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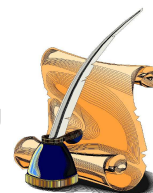
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Calling Prose & Poetry Aficionados

Our annual Poetry and Prose Service needs submissions of your favorite poem or prose piece. Could be your original creation or a classic that resonates with you. Get it to me by August 10th. During the service on Sunday, August 24th, 2008, you'll tell us what makes this special for you and then read your selection. This favorite service fosters connections within our church community. Call 954-567-2677 or email fdfisher@bellsouth.net or place in my mail slot (Choir Director) in the church library.



David Fisher

Committee On Ministry

The Committee on Ministry is your connection to the Church.

We the members are charged to hear your views and address your concerns.

Our goal is to resolve problems in a thoughtful and confidential manner.

Whether it is a matter of personal concern or an issue that affects the UUCFL membership as a whole, it is our responsibility to review and seek a resolution.

This committee also looks at the needs of the church, where we are, and where we are going.

To that end we are interested in your ideas and thoughts which will navigate us through both good and difficult times.

We are...at your service.



The Committee On Ministry

Labyrinth Café Completes Another Successful Season

To paraphrase an old adage: "it takes a village to run a concert series". We just wrapped up another successful season of the Labyrinth Cafe and I couldn't let another moment go by without thanking all the wonderful volunteers who give their time/energy/talents to ensure the success of our shows!

Boundless gratitude to: Erik Anderson and Tripp Page for consistently crystalline sound; Paige Page, John Stanic and Linda Stewart for set-up and sales of scrumptious offerings at the refreshment table; Virginia Anderson for the creative design and comfortable feel of Labyrinth Cafe T-shirts; Myra Symons-Kazanci for fielding booking inquiries; Rebecca Kuhn and Alan Newton for their smiling faces and financial acumen at the ticket table; Phoenix Cockerham for enthusiastically promoting our season passes; Sandy Walker for cheerfully handling advance reservations; Kip Barkley for his expertise and timeliness in posting our information on the website; Reverend Gail Tapscott for her unconditional support of our use of the UUCFL Sanctuary... and all you active listeners/music lovers who have taken a chance on sometimes unknown artists and shared your joy of discovery after the fact... :-)

It has been such a pleasure booking this series for the last three years and I am already looking forward to presenting some old favorites and new talent in our upcoming 2008-09 season. Check www.labyrinthcafe.com over the next few months for detailed updates, as well as our new www.myspace.com/labyrinthcafe page, complete with song samples of upcoming artists.

We also encourage the purchase of our season passes. \$100 per person entitles you to 9 concerts (September through May) as well as a Labyrinth Cafe T-shirt, and they're transferable to a friend if you're unable to make it for any reason. So... mark your calendars now for the second Saturday of the month and we will keep you posted as another exciting year of music unfolds!

Susan Moss, Labyrinth Cafe Coordinator



Rev. Gail's Space

What My Sabbatical Will Do For UUCFL

On May 18 at the Annual Meeting some of you learned for the first time that I am going on sabbatical. What you may be saying does this mean? I thought only tenured professors took sabbaticals. Actually, the promise of a sabbatical is written into the contracts of almost every full time minister in the Unitarian Universalist tradition and most other mainstream religious groups. The rationale behind this practice is that after seven or so years of constantly producing sermons and planning for classes, a person might be just a bit burned out and in need of some serious refueling. The alternative to such a practice is that the minister or professor might be in danger of becoming quite dull and heaven forbid even repetitive.



UUCFL has never had a minister stay long enough to take a sabbatical in its 50 year history so what better time to start a new tradition than in this 50th Anniversary year for the church. It seems a great way to start off a new cycle in the life of the community.

A sabbatical is different from either vacation or study leave. Generally, the minister uses the time for writing projects, personal spiritual development, academic pursuits, social justice projects or some combination thereof. The goal is for the minister to recharge, perhaps uncover some new grand passions and some new directions for ministry that will in time benefit the congregation.

The benefits for UUCFL from my taking a sabbatical are many. You will hear a variety of different voices from the pulpit, lay services, guest ministers and community speakers. You will develop new skills from within your midst as you fill in for me on many areas of church life. Some of you will lead services, offer Adult R.E., classes, lead book groups, take the lead in social justice projects and offer compassionate care and a listening ear to each other. All of you will feel pride that you have broken a cycle of short term ministries and are keeping your promises as a responsible and caring employer.

