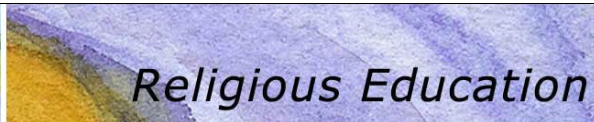
Monthly vespers are:

November 16, December 21, January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19, May 17

There will be no vespers during the summer months (June, July, August)

See [www.uucfl.org/vespers/](http://www.uucfl.org/vespers/)





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Children are on my mind, and my own kids take up a lot of my mind space. They are adults now, sort of, but I still worry about them every day and can't stop giving them my much needed (ha, ha) opinion on how they are living their lives. Our church kids take up a fair amount of my thinking too. I am looking forward to attending the poetry fest on November 17 in Sunrise to see and hear our own Peter Lange and other young poets (see Peter for tickets, \$5.00). Young artists are the future of our world. It was great to have a full house in RE this past Sunday for our lesson on Buddhism and mandalas. I never get tired of talking with our great kids. I think a lot about how important it is to instill in our children a sense of something greater than themselves. It is a hard concept for children to get (to be fair, most adults have not gotten it either), so I am always trying in little ways to get through to them. Some days it seems like an impossible task, other days, I feel like I am surrounded by little Buddhas. As we head to our holiday of Thanks, I must declare my thanks for the children I know and for the fact that they are well cared for and reasonably happy. I wish all children were so lucky.

I wish there was not hunger, abuse, crime, war, poverty and other conditions that impact the lives of so many children. I think of Treyvon Martin, who dared to stand up for himself. I think about Malala Yusef Zai, who dared to stand up for her own and other girls' education. I think about the kids in Haiti, Syria, Iran, Afghanistan and other places where every day is a new challenge for them. As you say your thanks at your dinner table, really think about how much we all have to be grateful for, and maybe, say a little prayer (however you interpret that) for all the kids in the world who are not so lucky.

Love and Blessings, *DRE Susan*



### LifeNet4 Families/Cooperative Feeding Update



LifeNet4Families  
Cooperative Feeding Program

The good news is that starting in January, we will be back to our once a month in the food pantry! We will have our first Saturday of the month. Our next workday for this year is

Saturday November 3. Meet at the CFP at 8:45. We have an additional holiday project coming up. I will have grocery bags and a list of what you can buy to fill them. This is the drive to provide a holiday dinner for over 20,000 folks this year. I hope that as many of you as are able can participate in this worthy cause. Thanks to all who are filling the food baskets in the lobby. Keep up the good work.

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### November Children's Religious Education Schedule

Sunday November 4, 11AM  
Judaism

**Sunday November 11, 9:30AM**  
**RE Committee Meeting**  
**All are Welcome**

Sunday November 11, 11AM  
Judaism

Sunday November 18, 11AM  
Thanksgiving

Sunday November 25, 11AM  
Fun Day

**Sunday November 25, 12:15**  
**Hanging of the Greens**  
**Eat Pizza and Decorate**  
**Our Sanctuary for the Holidays**

**Remember, every Sunday the children now start in the service.**

## Soul to Soul is Back at Last

Our very popular and deeply moving interactive "Soul to Soul" series will pick back up on November 6 for the last four sessions which promise to be as provocative, deepening and at times delightful as the prior sessions. No previous experience with the class is needed. Each class is totally self contained.

Hopefully some regulars will be back along with some of our newest attendees. The experience will be offered on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. and the suggested donation is \$20 for all four meetings or \$6 per session.

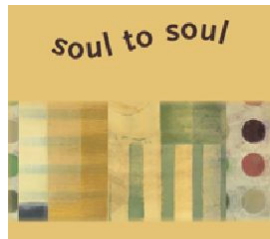
The four remaining sessions to look forward to are :

November 6 - Prayer

November 13- Resilience

November 20- Aging

November 27- Blessings



These classes have generated a lot of new friendships and support for some people. Join in the sharing. For additional information call Rev. Gail at 954-288-4245.

*Rev. Gail*

## Daytime Book Club Meets



Daytime Book Club will gather on Thursday, November 8 at 1:30pm at the church.

This month we will read Arguably by Christopher Hitchens. For more information please contact Molly at 954-649-5717.

