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Enrichment Programs Continue Every Sunday in December

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Friday December 11, 5-10PM
Annual All Church Holiday Gathering
Please join us for caroling, ornament making,
cookie decorating and a visit with Santa



Labyrinth Café Concert Saturday, December 12 7:30 pm Tracy Grammer

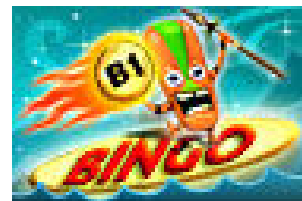
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Special Christmas Eve Service Thursday, December 24 - 6:00pm See Back Cover

Have Fun with Us at Bingo Every Wednesday

Doors at 6:00pm/Calling at 7:00pm
B-1 of the Winners who help us run the
game, serve in the kitchen, set up,
publicize the game or come and play.
We're having fun and raising funds.
Contact Gary Ladka at 954-650-3728



NOTICE

Budget Workshop and Meeting Scheduled for January

The budget workshop, on Sunday January 3, and the
Congregational Budget Meeting on January 17 allow you,
the members of UUCFL a chance to match our
expenditures with your priorities for the coming year.
Discussion on January 3 will help inform the board on
providing budget options for the January 17 meeting.
The congregational meeting requires a quorum for us to
pass a budget, so please be there.

Both sessions will start at 12:45 pm, after coffee hour.

Ken Beier

Sunday Enrichment Programs

With the initiation of our \$2.00 lunches every Sunday, the idea was that all our various after church meetings and activities would be a little more coordinated. Although you may find other references to these activities scattered through the newsletter, below you will find a Sunday by Sunday listing of the events we hope you will consider attending after you have had your fill of baloney sandwiches, hummus, chips and fruit. All these events will begin at 1:00 p.m. unless otherwise specified.



Dec. 6- Racial Justice Journey with Student Minister Jan Taddeo and Rev. Gail – Come and share your stories of your encounters with, and work to alleviate racial injustice.

Dec. 13- Sunday Enrichment Discussion- Myra Symons-Kacanzi will be leading us in an experiential and informational look into Presence. Using resources from Eckhart Tolle, Buddhist Philosophy and Psychology Today, we will explore the neuro-psychology of mindfulness and presence and you won't have to sit still to do it.

Dec. 20 – A special showing of the provocative documentary “Rethinking Afghanistan” is sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and offered by UUCFL friend Bob Bender. Come and learn more about the key issues surrounding this controversial war.

Dec. 27- UUCFL Book Discussion- Discussion leader Melanie Taffel says “ December is also a busy month as we prepare for the end of year holidays. For this month, I thought it would be enjoyable to go back to childhood, or at least an earlier time, with Madeleine L'Engle's book A Wrinkle in Time.” All are welcome to attend whether you have read the book or not.

Please join us for any or all activities and really enrich your life.

Rev. Gail and all of the above.

Calendar Tune Up

Mark your calendars for January 10, 2010 when UUCFL leadership and interested members will meet for a calendar tune up at 1 pm. At our August 19 calendar session, attended by about 30 members of the congregation, we talked about our goals for the church year, scheduled major church events, and agreed to meet again on January 10. The purpose of this session is to update our calendar for the next 6-8 months, and identify priorities for the remainder of the church year.

Ken Beier



Prez Says

Each night a child is born is a holy night –
A time for singing,
A time for wondering,
A time for worshipping.

From *For So the Children Come* by Sophia Lyon Fahs
(Reading 616 in *Singing the Living Tradition*)



I love celebrating the transition to the new year as a UU because it supports a broader recognition of the cultural and historic roots of Christmas, Yule, Hanukkah, the New Year, and Epiphany.

Our holiday party, Christmas Eve service, and other holiday events serve as a great opportunity to recognize and question some of the fundamental notions of the Christmas story, indulge in some of our favorite holiday foods and festivities, and recognize the power of traditional religious stories. I think our broader perspective adds to the power and meaning of these stories for our own experience.

I look forward to seeing you at our UUCFL holiday festivities.