To save strain on the church, especially the hard working Sunday Services Committee (which I would love to see renamed as the Celebrations and Worship Ministry Team), I am taking the sabbatical in two 3 months pieces in two different calendar years. This will help with both the church finances and my personal finances.

During the initial section of Sabbatical Part I, I will be taking several classes in Santa Fe, New Mexico. I have signed up for two Seminars on Eastern Religious Classics at St. John's College and a week long workshop on using Poetry in Worship, Liturgy and Sermons at Ghost Ranch. I will stay with various friends out west as I work on my writing project "Mary Poppins as a Spiritual Guide for All Ages." It is my hope that we will all benefit from this time apart and that there will much growth and learning all around. I have great faith in you. For this first part of the sabbatical I will be away from July 7- Oct. 12. This is not a great deal longer than I have been away some summers before.

Blessings on our Journey,

Rev. Gail

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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Religious Education Committee Meetings—second Sunday of every month at 1:00 pm in the Library

June/July Activities



Our Summertime at church is a little less formal than the program year, but we have just as much fun.

We invite our children to bring their parents to church just like always as we share our summer together with our friends in our church family.

The Religious Education Committee wants to thank our Director of Religious Education, Tracey Kenyon Milarsky and wish her and her family the best as they embark on a new chapter in their lives.

Thank you for years of joy and allowing us to be a part of your lives as you helped enrich the lives of our children. We will miss you all.

It will not be easy to find a new DRE, but we are working on it. We welcome the input of parents during this process so that we may continue to provide excellent Children's Religious Education here at UUCFL

UU General Assembly Has Youth in Mind

As adult UU s from all over the world converge on Ft Lauderdale for General Assembly, so do our Youth. There is an entire program schedule devoted to youth ages 14 - 20. Teens get to discuss issues important to make plans of action and have lots of fun together during this great event.

Visit http://www.uua.org/documents/gaoffice/program/09_youth_caucus.pdf for a full listing of programs for youth at GA. Hope to see all of my great teens out there and participating.



Gary Ladka—Teen Advisor



June Birthdays

Mary Hamilton Giro	6/3
Vanessa Gilyard	6/5
Myra Symons-Kazanci	6/7
Jean Schroder-Kennedy	6/8
Keats Goodwin	6/10
Susan Kurjiaka	6/17
Ruben Cureses	6/18
Betty Highton	6/19
Lori Gold	6/21
Tracey Kenyon Milarsky	6/23

July Birthdays

Scott Bejlovec	7/01
Laura Lange	7/03
Kip Barkley	7/05
Virginia Anderson	7/06
Geneva Lange	7/10
Deborah {Debbi} Holt	7/11
Donna Zumstein	7/11
Jim Taylor	7/19
Sean Lange	7/20
Lyn Kurpiewski	7/28
Jennifer Ladka	7/28
Harry Freire	7/30

Music Notes

We have said goodbye to the choir for the season. They are on a well deserved break until the August Choir Retreat to be announced. The dedication of this group is to be commended.

They have faithfully met on Wednesday nights to rehearse the music they have presented for services all through the church year. Thank you to David Fisher for his leadership and to all members of the choir. Our services would not have been as beautiful without you!



We look forward to the 2008-2009 program with anticipation. The Tri-Choir is planned once again. Thank you, David, for initiating this rewarding experience. Can you believe that the dates for the three performances have already been selected. Is that good planning or what?

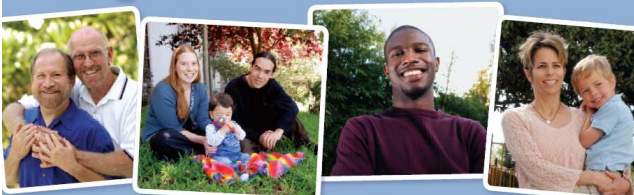
Dot will be away on June 8th in order to attend the graduation of her grandson, Jason, from MIT with a Master's Degree. We are so proud of all of Jason's accomplishments. Bill Cox has agreed to cover the service that day.

Our thanks to Vernon for singing "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning" and inviting the congregation to join in the last chorus. It was indeed a beautiful morning! Thank you also to Bill Cox for the prelude by MacDowell, "Song" a familiar melody. They enhanced the Mothers' Day service.

We all look forward to General Assembly. I hope many of you will attend this gathering of several thousand UU's. It is an amazing experience.

Dot Muise, Director of Music

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Then you can view *The Journey* each month online. Watch for our upcoming "Greening of *The Journey*" program coming in the fall where you can opt out of the paper mailing of your Journey except for months with special congregational notices to members.

