

As a Congregation, we've come together, found our vision and identified our mission:



- ◆ **Vision** - An inclusive religious community; a beacon for reason, meaning and bold social action.
- ◆ **Mission** - To celebrate dignity and respect for all, nurture lifelong spiritual growth, act for justice and equality and serve the wider community.

Now it's time to create a plan for living that mission. The Strategic Planning Task Force is working on that, but we need your help. Please give us your best thoughts for what it would be like to be part of UUC five years from now. What would be happening here? What would it feel like? Let one of the members of the committee know how you feel, and get your ideas to us as soon as you can. You can reach us by clicking **here:** <http://uuclearwater.org/StrategicPlanningCommentSubmissionForm.php> or better yet **come to the Town Hall Meeting on November 13 from 12:30 to 1:30pm in the Octagon** for a presentation about the status of Strategic Planning at UUC and to share your own ideas.

Our next 3 sessions of New UU (an introduction to Unitarian Universalism) will begin on Thursday, Nov 3 and continue on Nov. 10 and Nov. 17.

The program addresses the needs of newcomers who want to know more about who we are and what we believe. It provides opportunities for UUC members to share with newcomers what it means to them to be a Unitarian Universalist. It gives newcomers a chance to examine their own personal stories in the light of our Unitarian Universalism tradition and heritage.

These three sessions will be held in the Patio Room from 7 pm until 9 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

This is free and open to all. If you would like to attend this informative and enlightening program, please RSVP in one of the following ways:

uuclearwater.org (click on "registration forms" on left)

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ROSES FOR THANKSGIVING

Let's help the RCS Food Bank this November. I will accept a \$10 or \$20 donation from anyone who would like to help. **All of the money will go directly to the Food Bank.**

For each contribution, **I will purchase one rose for our bouquet.** I will be

collecting in the Social Hall on November 6 and 13. You may give me cash, or a check made out to Religious Community Services.

Let's have a big bouquet for our Thanksgiving service on November 20. Each donor is welcome to take a rose after the service.

Flower Committee: Carol Heichel

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Unitarian Universalism is a covenantal religion, not a creedal one. It means that what connects us to one another in our congregations is not a set of beliefs, but rather a shared commitment to supporting one another in our spiritual journey and working together to heal a broken world. Our faith is built on relationships where we ask each other, "What are we willing to promise to one another and to the world? Together, what shall we do?" It is this promise we make and remake with each other that allows the institution to abide even as we, its supporters, search and grow and change. Our promise to each other, to our forebears, and to our children is to do together now what is ours to do.

A few years ago, Rev. Thom Belote, minister at the Shawnee Mission UU Church in Overland Park, Kansas, preached a series of sermons on covenant. In one of his sermons, he defines a covenant as "a set of enduring but evolving deeply held promises made between people." He says, "While the covenant is taken seriously, the promises are often so intense that it is impossible to always live up to them. We will never exactly live up to the covenants into which we enter. So, we will always admit a falling short – and respond by re-covenanting, recommitting to those promises." Or, in other words, a covenant is a promise that is made super-seriously and that proves difficult to keep.

A covenant is a simple yet powerful word.

COVENANT

It is brought into being by grace and sustained by practice.

When I meet with couples to provide premarital counseling, I tell them that marriage is a covenant, not a contract. A contract is an agreement between two parties whereas a covenant is an agreement between those parties and their highest values, principles, aspirations, or ideals.

Covenants crop up in other settings as well. Schools and classrooms have covenants that are taped up on walls. You know, "no shouting, no hitting, no spitting, no gum, etc." Families have covenants or ground rules for how people will treat each other. Ministers have covenants with their congregations and their boards. At UUC, we have covenant groups which are small groups of 7-10 people that covenant to meet on a monthly basis to develop strong personal relationships, to gain a deeper understanding of Unitarian Universalism, and to engage in service together.

And congregations have covenants of right relationships between members. When developing a covenant, members ask each other, "What promises must we make to one another in order to have a relationship of love and integrity? What commitments should we make now, so that our relationship will survive the tough times down the road?" People put their covenant into practice by how they relate to one another and thus, bring community into being.