Ken Beier

Volunteers Extraordinaire

UUCFL runs on the inspiration and energy of our many volunteers. This month, I'd like to recognize two efforts, in particular:

Movement of Shahla Ranjbaran's household items



Under the direction of Maestro Judy King, Kelly, Mary, Mark, Jeff, Jose & his friends did an amazing job of moving Shahla's items from a storage space to UUCFL. This was also a great show of support for Sunny Goldenberg in her role in Shahla's estate.

Bingo Launch

Under the direction of Chief Caller Gary Ladka, our Bingo crew has launched our Wednesday night Bingo fundraisers. The support crew includes Steve Lange and Myra as assistant callers/working on the bingo floor etc. and Susan and Doug Friend and Mary Bardis in the kitchen. With support from our community, this can become a major source of financial support for UUCFL.

Ken Beier

Rev. Gail's Space

Maintaining Our Haven

As I write this column, I am just home from a delightful day at UUCFL. Our Association Sunday Thanksgiving Theology service was packed with members, friends and guests. Several members of our community had shared articulate and passionate reasons for their affection not only for our home church but for our larger movement. We sang wonderful hymns of thanks; the choir, Dot and Charlie gifted us with great music; Susan and I played Pilgrim Ravens in a Puppet show and we all ate ourselves into a stupor of great food prepared by volunteers of all ages. A group of us sat and listened together to an NPR Radio show on health care on CD. When I left I saw the tables set up for Bingo. On Tuesday we will have our last session of the Transformative Tuesday classes for the fall semester as it were.



I feel we have created a little piece of heaven here on earth or a least a safe haven where many of us can find intellectual, emotional, spiritual, and physical respite. We have so many great holiday events, educational experiences, and social events in the offering. The richness and abundance is almost overwhelming.

The only hitch in our maintaining and enhancing this safe haven for us all and extending it to so many more lost people out there who need it desperately is money. While our stewardship response was overall very encouraging and showed how important this community is to so many, we still stand to have a substantial shortfall for funding 2010 even with some rentals, fundraisers, interest on some investments and the possibility of new members and a generous plate over the year. This is not too different from other years but I know many of you are in more precarious personal situations than you may have been in past years. We have a substantial bequest coming at some point in the future for the church and we have another small bequest that has been held up in litigation for some time that could be resolved sometime this year but none of these are things we can count on as we budget.

As we move into having these challenging conversations during the next two months, I ask two things of all of you. One is that you respect opinions that are different from yours and the other is that you do not dismiss any well intentioned idea just because it is new or has been tried before and failed. We really are a family here and we must have these conversations with the good of the whole family in mind. I hope that we can continue to move forward in faith in ourselves and our future as we have so bravely for the last five years. Dire things and financial ruin have been predicted for this church and many small churches over the years, and yet somehow these small underfunded institutions miraculously keep trucking along year after year. We must be here. We are needed more than we realized, and we are noticed and appreciated more than we are aware. I have faith in all of you to figure out how to keep our safe haven afloat. I hope you will all maintain faith in yourselves and each other. It is important that all our decisions be made with the next five, ten and even 20 years in mind, and not just to make us feel safe for the next few months. Blessings on our ability to work out our future in the open and democratic fashion mandated by our congregational polity.

In faith,

Rev. Gail

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE) NEWS

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

The Jewish religious holiday Hanukkah comes early this year, starting at sundown on December 11. I hope it can serve as a model for all of us as we head into the "consumption" season. Hanukkah is about sticking to what you believe in. The Jewish people would have had a much easier time if they had just gone along with the religion of the Syrians, but the Macabees found it to be an "abomination". They were willing to fight, and fight hard to be able to worship as they chose to. The Jewish people suffered a lot of oppression, but they did not usually do what the Macabees did because most of the time they were left to worship as they wanted, even though they might be slaves. Taking away their freedom to believe, they went, well, to the mat. So, with the example of the Macabees, we should be able to 1) be willing to discuss our beliefs during the holidays. Sometimes it seems easier to just go along but we are dishonest with ourselves and others when we don't even try to explain. Besides, it is good practice in talking about what you believe in as a UU. 2) Don't indulge in the crazy gift giving and food and drink frenzy, if it is not right for you. Say "thank you" for the proffered gift, but don't feel obligated to run out to reciprocate. Say "no thank you" to food and drink that you don't really want. Be pleasant, courteous and kind, but don't give up on your belief in having a healthier holiday, both financially and physically. Finally, 3) be willing to accept in love and the spirit of the season other's beliefs and customs. You do not have to believe as they do, but just as it is important to tell others about how a UU celebrates the holidays, it is also important to be tolerant and accepting of others. If it is too much for you, remove yourself from the situation. The story of the candles which burned for eight nights and the tale of the baby in the manger are real for some, symbol for others, but can be a source of wonder and maybe even joy for many of us. Enjoy family, friends, nature, life, and keep it all in perspective.