I hope you like to read *The Journey* as we bring you the news of the church and our community. This is a new way to enjoy it.

Gary Ladka—Your Humble Editor

Choir Retreat Saturday, August 23, 2008



All choir members and wannabe choir members are invited to our annual choir retreat from 10 AM to 2:30 PM. We'll get a jump start on the songs we'll be

singing starting in September. We'll have a light buffet lunch around noon. Site TBA. Please sign up by August 17. Call 954-567-2677 or email fdfisher@bellsouth.net or leave a note in the Choir Director's mail slot in the church library.

David Fisher, Choir Director

Evensong Classes Offered

"The most precious gift we can offer others is our presence." – **Thich Nhat Hahn**

Evensong is an eight-week series of gatherings for everyone from newcomers to long-term UUs. It is a safe place to get to know yourself and others better. No two Evensong series are alike. Each one offers a unique combination of individuals at a new point in their life's journey.



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- ♥ Builds trust, deep and lasting relationships, and the religious community

We will meet at the church for eight Wednesdays promptly from 7 PM to 9 PM. Contributions of \$8 per session go to the church. You may register with and pay Sandy in the church office 954-484-6734 or pay at the sessions. Please try to attend all sessions for maximum benefit to yourself and cohesiveness of the group. The topic calendar is as follows:

July 2 – Beginning Together: Show and Tell
 July 9 – Religious and Spiritual Experiences
 July 16 – The Divine: What Do I Really Want?
 July 23 – The Human: What Limits Do I Encounter?
 July 30 – The Messiah, the Christ, the Buddha, the Divine Made Manifest: What Is Possible? What Keeps Me Going?
 Aug. 6 – The Community: What Is Possible Together?
 Aug. 13 – Endings: How Do I Live with Love and Death?
 Aug. 20 – Ministry: What Is My Ministry? What Am I Called to Do in the World?

For the ice-breaking first session, please bring an object, photo, or memento to speak of to the rest of us.

Each week, I will facilitate and participate in group sharing on these topics and hand out materials for the next session. For more information, please call me 954-895-5410 or e-mail JudyMKing@comcast.net

Judy King

Down to Earth with Building and Grounds

What's your pleasure?

We have so many wonderful ideas and so little time.

Someone once said to me "Steve, ideas are a dime a dozen"... making something happen, is what separates

those ideas from reality. Though I am still new to the UUCFL community my thoughts about this facility, the grounds and the people often carry me away. I see the value of the space as we use it, but I also see the possibilities; for rentals, groups, programs, shelter and more.

The grounds too capture my imagination; I see festivals, camping, art shows, craft fairs, children and adults frolicking on a Sunday afternoon, walking/running pathways, a shaded area to remember those who have come before us and left a memory of their commitment, solar panels to enable us to be independent of electric outsourcing, picnic tables restored and placed where anyone enjoying the grounds could rest their weary soul.

Trees and plants, flowers and foliage all require attention and care.

Our grounds are a habitat for humans and creatures alike. It is the pleasure we should be able to glean from our blessings of the building and grounds, but also the ideas we have to improve the same. Those ideas must follow a path to reality. Thus, it is with this writing I suggest to all those dreamers of dreams, that if you have an idea submit it as a proposal to the building and grounds committee. We share your dreams and with the right amount of commitment and care we too can help bring those ideas to reality. It need not be an arduous document nor should it be, Winston Churchill was noted as having said, if you have a proposal make it one page.

What's your pleasure?

Respectfully,

Steve Lange, Building and Grounds Committee



Endowment Update

By the time you read this, our Annual Meeting and Election will be past. We will have distributed our financial report showing all the good works we did last year. You will have elected three Endowment Trustees from the six candidates. The choices you make will have a significant impact in the direction of our church community.

Kip Barkley, Endowment Trustee

CUUPS Update

Saturday June 21st we gather at 7 PM for a potluck feast before our Summer Solstice Ritual at 8:45 PM. The dress will be anything ceremonial and colorful. We will celebrate the shortest night of the year and frolic with the faeries. Meanwhile, Thursday Study Group continues with a different topic each week.

--Kip, Resident Pagan

Dignity Drive for The Cooperative Feeding Program

[The following idea was inspired by the recent Dignity Drive at River of Grass.]