But a covenant is not just about being well-behaved. That's the least of it. Ideally, when the covenant is done, it will represent our vision of how human beings in right relationship are to be with one another. It will represent our best collective answer to this tragic dilemma that we face: Of how we can be together when it's so darn hard!

Covenanting is our quintessential process of creating and nurturing right relationship in community. When we covenant, we recall our past and envision the future so that we can redeem the present.

May a thousand covenants bloom!

In faith and service, Abhi



I am very much enjoying the opportunity to serve as your president. I am very grateful for all the work many of you are doing to keep UUC running and to make it an even better place for the future. In this article, I want to tell you some of what we have been working on recently, and mention some opportunities to get involved.

Denise Seeber, your president-elect, is working with the board and various committees to help us have policies and procedures that will make our operations more efficient, and set the stage for us to operate properly as we go.

Peter Goldhammer and the other members of the Long Term Planning Task Force are working hard at helping us to address financial and infrastructure issues for the future. All these projects will have a huge impact on the way UUC will function in the future. I am grateful for all their work and that of the many committees and other volunteers too numerous to name in this article, who make UUC what it is and who will greatly affect its future. At this time, I am asking for more volunteers to take over some critical positions.

It has been a real lesson for me to experience the amount of work required to keep UUC running today and preparing for its future. When we were smaller and just getting started, the minister made many critical decisions and did a lot of the organizational work. We are now shifting to a UUC where the Congregation takes much more responsibility for the operations and planning, as is essential for a Congregation of our size and number of activities. It is important that our minister's time be available to do things that are a high priority for the minister to handle, and to make this happen it is essential that we all take responsibility for the general operations and many of the activities at UUC. We have advanced far in becoming a Congregation that takes on these responsibilities, and the resulting volume of exciting programs, activities and projects is testimony to how well we are doing.

The difficult side of this transition is that the key tasks of running UUC are very time consuming. Several of our most active volunteers have had to step down from critical positions. It is important for all of us to participate in UUC activities, so that as they step down there will be others ready to take on those responsibilities. We all must be looking for opportunities to participate in and contribute to UUC, not only with our money but with our time and our skills. Only if we all are contributing in the ways that we can (including ways that may require us to stretch and challenge our skills) will UUC be able to function smoothly.

Fortunately, we have found volunteers to take on most of the responsibilities, but there are still important positions to fill. I urge you to give thought to the areas where you can contribute your time and your skills, and help us fill the remaining positions. I am finding it rewarding to help make UUC be the next best version of the best that it can be (to use an expression of the author Neale Donald Walsch), and I hope you will all work with us in that endeavor.

The Wrong Stuff - Plutonium in Florida's Skies

Sunday, Nov. 6, 2 pm at UUC, Free and Open to the Public



Join award-winning investigative reporter Karl Grossman, author of "The Wrong Stuff: The Space Program's Nuclear Threat to Our Planet," for an expose of NASA's plutonium-fueled rover and what you can do to stop this dangerous launch. Grossman is a full professor of journalism at the State University of New York College at Old Westbury. For more than 45 years he has pioneered the combination of investigative reporting and environmental journalism in a variety of media. He is the host of the nationally aired television program "Enviro Close-Up," the narrator and host of award-winning TV documentaries on environmental and energy issues, the author of six books and writer of numerous magazine, newspaper and Internet articles. Sponsored by the UUC Social Justice Council, WMNF 88.5 Community Radio and Pax Christi Tampa Bay. Contact: Bill Dishongh, 727-415-7676 or bdishongh@tampabay.rr.com



Does the month of November bring thoughts of gratitude and Thanksgiving to you and your family? Or does it conjure thoughts of the day after Thanksgiving Day shopping trips and credit card bills? Perhaps it's a little of both.

To help you and your children manage the stress often associated with the holiday season, please join us on Sunday November 20th at 1pm for a discussion based on the book “Unplug the Christmas Machine.” This book focuses on how to bring the simple joys back into the holiday season while resisting commercialization. Childcare will be provided so that parents may attend the discussion, however children and youth are encourage to participate as well. Pizza will be ordered for lunch. Please register online

at uuclearwater.org.