Joy, peace, love. *Susan*



Children's RE Calendar for December



Sunday December 6, 11AM
Rehearsing for Holiday Service
Kids Start in Class

Friday December 11, 5-10PM
Holiday Gathering

Sunday December 13, 11AM
RE Holiday Service

Sunday December 20, 9:30AM
RE Committee Meeting
All are Welcome

Sunday December 20, 11AM
Regular RE
Kids Start in Class

Thursday December 24, 6PM
Christmas Eve Service
Children Will Attend Church

Sunday December 27, 11AM
New Year's Resolution Fun
Kids Start in Class



Living Our Faith

The next Cooperative Feeding work day is on December 5 from 8:45 until about 11:30. We meet at the church at 8AM to carpool or at the CFP at 8:45.

The need for volunteers now is critical, as every month more and more people are in need of food help. There are many hungry people in our community. Please come out and volunteer; we do good work, we have fun, and we enjoy UU fellowship.

There is a sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary, or you can call me or email me.



COOPERATIVE FEEDING PROGRAM

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Social Justice Outreach

Every now and then I feel a need to remind all of you that even though we have not had a formal Community Outreach or Social Justice Committee at UUCFL for a few years, it does not mean that our church is not actively engaged in a range of projects for the good of the larger community. Some of the projects that the Congregation and/or individual members are involved with are: The Cooperative Feeding Program, The Broward Coalition to End Homelessness, Wage Theft and Worker Justice Issues, the Sierra Club, The Repower America Climate Change Initiative, the Share food purchasing program and various Peace initiatives. We would like to move in the direction of having a Social Justice Council and a Brochure that describes the various projects that people are involved in and a contact person. If you are interested in participating in this activity, please contact me.



Rev. Gail

Taddeo Tidings



So far this fall I have been participating in worship on Sunday mornings a couple times a month, and in my "off" weeks I've been attending professional conferences as part of my education and development.

In September I attended a UUA Campus Ministry Conference in Madison, Wisconsin. This was an opportunity to explore ideas about how congregations and colleges can

work together to support students during young adulthood ... for many, one of the most challenging times in a person's life.

In October I traveled to Chicago for the Interfaith Youth Core Conference. Over 500 people from all over the world, 80% young adults and campus students, participated in learning together and engaging in service projects to build interfaith relationships while serving the common good. There were about 20 other Unitarian Universalists at the conference, and we shared ideas for engaging our young people in more interfaith action and dialogue.

As I write this I'm preparing for a trip to Ottawa for the UU Ministers Association Convocation. This gathering takes place about every seven years. I have signed up for the training to be part of the UUA Trauma Response Team, a group of ministers who are on call to respond when tragedy strikes in or near our congregations.

Throughout December I will be in town (phew!), and doing a lot of my seminary coursework through my work with you. I'll be observing religious education classes, piecing together the history of race relations at UUCFL and Oakland Park, and still participating in worship now and then. I have a wonderful Transition Support Committee that is working with me to reflect on all that I am doing and learning. Your feedback is encouraged and welcome. Talk with me in person, or speak with any of the folks on my committee: Evelyn Fecci, Savannah Friend, Vanessa Gilyard, Tom Karneth, Colette Saucier and Myra Symons-Kazanci.

I hope your holidays are filled with love and joy, and time for quiet reflection on all that is good in your life. Please join me on Saturday morning, December 6, for a session of "Heart to Heart" when we'll discuss sustainable living and the values that sustain us.

Blessings...