Many of us are aware that The Cooperative Feeding Program (www.feedingbroward.org) provides a food pantry and emergency food boxes to the needy in our community. Some may not know that they also offer clothing, underclothes, shoes, grooming and hygiene products. I was surprised and dismayed to discover that the program so desperately needs men's underwear that it is willing to accept used undergarments. Having to wear discarded underwear would erode anyone's self-respect. Let's have a Dignity Drive for the month of June where we collect **NEW underwear, socks, and toiletries for MEN**, the major recipients of ongoing help. Discount and dollar stores offer inexpensive, new men's undergarments and personal items. Please bring in men's NEW:

- .. Boxers or briefs (size 36"-42", large, or extra large)
- .. Tube or crew socks
- .. T-shirts (size large or extra large)
- .. Shaving supplies: razors, blades, shaving creams, aftershave
- .. Oral hygiene supplies: tooth brushes, tooth pastes, mouthwashes
- .. Hair supplies: shampoos, brushes, combs
- .. Nail supplies: nail clippers, nail scrub brushes, files or emery boards
- .. Body hygiene supplies: deodorants, antiperspirants, and soaps

Donations of all sizes of men's clean, lightly used pants, shirts, t-shirts, and shorts are also welcome. Please put donations in the baskets outside the church office. Thanks for your generous support of our neighbors in need.

Judy King



Social Justice on Marriage to Be Discussed

At the District Annual Meeting last month the minister from Naples, The Rev. Kathleen Korb, introduced a resolution calling for the District to support an Action of Immediate Witness [AIW] at General Assembly 08(GA) to oppose The Florida Marriage Protection Amendment. The resolution passed.

There will be a District Ingathering on Wednesday, June 25, at 4:45 - 6:00 in the convention center Floridian D at which time we, the organizing team for this AIW, will sign-up volunteers for petition signature gathering and have more info as to where & when the petitions will be ready. Please come to the ingathering. Or contact me with your email address and cell phone number.

Rev. Korb and myself are looking for a good sized group to gather petitions. And a dedicated smaller group to help organize this.

Contact me at sjensrochow@comcast.net.

Those of you that have been to GA may be familiar with the process of adopting an AIW. Unlike a Study/Action Issue all of the AIW process unfolds at GA. An AIW is initiated by an individual "and moves through the entire creation and adoption process during one GA. The AIW process allows Unitarian Universalists to respond quickly to social issues deemed urgent. Adopted AIWs are used by congregations in local efforts and empower the Washington Office for Advocacy to take action and recommend action through other departments of the UUA and other UU groups." Certainly our proposed AIW fits these criteria. <http://www.uua.org/socialjustice/issuesprocess/currentissues/104486.shtml>

On Friday at GA, or possibly earlier, we will need volunteers to gather signatures from delegates on our AIW petition. If the Commission on Social Witness [CSW] selects our AIW for possible submission to the Final Plenary Agenda it will be on the Saturday AM Plenary agenda. The delegates then choose the AIWs for the Final Agenda. Those AIWs that are chosen have a mini assembly of their own right after that Plenary to discuss changes to the resolution. After that, and examination by the CSW, the AIWs are placed on the Final Agenda. If that Plenary passes them by a 2/3 vote they become an Action of Immediate Witness. There can be up to 6 AIWs. They are not in competition with each other. If it is adopted it would generate local media coverage. Florida Congregations, Clusters and the District would then have the opportunity to use it for action since it is an official proclamation of our Denomination.

Steve Jens-Rochow



It's Time to Get Excited! - UUA's General Assembly is Coming June 25–29, 2008 - Right Here to Our Home Town!!



Focus! Things are now in focus! I've been saying the last couple of months that things are coming into focus, and now it has happened!

All our task area coordinators are sharpening their plans for the orientation and training of the volunteers in the 24 hours before GA starts, at 2 PM on Wednesday, June 25th.

Actually, because the registration desks will be open Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 6 PM, June 24th, early birds (including ministers and DREs attending Ministry Days at the Signature Grand and congregational leaders attending UU University at Fort Lauderdale Grande) will have a chance to register with relative ease the day before GA officially opens.

Shuttle buses will be plying an east route and a west route, picking up GA registrants at the nine GA hotels along SE 17th Street and Route A1A every 15 minutes during peak hours and at longer intervals during valley hours, delivering them to the Broward County Convention Center and returning them to their hotel.

From the 7 to 7:30 AM Spiritual Practices (in the Fort Lauderdale Grande) to the 10 PM to Midnight Special Events (in the Hyatt Pier 66), each day will be filled with multiple events—workshops, panel discussions, speakers, business sessions, and worship. One of our UUCFL congregants, after looking through the GA Program listings, remarked, "There's too much going on. I don't think I dare go!"