*Molly St Cavish*

## Interweave Group is Getting Stronger

Interweave is a national organization of Unitarian Universalists. We work to end oppression based on sexual orientation and gender identity, and through that work as lesbians, gay men, bisexual persons, transgender persons, and heterosexual allies, we seek an end to all oppression. Our next meeting is Sunday, November 11 at 1:00pm. All are welcome to join this group. Contact me at 954-815-0086.

*Nicole Rivera - Interweave Chair*



## Music Notes

October was so full of political advertising, ghosts and goblins, there was hardly time for church music.

The choir kept all of that under control with their lovely "There is a Balm in Gilead" for the choral call to community and "Fix You" for Gail's program on Trauma and Healing. Halloween was fun with costumes and the choir raising the roof with "The Time Warp". I'm glad I didn't have to play that one!



On November 4 Gail will speak on Addiction which may sound a bit depressing. Well not all addictions are bad! Vernon and I are addicted to romantic old music and will present one of our favorites on this Sunday. If it doesn't fit the subject, that's too bad. Please remember that octogenarians have special privileges.

Valerie Heller has planned a program on "Monkee Business" for November 11. Frankly I have no idea what the music will involve that day. But the next Sunday which introduces Thanksgiving week brings the choir singing two beautiful songs of thanks. John Shearer will speak on Gratitude. This should be a very uplifting service.

The choir still has openings in all parts but especially in the tenor section. If you are hiding your talent under a bushel please come forward and share that talent with the rest of us. It should be obvious that the faithful members work very hard to bring fine music to the services under the able direction of Susan Friend. What would we do without Susan? Thanks for all your work and guidance. And a thank you to Charlie for those organ accompaniments to our hymns. They add so much body to the needed support for congregational singing.

*Dot Muise, Director of Music*

## Occupying Ft Lauderdale



Occupy Ft Lauderdale/Labor Outreach holds regular meetings at UUCFL every Saturday at 4 p.m.

*Give thanks for unknown blessings already on their way.*

~ Native American Saying



## Coming CUUPS Events



By the time you are reading this, we will be about to hold our 15th Annual Witches Ball. \$15 at the door gets you live music, two rituals, crazy costumes and more.

See [www.MoonpathCUUPS.org/wball.htm](http://www.MoonpathCUUPS.org/wball.htm).

During November, we have no sabbats. Study Group will continue each Thursday night. We have yet to schedule our topics. Offsite there will be drumming, Camelot Days, and the Turkish Festival.

What an opportunity to go make a Muslim friend.

See [floridaturkishfestival.org](http://floridaturkishfestival.org).

Some of us see CUUPS as social action. Here we are promoting, among other traditions, Goddess worship. What could be more activist in a patriarchal world where a 14 year-old girl is seen as more threat than a predator drone?

On a lighter side, part of our worship is laughter.

Can that be a threat too?

*Kip, Resident Pagan*

## Welcoming With Open Arms

Hello! My name is Deborah Rivera and I am the chair of the welcoming committee. I am the British lady who welcomes the congregants and guests who come to the church. I would like to say I



have enjoyed the position of the chair of the Welcoming/ Membership committee and I have enjoyed getting to meet the guests who come to the church. I would like to take this opportunity to ask for your help. Unfortunately, the other co-chair, Tom Karneth has to resign due to a back injury. I would like for you all to send some positive energy his way. I know from experience how difficult back problems can be. Our knight in shining armor, Gary Ladka has agreed to help with the computer database and the new member registration. Some of my other responsibilities include collecting donations from the members during the offertory and making sure that all guests are welcome. I enjoy finding many of the guests socializing with members of the church. This is such a rewarding experience and makes me so proud to be part of such a welcoming community. You are all so amazing!!! I am looking for some volunteers to help on Sundays greeting and to help me collect the donations during the offertory.

You can reach me on my cell. 954-815-9230. Thank you.

*Debbie Rivera*

## Stewardship -- UU Style



How about that Stewardship Luncheon!!

Thank you Soup Makers! Thank you Bread Makers! The Music and Dancing! I think this luncheon was one of our best! And that's saying something! I love my new purple UU tote bag. I love watching members in animated conversation, lingering on the patio and around the buffet table. How about you?

Now we've experienced how making a pledge to your church can actually feel good and be fun. It's so much more than just an annual financial responsibility.

We have so much good energy going around. People working in the kitchen; people offering new ideas for projects; people helping; people joining; people growing; and people wanting to be part of our great upheaval of spirit.

