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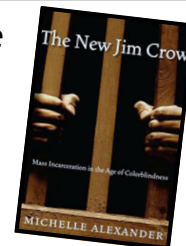
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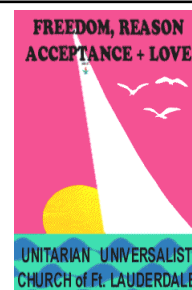
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Mission Statement:

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





From Your Board President

As I began my year as Board of Trustees president I was encouraged by the way the annual congregational meeting went down.

We got all of the nominees duly elected to the Board of Trustees, the Nominating Committee and the Endowment Board.

You might assume it all went smoothly. Well not exactly. Since the flaming chalice had already retreated to its hiding place it fell to Gary Ladka to go "back stage" and backlight the stained-glass chalice window. It was a beautiful improvised start to the meeting.

Prior to that there had been a considerable amount of wandering around, last-minute ballot writing and rewriting, lots of social interactions and most of all, plenty of laughter. Nobody got upset and we got all of our business taken care of in the good old-fashioned Unitarian Universalist tradition.

So began the church year under the leadership of your trusted (I hope) servant Victor.

The nominating committee did me a great favor by filling the trustees with smart and independent thinking people. No rubberstamps here. We need people on the board who will advocate for their convictions. Yet I don't see anyone there who would want to argue for arguments sake. Even more importantly these are trustees that will be willing to do the work of the board.

The majority of the board is returning from last year so I know how ready and willing they are to tackle the challenges that will of course arise. I'm just hoping that there will be a little something left over for me to do from time to time. (Not too much mind you)

Rev. Gail has already convened a meeting/meal at her home between now and our first monthly meeting. This promises to be a good opportunity for us to start to bond and to check each other out for any especially endearing or annoying habits. I expect to be given a list of mine before the end of the evening.

A few Sundays ago Rev. Gail announced the probability that the theme for this coming year will be "spiritual maturity". I think that it is an exciting idea; that we will be encouraging each other to develop our own view of what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist and to grow in that view and develop ourselves as members of this church community. This promises to be individual and community building at its best.

This past year brought with it challenges and successes and I'm looking forward to joining the board and the entire congregation in grappling with the former and celebrating the latter.

Victor Garlock

Election Results

Following the vote by the congregation at the annual meeting on May 19, these are the people we elected:

Board of Trustees

Officers

Each for a term of one year

Past President: Myra Symons

President: Victor Garlock

President Elect: Gary Ladka

For a term of two years

Secretary: Larry Wilkner

Trustees

There are (2) two year terms and (1) one year term among these Trustees

The Board will determine which Trustee will accept each of these terms

Bill Schoolman

Lore Bernier

Alexis Blasenheim

**The following are remaining in their present posts
In each case one year remains in their unexpired term**

Vice President – Judy Knopp

Treasurer - Benny Rivera

Trustee - Susan McAlpin



Nominating Committee – to serve in 2014

Steve Lange, Debbie Rivera, Monica Pavlik
(The Board appoints 3 more members)

Endowment Board

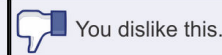
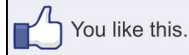
Elected in 2013 :Monica Pavlik, Doug Friend, and David Griswold
Continuing current terms: Guy Jeanty, Steve Lange, and Vernon Allen

Rev. Gail's Space

I wrote the following column in a fit of frustration after venturing into Facebook for the first time ever. I have calmed down a bit and managed to get my password fixed and start setting up a profile. I will stay on for a week or two in the present form but if it gets too time consuming I will shut it down.



Opening the Gates of Hell



One night recently, I did something on impulse. I always tended to be a very impulsive person and it has gotten me in a lot of trouble over the years- bad relationships that proved difficult to get out of, going into debt for things or experiences that were pretty unnecessary. This last impulsive move proved to be no exception. I decided to try to get on Facebook on my own. I was moved to do this by two things - one was to be able to stay in better touch with David, my adopted son, who seems to have an adversity to phones, and secondly because my sister Melrose, who has always been even more behind the technology curve than I am, had opened an account. A little old fashioned sibling competition kicked in. I got my mac and learned a little more about how to navigate it before she got hers, and after all I learned to function on Blackboard when I started teaching at Strayer University. I could do this right?? Well, not really. I feel like I opened up the gates of hell. I do not catch onto things fast. I made every mistake possible. I planned to have no more than 20 friends at most- blood relatives and a small sampling of really close friends. I love all of you and all my dozens of UU and Interfaith colleagues and other people on the edges of my life, but I am going to be brutally honest and say that I do not care what you had for dinner last night (and God forbid having to see a picture of it). I also do not have a pressing need to see several dozen pictures of your distant cousins at a family reunion. I only wanted to get occasional glimpses into the lives of a small circle of intimates.