Jan Taddeo - Student Minister

Music Notes

The Jazz Concert on November 7 was a real treat as promised. We had a few empty seats. If you missed it, I'm sorry. The five musicians were very talented. The new drummer, Zack Mullings, played for the entire 2 1/2 hours, and he is only 17! Bob Vandivort and Ira Sullivan led the other musicians, Jamie Ousley on bass, and Brad Keller on piano. Brad really gave our piano a workout!



The concert was facilitated by many people, Douglas Paul for setup and take down, Mary Bardis who managed the refreshment table, Tripp Page who set up and handled sound so skillfully, and many others who helped in various capacities. We thank them all as well as those who came and supported this annual event.

Our festive Christmas season is now in preparation. Choir will be singing several special anthems accompanied by Dot and Charlie Prather. Organ is particularly fitting for this joyous time, and we look forward to all these musical offerings. Please support all of us by saying "thank you" when something especially pleases you and keeping very quiet otherwise! Let's all join in the spirit of the holidays.

We are delighted to see that David Fisher is well enough to join us for Sunday services often. We hope to see David Armstrong back in the fold soon.

P.S. The choir appreciates Susan Friend's dedication and help in rehearsals and in directing the choir. She is also working on a Tri-Choir or Bi-Choir presentation to come soon.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season,

Dot Muise, Director of Music

Music Committee Plans 2010

Please join the UUCFL Music Committee to plan our music offerings for 2010.

Date: 1/10/2010 (Sun)

Time: 9:30am

Place: Library

We will explore incorporating more variety in our music selections and review plans for special music events such as the fall jazz concert and the possibility of screening a silent movie with organ accompaniment in the spring.

Douglas Paul, UUCFL Music Committee





Special Holiday Packages from "Share Florida" Food Network

UUCFL is now part of the
"Share Florida Food Network".

This monthly nonprofit service allows you to order a variety of items through our participation as a "Host Site" for pick up of ordered items. Deadline for December Orders is the 2nd with pickup date on the 19th. Special Holiday Packages are available this month along with many other selections

No membership required and anyone can participate. Visit www.shareflorida.org to find out about monthly packages and specials.

Laura Lange and Susan Friend

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. 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 in the Sanctuary, or contact me at 954-650-3728 to find out more. Let's fill lots of little hearts with joy this holiday.

Gary Ladka - Santa's Helper

Create a Social Event Help Raise Money for the Church



Social Event Auction Needs Your Help- Offer to host a dinner or luncheon at your home or at the church to raise \$\$\$ for UUCFL.

Sign up to host the event or get planning assistance today by calling 954-360-9404 and speak

to us to pick a date and the number of guests you plan on serving. You can charge anywhere from \$5 to \$40 per person, depending upon the menu you plan to serve. Or you could have your friends join you in putting on a bake sale, a pasta & salad lunch, or a simple soup and salad lunch at the church after the Sunday service. Call the church office (954-484-6734) &/or Mary Bardis (954-922-7185) to get on the schedule.

Jack or Dorothy Bellick



Labyrinth Café Concert

**Saturday, December 12, 7:30 p.m.
Tracy Grammer**



Tracy Grammer rose to acclaim as half of the "postmodern, mythic American" duo, Dave Carter & Tracy Grammer. They released three internationally celebrated albums featuring Carter's award-winning Americana songcraft and toured with Joan Baez, both as featured artists and band members. Sadly, Carter died of a heart attack (at the age of 49) in 2002 while touring with Grammer. Determined to honor the journey the duo had begun, Grammer has kept to the road and continues to tour nationally, paying homage to Carter and other stellar writers while charting a brand new course for herself in the musical landscape. She says, "I'll keep on singing, and I'll keep on telling my story, however that evolves. Working with Dave Carter was the first step on what I hope is going to be a long and fruitful road for me: the endless quest for authenticity through music."

Reservations requested but not required:
Contact Myra at Myrafly@yahoo.com or Susan at OzWoman321@aol.com or 954-478-8637

\$15 at the door, plus non-perishable item for our local Cooperative Feeding Program (canned meats, beans, fruits, vegetables, peanut butter, dried milk, pasta, rice, cereal, baby food and baby formula); advance reservations: \$12, checks received in the UU church office no later than Wednesday before Saturday show.