Our Social Justice Sundays serve as another outlet that give our children and youth the opportunity to help those in need and reassess their own needs as well. This month we are concluding our involvement with the mitten tree and moving on to supporting the “Guest at Your Table Campaign” as well as the Hispanic outreach program to collect gently used items for a local Hispanic pre-school center.

Some important reminders to help our Religious Education Program run smoothly:

- ◆ All children must be signed in by a parent/guardian. The sign-in sheets are located in the Children's Library.
- ◆ Supervised childcare ends at 12:30pm. All children must be signed out and be supervised by a parent by 12:30pm.
- ◆ To ensure everyone's safety, unsupervised play (including on the playground) is not permitted.
- ◆ Out of respect for the occupants of the Zen Center, please do not enter the playground through the gate closest to the Zen Center. The gate should be reserved for emergencies only.
- ◆ All children must be registered for the Religious Education Program. After 3 visitations, please complete a registration form. They are available online or in the Children's Library.

The Religious Education Committee meets the first Thursday of the month in the Children’s Library from 7 pm until 9 pm. Our meetings are open to the congregation and we encourage people to attend.

If you would like to know more about the religious education program of UUC, join our UUCRE Yahoo group.

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Volunteers are always welcomed and encouraged!

We can't wait for Sunday!

**Christine Pensa
Religious Education Coordinator**



A South Indian classical music/vocal concert featuring Ms. Nirmala Rajasekar on the veena and Mr. Thanjavur Muruga Boopathy on the mridangam will held at UUC on Saturday, Nov. 19. A love offering of \$10 is requested.



Nirmala Rajasekar is a world renowned Carnatic veena virtuoso, vocalist, and educator of South Indian music. She has given performances all over the world and is a recipient of many awards and honors including a McKnight fellowship, a Bush artistic fellowship, and Rotary Vocational Excellence award. Nirmala has created collaborative projects with other musical traditions including western classical and jazz. She resides in Minneapolis, MN. The Veena is a plucked stringed instrument used in Carnatic music. There are several variations of the veena, which in its South Indian form is a member of the lute family.

Check out Nirmala playing veena on MN Public Radio -
<https://sites.google.com/site/nirmalarajasekar01/gallery>



Muruga Boopathy is a well-known mridangam player from India who has accompanied many famous Indian vocalists and musicians.

Boopathy, a renowned Mridangam player, hails from a family of musicians and artists. He was awarded Vadhya Visharada with distinction in Music college. He has accompanied many leading Indian artists and has performed with Mandolin Shrinivas Music ensemble since 1992. He is currently on a tour of the United States. A mridangam is a horizontal drum used to accompany South Indian classical music.

Turn The Page Book Sale (Dec. 2)

I will mourn the passage of a beloved UUC ritual, the annual book sale, as much as any bibliophile. It pains me to be the one to preside over this change. To those who are even more passionate than I am, I respectfully offer these wise words of condolence:

“There’s a trick to the 'graceful exit.' It begins with the vision to recognize when a job, a life stage, or a relationship [or a book sale] is over — and let it go. It means leaving what’s over without denying its validity or its past importance to our lives. It involves a sense of future, a belief that every exit line is an entry, that we are moving up, rather than out.”

— Ellen Goodman

So, in the spirit of moving on, this year’s book sale on Dec 2 will be different, shorter and more environmentally friendly. We are calling it the “TURN THE PAGE” book and rummage sale.

Announcing the future: the Kindle Fire Raffle! (\$199.00 value) event and FREE wine and cheese party! In addition, we’ll have a door prize; a basket of our best books!

We are no longer accepting book donations

On Dec. 2, the book committee is selling our “remainders” at the wine and cheese reception. Come, have a glass of wine, **look through flats of books** and buy what you want for the low, low price of \$1.00 for (most) books! Stay and see who won a brand new Kindle Fire tablet. (You may be the lucky one to have one this Christmas – The Fire is not available in stores until Nov. 29.). This is a UUC members and friends only event. Mark your calendars!