When I logged in to try to start on FB, I learned to my utter horror that 790 people are already lurking in my computer from various lists I may be on and were all considered to be prime candidates to be my friends. I actually thought I had stripped this down to 26. Now I am getting confirmations for about 150 people that we are confirmed friends and I have requests from dozens more. This has been one of the worst 24 hour periods of my life. I am afraid to even get on email now because even though I tried to disable the function that allows me to get email from FB, I was apparently unsuccessful.

I don't mean to insult anyone or hurt anyone's feelings. I know this is partly a generational thing and partly because as a pathological extravert, the only kind of communication that really works for me is verbal. I prefer in person but some people are really good phone friends. I even hate email and texting and engage in those mainly for professional reasons or with people who never answer their phone or check their voice mail. I realize I am a dying breed. I think a coffee house or restaurant or bar is a place to have actual conversations with actual people, not to be texting or on FB with them or others. Barring that, a good book or a good TV movie will provide me with more uplifting experiences than getting updates about the distressing lives of old boyfriends or people I have not seen nor thought of since high school. Of the three instant personal messages I got the night I tried to log on, not one of them was from anyone I had any desire to ever communicate with again. None of you were among these three people. One of these people clearly had no idea who I really was but wrote a snappy little message anyway.

I couldn't even get my password situation straightened well enough to get back in to create a profile or put up a picture. As I write this I am contemplating just shutting this thing down. I so far have not seen much on it that has really enriched my life, but I remain hopeful. I love the internet and it has been very helpful in research for sermons or classes or about social justice issues. However, I still use it only as a supplement to actual books. I also think there are a lot of great things on line like You Tube and Meet Up and Interest groups. I know lots of people have met new friends or potential partners through FB but consider me still debating. I may consider trying to work on this more with some skilled help. I will not be accepting all friend requests and I intend to never have more than 150 people or so as friends. My definition of a friend is someone I can call at 2:00 am and bitch about my life to, someone who would fly across the country to my deathbed or my memorial service. The 790 people lurking in my mac files are not my friends. Some of my oldest and best friends don't even have cell phones or use email. I hope that you all don't hate me. You can call me on my cell phone (954-288-4245) send me a regular email (revgailtapscott@aol.com) and I will be happy to make an appointment with you or meet you for coffee, but I will probably not be staying up late reading jokes or inspirational quotes or looking at pictures of children or kitty cats not related to me. I really do prefer it if we can be more friendly in the actual real world. Please understand that I am not criticizing anyone for being addicted to the world of FB. It is just not likely going to be my drug of choice.

Blessings

Rev Gail

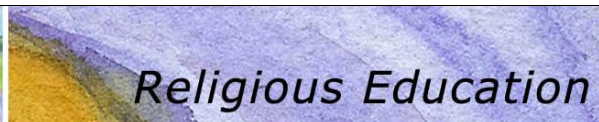
Rev. Gail's Summer and Sabbatical Plans

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BE BACK
SOON

I am still firming up my final summer plans. I will be off duty and on study leave or vacation time from June 20-Aug. 1. I have determined that it is neither cost effective nor the best use of my time to attend General Assembly in person this year. I will be streaming some of it and ordering CDs of some particularly interesting workshops. I may be around town some until early July but I will appear at church events only if I feel called to do so. I will be back in town for about a week and will be preaching on Aug. 4 and working with leaders some during that week to get ready for the program year. I plan to attend a drama festival and maybe take a class on Ethics during July. In August I am going to a Peace and Justice camp in New England as a guest of Bob and Patty Bender and then spending a few days in Boston with my long time friend and former house mate, John Ross. I will be using up all my vacation time and a goodly portion of my study leave time.