We're once again offering a season pass which includes admission to all shows, as well as a Labyrinth Café T-shirt (designed and printed by Virginia and Erik, Labyrinth Café 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 for further details and the artists' websites, as well as www.myspace.com/labyrinthcafe for song samples!

Susan Moss - Labyrinth Café Concerts

CUUPS Update

The Witches Ball was a big success. We figure 250 people showed up. After we sort out expenses, there will be money for the Church.

This month we celebrate Yule on Saturday December 19 starting at 7:30pm. There will be ceremony and a pot luck dinner.

Come dressed colorfully with food to share.

7:30 PM Group goes on. We may not meet Christmas Eve, but New Year's Eve is a Full Moon.

Check MoonPathCUUPS.Org/coming.htm for all our local events.

Kip, Resident Pagan



Words from the Board

What's Your Board of Trustees up to?



Let the Games Begin! Two weeks of Bingo up and running and things are looking good! We had 19 people in attendance the first week and 17 the second. Payouts were \$150 and \$100 respectively. We need gamers and staff behind the scenes. Mark you calendar to be here every Wednesday at 7:00p.m. and see for yourself!! We need your participation!

At the November 9th meeting, we made the following committee appointments: Victor Garlock to Committee on Ministry and the following to Nominating Committee: Cam Enright, Victor Garlock and Bill Schoolman. Congratulations are in order!

How would you like to become more involved? Contact any Board member to find out how.

Judy Knopp, Your Secretary

Committee on Ministry Welcomes New Members

In recent months two new members have joined the Committee on Ministry. Vanessa Gilyard is a native Floridian working on her PhD in American history online at American Public University. She has an MS in Human Resource Management from Nova Southeastern U and over 15 years of administrative and customer service work experience. She brings a warm heart and sparkling energy to UUCFL.

Victor Garlock works as a psychotherapist in private practice in Wilton Manors and is an adjunct faculty member at Ft Lauderdale Art Institute teaching two psych classes this semester. He retired with 30+ years as a psychology professor at Cayuga Comm College, Auburn, NY - coincidentally where Kathleen's great niece, 9 and nephew, 7 live. His PhD is from Cornell University. Victor is calm and kind.

In short, the committee is comprised of people receptive to hear your concerns about what's going on in the congregation. We serve as a communication channel between the minister and the congregation with our main thrust being to strengthen relationships.

Thanks to out-going chair, Annette Vafa and member, Steve Lange.

Kathleen Rhoad, Chair, Committee on Ministry



Amy Carol Webb CD Release Concert Sunday December 6 -4:00 pm



Make reservations via e-mail at songweaver@amycarolwebb.com or 305-883-2190. The cover photo starts the story – Amy Carol Webb at age 11 with her first guitar on Christmas morning.

By nightfall that day she'd taught herself "Red River Valley" and was including music on this CD of songs that to her have been breathing new life into them. The album began on that first Christmas morning with Taylor, Seeger, Chapin, Young, Gram Parsons, and more in between – "A Woman of the World," alone with one voice, one guitar and the unadorned songs you know – or think you do. This album makes you feel you're hearing them all again -- for the very first time.

Sorry But This Event Has Been Cancelled

Winter is the Perfect Time to SWIM!!

SWIM(Unitarian Universalist Southeast Winter Institute in Miami) is an all-ages Unitarian Universalist camp held near Miami, Florida December 26, 2009 - January 1, 2010. Revitalize your spirit with Unitarian Universalists at Camp Owaisa Bauer for a week of fun, fellowship and worship. Enjoy a low-cost vacation with like-minded UUs and kindred spirits. Choose from a wide variety of workshops to relax, reflect and stimulate your mind. Outdoor adventures feature the unique beauty of the Florida Everglades and range from strenuous to relaxing. We provide special programs for children, teens and young adults. If you are a performer, show us your talent at the Coffeehouse. If you like dancing the night away, join us at Serendipity. Do you have something to buy or sell? Visit the SWIM Store. SWIM to the website at www.swimuu.org for more information and to register.