Alexis found she enjoys working with kids and has decided to devote some of her considerable talent to our RE Program. Lore has found her niche in social justice. Victoria Abbott is everywhere, coming up with bright ideas and making things happen! Ken Beier and I, with the help of Colette Saucier, are deep in putting together a lovely and welcoming new foyer for you. And Myra, well Myra is presiding over it all with a grin on her face and great love in her heart!

The thing is, folks: You have to give to get. The old adage 'what you sow, you reap' is a meta-physical truth. Our church is our beloved community and we must invest in it in order to sustain it and help it grow. Time, Treasure and Talent.

We're all here working together to make our community something to behold.

If you haven't made a financial pledge yet, please make one!

If you haven't brought a dish to share at coffee hour, what's stopping you?

If you haven't taken a class, joined the choir, or volunteered to load the dishwasher, it's your turn to step up.

Thank You and See you there!

*Judy Knopp, Vice President*



## ChildNet Adopt-a-Wish Program Returns to UUCFL



At a time of year when so many children are dreaming of what Santa Claus will bring them for Christmas, children in foster care are simply hoping someone will remember them this holiday. You can help make wishes come true. We will be receiving wish lists from children here in Broward County along with their age and gender, and we are asking you to pick one item on their list or to use your imagination and choose your own special gift to be presented to your child for this magical season. Please bring in all gifts in by Sunday, December 9. We had such a wonderful time with this program last year providing a whole vanload of toys not to mention the priceless smiles on children's faces.

Watch for our Sleigh of Wishes (kept safe and warm in the off season by our own UUCFL Elf, Cam) in the Sanctuary, or contact me at 954-247-4216 to find out more. Let's fill lots of little hearts with joy this holiday.

*Lore Bernier*



**Labyrinth Café Concerts Presents :  
The Steel Wheels  
Saturday, November 10 at 7:30pm**



Truly an Americana band, rooted in musical styles that explore the territories between blues and bluegrass, old-time sing-alongs and foot-stompin' fiddle tunes. They are subtle innovators who respect the past but whistle their own tunes, layering in rich textures and decidedly modern energy to forge a new sound.

The four-piece band is based in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, where lead singer and primary songwriter Trent Wagler has been a scene staple for nearly a decade. Multi-instrumentalist Jay Lapp was touring with several successful Midwest bands when he and Wagler crossed paths in Harrisonburg, Virginia and a musical partnership began. The two are joined by upright bassist Brian Dickel and fiddler Eric Brubaker.

"Imagine a blend of the passion of the Avett Brothers, the instrumentals of Old Crow Medicine Show, and then sprinkle in the backwoods feel of The Legendary Shack Shakers. In truth, attempting to compare [The Steel Wheels] to anyone is an injustice, since after one listen you can hear that they stand very well on their own perch." - John Walker, Americana Roots. [www.thesteelwheels.com/](http://www.thesteelwheels.com/)

Reservations requested but not required:

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\$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 (\$150.00 per person) which includes admission to all 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](http://www.labyrinthcafe.com) for further details and the artists' websites, as well as [www.myspace.com/labyrinthcafe](http://www.myspace.com/labyrinthcafe) for song samples!

***Susan Moss, Coordinator, Labyrinth Cafe Concert Series***

**Social Justice in Action**



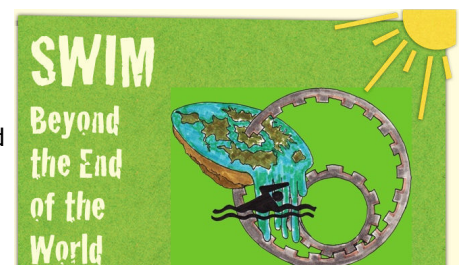
The Social Justice Committee meets on the 4th Friday each month at 7:00 and the next meeting is Friday November 23. Come and help work on some of the many Social Justice projects that the church is working on, and we are always open to suggestions for more. This past Social Justice meeting we talked about Marriage Equality. Florida is one of many states that denies same gender couples the right to marry but on top of that also denies same gender couples the right to adopt and foster children. As UU's we Stand On The Side Of Love. Contact me at 954-703-9154

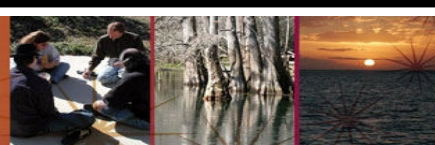
***Lore Bernier - Social Justice Chair***

**Winter is Here - Time for a SWIM**

SWIM (Southeast Unitarian Universalist Winter Institute Miami) will take place December 26-January 1 at Camp Owaissa Bauer. Much more than a vacation, SWIM is an intentional, intergenerational community of Unitarian Universalists and friends, including awesome people like YOU. We gather once a year in South Florida for a week. Fun in the sun, friendship, off site trips, workshops, worship, singing, dancing, volunteering... SWIM has it all!