As I mentioned in the May newsletter I am hoping to make this coming year a sabbatical year. As I did on my last sabbatical leave, I will be working with the board and all the committees to make sure we have good professional coverage of as many duties as possible and excellent volunteer help will help with the rest. The Board and I will work out the details of the timing and the financing and will be keeping you all informed. Have a great summer.

Rev. Gail



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Why do we come to church? Well, in the traditions I grew up in, we went because God said to and we wanted to be on God's good side. My mom was always trying to keep on God's good side, me, not so much, and that rationale does not really work for me today at all. I come to church now for many reasons. I work here, so sometimes I just have to be here to do my job(s). When I don't have to be here, I come for community. I come to wrangle myself and others into justice and mercy work. I come firstly though, because even though I don't, no, I can't believe in God, I do believe in church, and I want a spiritual life for myself and for my children. Many folks don't need to belong to a faith community to have a spiritual life, but I do. A spiritual path can include prayer, study, meditation, labyrinth walking and doing good works, and you can all those things alone, but they can also be done with others. When it comes to children and youth, the same meditation that would draw eye rolling if it were being done at home directed by a parent, will become something much more interesting to them when being led by a young adult at church. Children also get to spend time with a diverse group of people at church.

Our extended family lives far away, so my kids found replacement grandparents here at UUCFL. The kids have learned how folks grow older. They learned how to talk to older people, and more importantly, how to listen to them. Without attending church, this would not have happened. Many of our neighborhoods are not as diverse in all ways as we might like, and at our little church, we find all kinds of people to become friends with, and this is fabulous.

So, as summer comes with its fun and numerous activities, don't forget church.

You need the community, you need the spirituality, you need the chance to be intellectually and comfort zonally challenged. The kids need it too.

We also usually have good stuff to eat at coffee hour, especially when Jack Bellick brings his delicious brownies. Love and Blessings,

DRE Susan

Summer Children's Religious Education Schedule

Sunday June 2, 11AM
RE Sunday
World Religions Smack Down
Please have children at church by 10AM
Children will be in Service

Sunday June 9, 11AM
Summer Activities

Sunday June 16, 11AM
Father's Day Activities

Sunday June 23, 11AM
Summer Activities

Sunday June 30, 11AM
4th of July Activities



Sunday July 7, 11AM
Summer Activities

Sunday July 14, 11AM
Summer Activities

Sunday July 21, 11AM
Summer Activities

Sunday July 28, 11AM
Summer Activities

Remember, children start every Sunday in church for the opening rituals. DRE Susan is going to be off during the months of July and August, and parents and others will be coming in to do easy and fun projects with the children. If you would like to help, please let Susan know.

LifeNet 4 Families/Cooperative Feeding Update

LifeNet4Families
Cooperative Feeding Program

Our next Saturday workday at CFP is on Saturday June 1, at 8:45. Come out and do good work and have fun. Our last two opportunities were fabulous. At our regular May workday, as luck would have it, the volunteers who were supposed to

work on the serving line did not show up.

So, guess who was dragged from our little place in the pantry out there? You bet. Judy King, Larry Wilkner, Lore Bernier, Doug Friend and me dished up food, served coffee and enjoyed the company of the CFP clients. It was really fun, and we will be ready to go back anytime they need us. On May 11, we had a big group show up for the Annual Postal Food Drive. Our location was the little Oakland Park Post Office (near Dixie Highway). We made boxes, unloaded postal vehicles, separated and boxed up the incoming food and had a great time. Thanks to Judy King, Monica Pavlik, Vernon Allen, Valerie Heller, Caterina Turner, Steve Lange, Peter Lange, Vanessa Gilyard, Pablo Salguero, Savannah Friend, and The Reverend Gail Tapscott (who shall be forever known as "Can Girl"). I hope that next year we can have an even bigger turnout!!!!

Thank you to the CUUPs Beltaine attendees and Labyrinth café folks for their generous contributions to the food baskets. Remember that food needs don't stop, but donations often slow down in the summer, so keep those canned fruit and veggies and protein items coming in.

Susan Friend

UUA General Assembly 2013 From Promise to Commitment



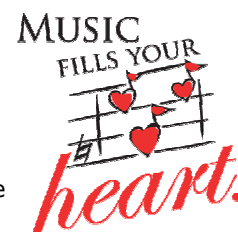
You are invited to attend the 2013 General Assembly (GA) in Louisville, Kentucky. The theme of this GA is "From Promise to Commitment."