Drum Circle—The Beat Goes On

UUCFL Membership sponsored Last Quarter Drum Circle with fire in the backyard Sunday, Dec 6, 2009 from 7:30-9:30pm
Bring your own seating and snacks
Bring your own drum or any percussion/musical instrument (bucket, can, wooden spoons, whatever you have)
If it rains, drumming will be in the sanctuary and no fire.
All are invited to attend. No drumming experience required. Bring a hula hoop, dance or just listen. Bring your friends and family, kids too.

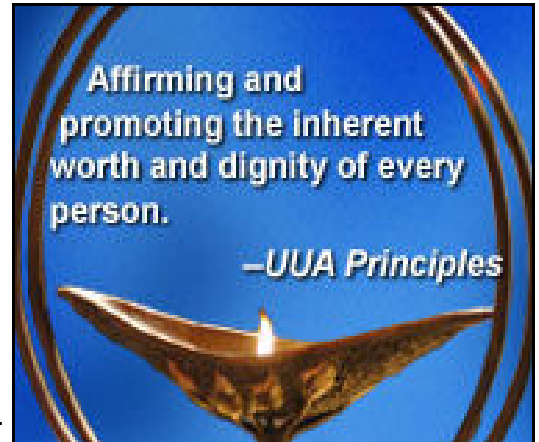
New Wednesday Yoga Classes with Valan Evers

Frazzled? Stressed out?

Yoga...

It may be just the thing to center you,
Calm you,
Help you deal with stress...

If nothing else: It makes you FEEL GOOD!!! This class is sometimes called "Yoga for Stiff Folks" and is designed with you in mind. Perfect for beginners – yet experienced yogis and yoginis will find asana variations to challenge.
Taught by long-time yogini and church member, Valan Evers. Some know her as Ash the Silent, a member of CUUPS, some by her Yogini name of Abhyasa.
She is a certified Yoga Instructor in classical Sri Naranda and Sivananda Hatha Yoga. She is also a registered member of the International Yoga Therapist Association. The class is every Wednesday at 6 PM in the Multi-purpose room. A donation of \$5 is suggested. Please wear loose clothes and bring a mat or towel. Come and Let Your Spirit FLY!!!



Taking Precautions



The H1N1 virus is being talked about a lot and it appears that quite a few people in high risks groups have already died as a result of this flu strain. The Unitarian Universalist Association and our District Executive Director Rev. Kenn Hurto have urged us to be vigilant about this health threat. We do not want to panic unduly but we have purchased large containers of sanitizer which will be strategically placed throughout the church and we urge you to wash your hands regularly and use sanitizer when at church especially before eating. We do not want to have to curtail our end of service handholding or our greeting each other so please take the proper precautions. We hope you will monitor your own health carefully, get medical help if needed and get the proper shots if you are in a risk group and believe in immunization. The fundamental thing is to be alert for the good of the whole community. If you are feeling particularly ill or feverish, you might want to think twice about going out in public. Please alert the minister or the office if you are diagnosed with H1N1. Let's keep each other healthy.

Rev. Gail

Office Notes December 2009

Good wishes to all from Sandy in our UUCFL Office. Happy Holidays.

Celebrate EVERYTHING this month.

I will do my best to forgive debts, perceived and actual. My garden has onions coming up.

Grown from seed, they are growing slowly. I will pick a few young ones by the end of the year.

To preserve good health and to prevent illness, the cleaning crew has used a non-aerosol disinfectant twice weekly on common surfaces at the Church, for the last two years. You may have noticed anti-bacterial soaps throughout the building since October. Rev Gail, at her November staff meeting, increased the scope and availability of these health maintenance measures in these last few weeks. Please continue to wash your hands often. Rest and stay home if you feel ill.and Gentlemen: Aim carefully and focus on the task at hand.

Our UUCFL community is fabulous! We have experienced Transformative Tuesdays, Adult RE and great RE programs for our youngest community members, Book Club, Yoga and Knitting classes, Bingo, Labyrinth Cafe, Membership Drumming, Discussion Group, Drum class, parties and Pumpkin Carving, and craft class activities like 'busy bead' making and more. November brought us together for a wonderful Fall Feast and an inclusive Thanksgiving.

All this and more with Fellowship and many helping hands, and unique individual contributions. Thank You All.