Visit [www.swimuu.org](http://www.swimuu.org) for more details and to register.





### Notes on District & Regional Changes

We know it is not news to you that changes are happening within our Association and Districts. After several years of planning, *Florida, Mid-South, Southeast, & Southwest Districts* have begun initiating steps toward unifying our identity and working as the "**UUA Southern Region.**" Our four governing Boards have reduced their size, approved cost and income sharing, and authorized staff to work as a team across District boundaries. With the 2013-14 fiscal year, we will begin a new funding structure that will replace the way congregations now pay our UUA "Annual Program Fund" and District Fair Share. We will be changing from the per member assessment to a single "Ask" based on a percentage of congregational budgets (more detail on that in weeks to come). In keeping with these changes, with this issue, we close our individual District newsletters. Our plan is to launch a Regional newsletter on October 15th. This will be sent to all who are interested, in each of our 232 congregations across our 13 states. Over the last few years, our editorial goal has been to bring news to congregational leaders about area events and resources to further their leadership and ministry. We will continue to do that in our expanded focus as well. Other changes: We've reduced four administrative offices into two. The Regional Office is in Orlando, staffed by **Jessica Curren**. The second office is in Charlotte, NC staffed by the **Rev. Glenn Johnson**. In addition **Kathy Charles**, who lives in Houston, is our logistics expert and we have hired a company to unify our bookkeeping throughout the Region.

The UUA field staff are now referred to as "*Congregational Life Consultants*," doing away with the old "*District Executive*" and "*Program Consultant*" distinctions. Connie is one of our *Congregational Life Consultants*. We have four staff portfolios; *Faith and Leadership Development*, Connie Goodbread and Jennifer Nichols, *Administration and Stewardship*, Rev. Susan Smith, *Transitions*, Rev. Kenn Hurto and *Evangelism/Growth*, Rev. Sue Sinnamon. Coincidentally, our colleague, Annette Marquis of the Southeast District, is moving to a new position as the "*LGBTQ & Multi-cultural Ministries Program Manager*" for our UUA. This change prompted a review of our staffing plan; the good news is that we have found opportunity to increase from 6.5 full-time staff to 8, beginning January 1st. This is made possible with a bit of an additional financial stretch by our UUA. We are delighted to have this additional staff to better serve our congregations. (We are now in the midst of seeking two talented people for those positions; see [uua.org/careers](http://uua.org/careers) if you are interested.)

In addition to providing direct service to our congregations as before, Kenn's duties now include working as the "*Lead Executive*" for the four Boards and directing the work of our staff group, affectionally known by our nickname, the "*HallelUUjah*" team. Kenn is also the "go to" person for congregations in the midst of professional leadership transitions.

A brochure describing these changes will be in the mail to our congregations in the next few weeks. We are mindful that change is often disruptive. However, our goal is to make these transitions go smoothly with no disruption of support to our congregations. Of course, congregational leaders may continue to call upon Kenn and Connie as well as any of the Southern Regional staff. Please feel free to call or write if we can address any concern you may have.



***Kenn Hurto, Executive Lead for the Southern Region  
and Connie Goodbread, Congregational Life Consultant***



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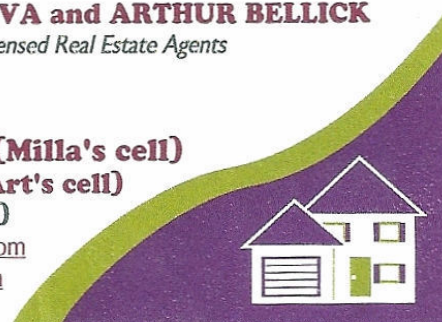
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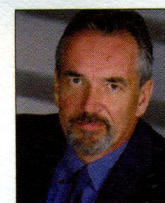
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<b>DOROTHY BELLICK</b>	<b>11/30</b>
<b>HANNAH SOLIS</b>	<b>11/30</b>