Building on the experience of Justice GA, we will gather in Louisville to examine and renew our covenant to our faith, one another, our congregations and the larger world. Programs will explore the kinds of promises our religious communities are called to make as we seek to live out our Unitarian Universalist values; how we make these promises, with whom, and how we hold ourselves and each other accountable.

There will also be many, many opportunities to worship.

Visit www.uua.org/ga/ to learn more about programs, schedules, lodging and to register.

If you can't physically attend General Assembly, most of the major events are available via live streaming video in real time and in archived video following the completion of each event. Enjoy the many worship services, plenary sessions, and moving lectures, workshops, and the incredible musical performances of GA right at your home computer. Highlights will include the Opening Ceremony/Banner Parade on Wednesday, Spiritual Practice Services early each morning, the Ware Lecture on Friday evening and the uplifting Service of the Living Tradition on Saturday night.

Music Notes

Do you get the feeling that something is changing at UUCFL? Maybe it is just that the end of May means the end of the choir season. Change is a healthy thing and one more change is on the horizon. June is the last month that Dot will be playing for services until September begins a new church musical year.

We still have some special services to look forward to this month. On June 9, Alfredo Tamburrino will be playing flute solos which we always enjoy. Then on June 16, our favorite bass, Vernon Allen, will sing the dramatic "Invictus". These two services will complete the program for this church year, at least for the music department.

The piano and organ will continue to keep services rocking through June. After that, who knows? This does not mean that Dot and Susan Friend are idle during the summer. It only means that we are planning in the background to bring a new exciting outline for Water Sunday service on September 9 when the choir will sing for the first time in the new church year. All of this does not happen by magic! After setting up a tentative list of choir music for the fall, a choir retreat date will be chosen to prepare for Water Sunday.

The Music Committee will also be working during the summer break. The Tri-Choir was so well received this year that it is being considered for next year. David Fisher would be so proud! This did not happen by magic either. Susan Friend added to her already demanding schedule to write many messages to the other directors, order whatever music they requested and rehearse with our choir so we would be prepared for each of the performances. This is a valuable cooperative venture among the three UU Churches - UUCFL, Boca Raton Fellowship, and River of Grass Congregation.

Do you want to be part of this vibrant program of our church? Contact Dot Muise or Susan Friend to offer your special talent while we are in the process of lining up instrumental and vocal happenings to enhance the Music Program at UUCFL, and thank you in advance.

Dot Muise, Director of Music

Annual Poetry Service Continues!

I am honored to carry on David Fisher's annual tradition of the UUCFL Poetry Service on Sunday, August 18. As before, I'm requesting that members and friends submit a copy of your

favorite poem (could be your own creation or another poet's) for presentation during the service. Please include a brief note telling me how the poem speaks to you and/or how it came into your life. I'll let you know by late-July regarding inclusion in the service and the time for a logistical run-through before the service. Call or e-mail me at ozwoman321@aol.com or 954-478-8637.

Susan Moss

UUCFL at Stonewall Pride Parade and Festival

Mark your calendars for Stonewall Pride Parade and Street Festival in Wilton Manors! On 6/22 we'll be lining up at 5:30 p.m. to do our head count and our final prep for the evening parade. We're going to have a float this year (!! Woo!) but we could use a few people to walk and hand things to the crowd. On 6/23 we'll need several volunteers to take shifts manning the booth at the Stonewall Street Festival. Check-in for the booth will be at 9 a.m. and we'll need someone to come set up. Break down can happen after 8 p.m. We need LOTS of volunteers for this but it's going to be LOTS of fun! Contact Lore Bernier at 954-703-9154 or starofinanna@gmail.com or Nicole Rivera 954-815-0086.

Also the Stonewall Summer Pride Concert is going to be FABULOUS! We have not one, not two but three headlining performers! The main concert starts at 7:30 pm on Sunday, June 23rd and features Amber, CeCe Peniston and Kristine W! It's going to be a Pride to remember.

Want to get involved...??

*WE need help with manual labor. We will be having a truck and trailer.

*Setting up the booth--Take this in shifts! Throughout the day.