My response is, "There's so much going on, you can't afford not to go!" Of course you also have to be diligent in picking and choosing, in pacing yourself, and in taking time out periodically.

For those who are unable to get the time off from work, and for those who have to go easy on their budget, there are three FREE events, open to the public: 1) Thursday evening's Service of the Living Tradition, from 8 to 9:30 PM in the Convention Center; 2) Friday afternoon's Public Witness Event, Valuing All Families—An Interfaith Community Witness, with President Bill Sinkford from 5 to 6:30 PM in Stranahan Park, corner of Broward and Andrews; and 3) Sunday morning worship in the Convention Center from 9 to 10:15 AM. Sunday morning attendees will also have free admission to the Exhibit Hall where hundreds of booths display items of interest to UUs: books, allied organizations, seminaries, churches, UU wares.

One-day registration fee is only \$120, and those who attend Wednesday and Thursday pay only \$120 for the day-and-a-half!

Don't miss out on this marvelous opportunity to sing songs with thousands of UUs, to converse with UUs from all over the country and the world, to experience exciting worship services, to thrill to visionary speakers, and to transform yourself in life-changing workshops! See you there!

David Fisher—District General Assembly Coordinator for GA 2008 in Fort Lauderdale

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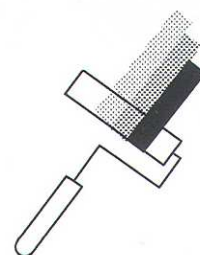


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11:00 AM-Church Service
& Religious Education

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
June 1 9:30am-UU Sisterhood	2 7:30pm Peaceful Meditation	3 10:00am— Chair Yoga	4 10:00am— Gentle Yoga 12:00Noon—Brown Bag Lunch Bunch	5 •7:00pm—Finance Committee •7:30 pm CUUPS	6	7
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22	23	24 10:00am— Chair Yoga	25 UUA General Assembly (through the 29th) 10:00am— Gentle Yoga	26 7:30 pm CUUPS	27	28
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Sundays at 11 am: Service & Children's Religious Education

The JOURNEY



Sunday Morning Services at 11 am

JUNE/JULY 2008

June 1 - Embracing Our Archetypes – At every stage in our life we have some unique developmental tasks. Rev. Gail will introduce us to a way of looking at the stages of life in terms of dual images or archetypes. Come and see if you are a sage or a fool, a king or a magician.

June 8 - Sabbath Blessings – Do you rest on the Sabbath? Do any of us? Rediscover the ancient wisdom and gifts of blessings offered in the Sabbath and what it may offer to modern Unitarian Universalists Susan M. Shaw is a Candidate for Unitarian Universalist ministry. She is a graduate of Starr King School for the Ministry.

June 15 - Bridges and Fathers- Rev. Gail, Religious Education Chair, Susan Friend and our young people will offer this service that will focus on a Bridging Ceremony for the young people making the segue from Youth to Young Adults. We will hear about some other Religious Education experiences from our young people and pay some homage to the Dads in our lives.

June 22- Boomeritis and the Quest for the Yellow Meme- As we start General Assembly week, Rev. Gail will look at philosopher Ken Wilber's theory that religious liberals have trouble becoming truly enlightened beings because we are so busy arguing that all spiritual paths and all spiritual states are equally valid. He argues that we stay stuck because we can't admit to the possibility of a spiritual hierarchy.

June 29 - The Search for Mary Poppins- Mary Poppins was so much more interesting than her portrayal in the Disney movie the recent Broadway show. She was a complex teacher and way shower for the Banks children, giving them a series of lessons in enlightenment. Rev. Gail is researching and writing about the "great cosmic nanny" and her creator, Pamela L. Travers, for her sabbatical project. Come and fly away with Mary.

July 6 - The GA Debriefing Coffee House- Join us for this UUCFL tradition and have coffee, eat bagels and process the General Assembly experience with Rev. Gail and friends. A fun and interactive experience.

July 13- TBA- a presentation by your Sunday Service Committee that is sure to be provocative, spiritual and fun.

July 20 - The Five Love Languages- Judy King will share her enthusiasm for a new book that has had an enormous impact on her life. Perhaps it will impact your life as well.

July 27- TBA – Perhaps a Guest minister or musician

Aug. 3 - TBA- another production from your talented Sunday Services Team.