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# November Calendar



<p>Every Sunday : <b>11:00 AM-</b> <b>Church Service</b> and Children's</p>	<p>Religious Education Events See special calendar on the RE page 4</p>	<p>Visit our on line calendar for late-breaking events <a href="http://www.uucfl.org">www.uucfl.org</a> and click "Coming Activities"</p>		<p><b>1</b> •7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> •4:00pm - Occupy Ft Lauderdale/Labor Outreach</p>
<p><b>4</b> •9:30am - UU Sisterhood</p>	<p><b>5</b> •7:00pm - Board Meeting •7:00pm - A Course in Miracles</p>	<p><b>6</b> •<b>Election Day</b> •7:00pm - Soul to Soul Class with Rev Gail (see Page 5)</p>	<p><b>7</b> •6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal- Sopranos and Altos 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal- Tenors and Basses •7:30pm - Drumming</p>	<p><b>8</b> •1:00pm - Daytime Book Club (see page 5) •7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> •4:00pm - Occupy Ft Lauderdale/Labor Outreach •7:30 pm Labyrinth Café Concert (see page 7)</p>
<p><b>11</b> •<b>Veterans Day</b> Journey Submission Deadline •9:30am - Religious Education committee •1:00pm - Interweave (see page 5)</p>	<p><b>12</b> •7:00pm - A Course in Miracles •7:30pm - Sunday Services Committee</p>	<p><b>13</b> •7:00pm - Soul to Soul Class with Rev Gail (see Page 5)</p>	<p><b>14</b> •6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal- Sopranos and Altos •7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal- Tenors and Basses</p>	<p><b>15</b> •7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p><b>16</b> •7:00pm - Vespers Service (See page 3)</p>	<p><b>17</b> •4:00pm - Occupy Ft Lauderdale/Labor Outreach</p>
<p><b>18</b> •9:30am - UU Sisterhood</p>	<p><b>19</b> •7:00pm - Membership Committee •7:00pm - A Course in Miracles</p>	<p><b>20</b> •7:00pm - Soul to Soul Class with Rev Gail (see Page 5)</p>	<p><b>21</b> •6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal- Sopranos and Altos •7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal- Tenors and Basses</p>	<p><b>22</b> </p>	<p><b>23</b> •7:00pm -Social Justice Committee (See page 7)</p>	<p><b>24</b> •4:00pm - Occupy Ft Lauderdale/Labor Outreach</p>
<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> •7:00pm - A Course in Miracles</p>	<p><b>27</b> •7:00pm - Soul to Soul Class with Rev Gail (see Page 5)</p>	<p><b>28</b> •6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal- Sopranos and Altos •7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal- Tenors and Basses</p>	<p><b>29</b> •7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	



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**November 4 - At War With the Gods of Addiction,  
A Jungian Look at Dealing with Addictions -**

Operating on the assumption that virtually everyone has some type of addiction, Rev. Gail has been examining the addiction field and among other things has learned that Swiss psychologist Carl Jung had a significant influence on Bill W., one of the founders of Alcoholics Anonymous. She will take a look at what this means for all of us.

**November 11 - Monkee Business** - Here we come... walking down the street... Forty years ago, four cute and funny young musicians blasted their way into our lives in the days of three TV channels and have retained an almost cultish popularity throughout the MTV and YouTube ages. Were the Monkees only a Beatles knock-off or something more? And what in the name of rock 'n' roll do they possibly have to do with Unitarian Universalist values? Come, all you Daydream Believers, and find out with Valerie Heller, resident thespian and Monkee Girl. And save the Texas Prairie Chicken. Rev. Gail will also offer a short Pulpit Editorial on the Outcome of the Election

**November 18 - Grateful for the Food We Eat,  
the Water We Drink, the World We Share -**

Coordinated by John Shearer and Rev. Gail. We will also hear more about the work of our renters from FOOD and WATER WATCH.

**November 25 - A Cosmos of His Own, William  
Faulkner's America** - Rev. Gail's parents are

buried in Oxford, MS near William Faulkner's grave. Mr. Bill as he is fondly remembered by the locals created a whole universe of amazing stories and characters that provide an unparalleled understanding of American culture including its very troubled shadow side. Rev. Gail will try to unpack some helpful lessons for today.

**December 2 - Waiting for Godot or Whatever -**

Playing off of the Samuel Becket play, Rev. Gail will address the waiting season of Advent from some new angles as she examines the perils and pitfalls of patience, impatience and waiting with no expectations.