*lovely smiley faces-- who can engage people and have fun

*be able to talk about being UU. Why did you become a member?

*creativity and decorations



Interweave and Social Justice Committee

Coming CUUPS Events



Saturday June 22 the faeries come out at dark. This will be our Litha Mid-Summers Ritual. We will gather at 7:30 pm for the potluck feast and then circle at 8:45 pm. Wear green and summer colors. In July, we have no esbats and must wait until August for Lamas. There will be a Psychic Faire July 28 Sunday afternoon at our church. Hang around and check out how your future is going to go. But either way, 7:30 pm Study Group continues with a different topic each week.

Kip, Resident Pagan

Next Coffee Hour, take a look off the patio and beyond the fire ring and see the Faerie Butterfly Garden. The faeries have been at work mulching and planting, weeding and scraping. Everything is now beautiful. All this good work is donated by the Luna Road faerie Troup and the Sisterhood of the Ahel Adom. With no cost to the church budget, our beautiful grounds are now even more inviting to both people and butterflies.

Kip, Resident Faerie Fancier

**A message from Kenn Hurto,
Lead Consultant
for the Southern Region of the UUA**



**Southern Region
of the UUA**



Southern Region Oklahoma Emergency Relief Fund

Unitarian Universalists across the Region send our care and prayers to those affected by the devastating tornado in Moore, Oklahoma. As a generous people, we are eager to lend a hand to those whose lives have been so disrupted.

Accordingly, in cooperation with our national Association and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC), the Southern Region UUA is establishing a relief fund through which concerned Unitarian Universalists may make donations. Your gifts will be disbursed to appropriate local relief agencies as soon as possible once things become clearer on the ground. We will advise you with updates as we go.

If you would like to make a donation, here's how:

You may send a check to the Regional office, payable to:

UU Oklahoma Relief Fund
c/o P.O. Box 560246
Orlando, FL 32856-0246



Social Justice in Action



Hello, gentle friends. Stonewall Pride is coming up June 22nd and 23rd and we need a whole mess of volunteers to be on the float and to man the booth. Don't worry, I'll be hunting you down individually to ask for your hands in collective holy volunteerism. Alexis has agreed to be in charge of decorating the float, Eddie is going to be driving said float and I will be calling every twenty minutes from Louisville, KY because I'll be at GA. In case you weren't aware, I got a young adult scholarship to attend General Assembly in just a few short weeks. It's a little bittersweet because I'm going to miss all the fun with Pride but then again, hello, GA! I am understandably excited. I feel it imperative to inform you that we got some recognition from B.O.L.D. Justice for all the work we put in this past year. We got an award for bringing in more than 65% of our average worship attendance to the Nehemiah Action (in the form of a brick - suggestions for uses of said brick are welcome), as well as lanyards and pins for Rev. Gail, Nicole Rivera and myself for bringing in three or more members each to the Nehemiah Action. We also met our fundraising goal of \$1,200 for the Investment Drive. We're doing pretty well for a little church and I am especially proud of all that we've accomplished. Y'all are amazing and I know we're going to keep doing great things.

Yours in Justice,

Lore Bernier starofinanna@gmail.com

Saying Goodbye

We have two Memorial Services set for June.

On June 9, after church we will say a much delayed farewell to longtime UUCFL member Harris Swike.

His partner Jean Schroder-Kennedy is also moving this summer and is finally ready to celebrate Harris' life.



On June 30 at 2:00 pm we will have a Memorial Service for Ron Sweet. His widow Kris Sweet has been coming back to church recently. A Humanist Celebrant from nearby will conduct the service. We hope all of you will support these wonderful ladies as they honor their late life partners.

Since we will be having a coffee house format on June 30, we have a need to get help for both set up and take down of tables and chairs that day. Able-bodied volunteers are desired.

Rev. Gail



Labyrinth Café Concerts Thank Yous and Upcomings



Robby Greenberg wrote (and I had to share): "This was the best concert! My thanks to Susan Moss and all the volunteers at Labyrinth who give music and love a home! My thanks to David Roth whose music gives love a home."