Just a reminder. Please keep your eyes open when you are at the Church. Please be sure doors close properly behind you, and that they are locked, when you are the last person to depart the building.

A very positive attitude is: Safety First.

Come by the office any time. Your thoughts and suggestions are welcome

Good wishes.

Sandy



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Keep it together
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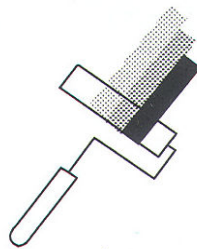
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Stephen Lange 12/16
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Jim Giblin 12/24
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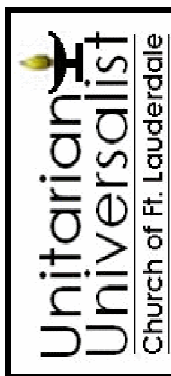
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December Calendar

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

Visit our on line calendar for late-breaking events www.uucfl.org and click "Coming Activities"	Religious Education Events See special calendar on the RE page 4	1	2	3	4	5
6 •9:30am-UU Sisterhood •12:45pm—Membership Committee •1:00pm—Sunday Enrichment Program (see page 2) • Cancelled —Amy Carol Webb CD Release Concert •7:30pm—Drum Circle	7 •7:30pm - Peaceful Meditation	8 •7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal	9 •6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7) •6:00pm — Yoga •7:00pm - Knitting Class with Melanie	10 7:30 pm CUUPS	11 Hanukkah Begins at sunset 5:00pm—All Church Holiday Gathering	12 •8:00am - Building & Grounds Workday •7:30pm Labyrinth Café (see page 6)
13 •Journey Submission Deadline •1:00pm—Sunday Enrichment Program (see page 2)	14 •7:00pm - Board Meeting	15 •7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal	16 •6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7) •6:00pm — Yoga •7:00pm - Knitting Class with Melanie	17 7:30 pm CUUPS	18	19 •9:30am—Share Florida Food Pickup •7:30pm - Yule Celebration (see page 6)
20 •9:30am-UU Sisterhood •9:30am—RE Committee •1:00pm—Sunday Enrichment Program (see page 2)	21 •7:30pm—Sunday Services Committee •7:30pm—Peaceful Meditation	22 •7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal	23 •6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7) •6:00pm — Yoga •7:00pm - Knitting Class with Melanie	24 6:00pm—Special Christmas Eve Service (see back cover)	25 Merry Christmas	26 Kwanzaa Begins SWIM Begins (Southeast Winter Institute in Miami) (until 1/1) (see page 7)
27 •1:00pm—Book Discussion (see page 2)	28	29 •7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal	30 •6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7) •6:00pm — Yoga •7:00pm - Knitting Class with Melanie	31 New Year's Eve		

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December 6- Waiting for the Kingdom- In this season of Advent in the Christian world, it is worthwhile to examine that almost every religious tradition is waiting for something- a Messiah, a Second Coming, the Shambala period, the end of Kali Yuga. What are Unitarian Universalist waiting for? Rev. Gail will offer some suggestions for answering this question.

December 13- Holiday Pageant- DRE Susan Friend and the wonderful young folks of UUCFL will give us treats galore including a special version of "The Gift of the Magi." Come and be young at heart again. Hanukkah candles will be lit.

December 20 – Making A Christmas Carol Personal – Rev. Gail will ask you to look at the holiday classic by Unitarian Charles Dickens in a new and very personal way by taking you on a journey with the ghosts and the characters.

December 24 (Thursday)- Christmas Eve Moravian Love Feast – Join us at 6:00 p.m. on this special evening for music, readings, candles and a homily by Rev. Gail on the many forms of love that can inform the Season.

December 27- Changing Habits- In preparing for 2010 we will look to some ancient spiritual sources and some modern psychological sources for tips on how to really make our lives change and expand and deepen. Rev. Gail will preach and a special ritual will be co-facilitated by Myra Symons Kacanzi.

January 3- How Accepting? How Supportive?- In this first service of the new year, Rev. Gail will examine some of the underpinnings of Unitarian Universalists' self understanding and ask how well we are really doing at living up to some of our most cherished ideals.