What a perfect way to bookend our 10th season, which began with Amy Carol Webb and featured so many other talented and inspirational performers in between: Rod MacDonald and Big Brass Bed, The Steel Wheels, Ellis, Four Shillings Short, John Gorka, Richard Shindell, Jennings & Keller and Nick Annis - our echoed gratitude to David Roth as well for the music and the love (there really is no place like home... :-)

We are also beyond blessed by our dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers: Erik, Virginia, Myra, Judy, Kris, Laura Sue, Lore, Susan, John and Andrew... and to Reverend Gail and the UUCFL for housing and supporting our series - together we have created and sustained a musical community to be proud of and uplifted by... and we are appreciative of our loyal audience, for continuing to choose live, original music on the second Saturday of each month!

We ask you now to save the following dates (2013: August 10/Sing-along, September 14, October 12, November 9, December 21 (please note that this is the THIRD Saturday); 2014: January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10) and join us once again for song and camaraderie - have a great summer and watch your e-mail, check our Facebook page and listen to Michael Stock's show for notice of the harmonic treats in store for our 2013-14 Season (for all you Spinal Tap fans, we're turning it up to eleven... :-)

Susan Moss, Coordinator, Labyrinth Café Concert Series

UU Legislative Ministry:

Here is a group to keep you connected. You get email broadcasts on what's happening with social justice. You can read on, phone, march, organize, or just join. Visit www.uulmf.org.

Kip, Rabble Rouser



Southeast UU Cluster Presents Conference on Immigration & Mass Incarceration Saturday, June 8, 2013

The UUA's Common Read this spring was Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*. The *New Jim Crow* is a stunning account of how the majority of black men in urban areas are either under correctional control or saddled for life with criminal records for minor drug offenses, denying them basic civil and human rights." At the same time, more than 32,000 immigrants are detained for not having proper documentation. Over 80 percent of them are unrepresented by legal counsel, and many also are denied access to family and community support. They are also targeted for deportation for 'aggravated felonies', many of which are neither 'aggravated' nor 'felonies.'" Conference takes place on Saturday, June 8, 2013, from 9 am to 4 pm at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Miami, 7701 SW 76th Avenue, Miami, FL 33143 305-667-3697 uumia.org

Our Speakers:

Christina Fialho,

Co-Founder/Executive Director, Community Initiatives for Visiting Immigrants in Confinement (CIVIC)

Desmond Meade,

President, Florida Rights Restoration Coalition

Jeanette Smith,

Exec Director, South Florida Interfaith Worker Justice



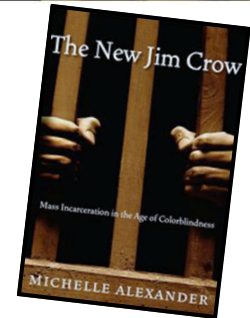
Registration:

\$15 per person by mail until postmark Mon, June 3. \$20 at the door; check or cash. Registration fee includes lunch and Continental breakfast.

Please mail check, payable to SE UU Cluster, and form from the website below to Kathy Jens-Rochow, Treasurer, 1420 SW 13 St., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312.

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Expand your UU and Facebook horizons by joining the new UU Southeast Cluster page to stay informed about activities of the Cluster which encompasses all of the UU congregations seen to the right.



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Come to SUUSI 2013 - Let it Be a Dance!

Looking for a great, affordable value for your whole family, with lots of adventures and filled with friends? Then come to SUUSI! July 21-27, 2013 in Radford, Virginia. You'll be welcomed warmly and invited into our community. SUUSI (Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute) is an intentional community of approximately 1,200 people who gather in the 3rd week of July near Roanoke, VA, to explore our interconnectedness, learn new ways of seeing our world and each other, delight in the joys of meeting old friends and making new ones, share outdoor adventures, dance, and sing. Together, we'll create a week of conversation, reflection, activity, nourishment, fun and family. "Let It Be A Dance" is this year's theme. Visit www.suusi.org for more information and to register.



UUCFL's Poet Appears on the Radio



UUCFL is proud of our budding poet, Peter Lange! Peter was a guest on the Kup and Crowder Show on 560 WQAM. He was selected to appear on this radio spot to help promote the Blue Apple Poetry Network Poetry Slam sponsored by the Jason Taylor Foundation. The event featured 15 students from 15 South Florida high schools. The clip has been posted to YouTube and can be found by searching -> Peter Lange WQAM. And as you will hear...Peter nailed it as he always does!

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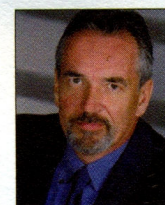


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Every Sunday : 11:00 AM- Church Service and Children's Religious Education	 <div>June/July Calendar</div> 				June 1 •8:45am Cooperative Feeding Program Workday	
2 •9:30am-UU Sisterhood •11:00am - World Religion Game Show Smackdown (see Back Cover) •12:30pm - UUWE Meeting	3 •7:00pm - A Course in Miracles	4	5	6 •7:30 pm CUUPS	7	8 •9:00am - SE UU Cluster Conference on Immigration and Mass Incarceration (see page 8)
9	10 •7:00pm - Board Meeting •7:00pm - A Course in Miracles	11	12	13 •7:30 pm CUUPS	14	15
16 •9:30am - UU Sisterhood	17 •7:00pm - A Course in Miracles •7:30pm - Sunday Services Committee	18	19 UUA General Assembly through 6/23 (see page 5)	20 •7:30 pm CUUPS	21	22 •5:30 pm - UUCFL at Stonewall Pride Parade (see page 6) •7:30pm - Litha Celebration (see page 6)
23 9:00 am - UUCFL at Stonewall Pride Festival (see page 6)	24 •7:00pm -Membership Committee •7:00pm - A Course in Miracles	25	26	27 •7:30 pm CUUPS	28 •7:00pm - Social Justice Committee	29
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28 •1:00pm - Summer Psychic Faire	29 •7:00pm - A Course in Miracles	30	31	Religious Education Events See special calendar on the RE page 4	Visit our on line calendar for late-breaking events www.uucfl.org and click "Coming Activities"	

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June 2 - Religious Education Sunday - Join Director of Religious Education, Susan Friend, Rev. Gail and our young people in World Religions Smack Down Game Show Extravaganza!! Come and see how much our young UUs have learned about World Religions this year; test your own knowledge and learn some new things you may have not known before...as we ask ourselves - Are we smarter than a 5th Grader?

June 9 - The Universalist World Religions - We are not the only religion that has universalist ideas as part of our world view. Rev. Gail will examine three relatively new world religions that claim to embrace the validity of other faiths and openness to many ideas. Particular attention will be paid to Baha'i, Sikhism and Coadaim. A long delayed Memorial Service for Harris Swike, long time church member and partner of Jean Schroder-Kennedy will be held after the service.

June 16 - Shakespeare's Fathers and other Musings on the Bard - In honor of Father's Day, Rev. Gail will combine her fond memories of her own father with a look at how our greatest playwright portrayed Fathers and children and other family relationships.

June 23 - Seasons of Change - At this turning of the Summer Solstice, our guest speaker Bishop SF Makalani- Mahee will talk about some of his own transitions and ask us to think about the ways we all handle voluntary and involuntary changes that life is always bound to bring.

June 30 - Annual Interdependence Day Coffee House - This UUCFL tradition will once again bring the congregation together in a coffee house format to discuss a big issue of the day with relevance to our faith and to share their findings from small groups with the larger community. This has always been a special experience for folks. We have a Memorial Service for long time member Ron Sweet at 2:00 pm that afternoon so we will need special help with set up and breakdown so the day flows smoothly

July 7 - This I Believe - Rev. Opal Murray will coordinate this service with readings of the statements of belief published in the book of the same name and some original statements of belief by various members of our community. This service has been very popular other years.

July 14 - Lessons in Living/Being from Our 20th Century Sage - Bob Marley- Rev. Opal Murray will explore the songs, philosophy and politics of this musical giant.

July 21 - Universalist Christian? or Christian Universalist? - Rev. Ed Bollela, a Unitarian Universalist minister who is currently Director of Religious Education at the Boca Raton UU Fellowship will share his journey as a UU Christian who also consults with other Christian denominations. Leave your biases at home. Rev. Ed has also worked in community ministry in several social service agencies.

July 28 - A Sunday Service Committee Presentation - We are still working out the details but this service will likely be tied in with the Hollywood Fellowship's afternoon Psychic Faire.

August 5 - Savoring the Past, Opening to the Future - Summer always makes Rev. Gail a bit nostalgic for her childhood. She will look back to times past and ask you to do the same. Then she will be imagining the next stage in her life and ask you to do likewise.