Raffle tickets will go on sale Sunday, October 23, 2011.

Raffle drawing and wine and cheese reception, and door prize give away is Friday, December 2, 2011, 5 -7 p.m.

--Kyle Pierson, Book Sale Chairperson

GROWING IN SPIRIT – 2011-12

“Growing in Spirit” is our worship and learning program year focus for 2011-12. This year we will reflect, consider and act upon religious themes that connect us in community and help us live lives of joy, hope, and service. Each month a particular theme related to our overall focus guides us as we worship, learn and grow together as religious people.

The church’s offerings each month are by no means limited to the themes. However, these topics provide an axis around which many elements of congregational life gain more meaning and depth. They provide us with a set of common stories and ideas that become elements of an ongoing community conversation.

- ◆ SEPTEMBER: VISION
- ◆ OCTOBER: FORGIVENESS
- ◆ NOVEMBER: COVENANT
- ◆ DECEMBER: PEACE
- ◆ JANUARY: EVIL
- ◆ FEBRUARY: LOVE
- ◆ MARCH: JOY
- ◆ APRIL: GRACE
- ◆ MAY: VOCATION



NOVEMBER: Covenant

Covenant

Books:

George Kimmich Beach, editor, *The Essential James Luther Adams, selected essays*
A House for Hope, The Promise of Progressive Religion for the 21st Century,
John Buehrens and Rebecca Parker

Behavioral Covenants in Congregations, Gilbert R. Rendle

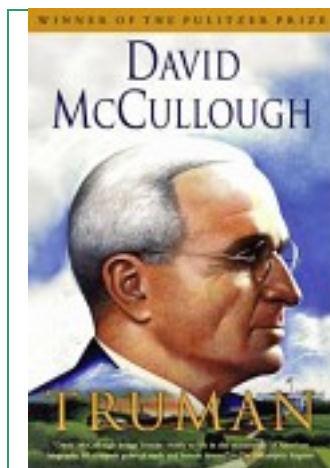
Practicing Right Relationship, Mary K. Sellon & Daniel P. Smith

The Lay and Liberal Doctrine of the Church: The Spirit and the Promise of Our Covenant, Alice Blair Wesley

Movies:

Gladiator, starring Russell Crowe

The Hurricane, starring Denzel Washington



Readers Forum

The Readers Forum will meet every Friday at 10am, through December 16th in the Chorale Room, to discuss the biography, *Truman*, by distinguished historian and Pulitzer-Prize-winning author David McCullough.

Catherine & John Conover lead the Readers Forum that meets on Fridays 10:00-11:30 AM in the Chorale Room of the UUC Octagon. Join us for coffee and a lively book discussion. There is no fee. Donations are accepted for coffee. No registration is required. All are welcome. Learn more at uuclearwater.org (click on Coming Events.)

On Saturday November 5, Reverend Abhi Janamanchi will present a short seminar entitled "Articulating Your UU Faith." The course guides participants through a series of exercises that equip them to discover and articulate their beliefs, including personal reflection, role-play and discussion. The seminar is a wonderful next step for UUC members. It will run from 9 am to 1 pm in the Patio Room. The suggestion donation of \$15 will cover copying costs and lunch. Register at UUClearwater.org or call 727-531-7704.

Nov. 6, 2011

A Covenantal Community

Rev. Abhi Janamanchi

Unitarian Universalism is a covenantal religion, not a creedal one. A covenant is an agreement based on mutual commitments. What are the mutual commitments, implicit and explicit, that hold us together, even as we are going through many changes? The service will investigate.



Nov. 13, 2011

Nurture Your Spirit, Help Heal Our World? For Real?

Rev. Meredith Garmon

The rap on UUs is that we are a denomination of dabblers and dilettantes. Our interests and knowledge are broad, but we think we understand the taste of the food just from reading the cookbook, or that we gain strong muscles just by hearing a lecture on weightlifting. How do we actually "taste" for ourselves our own true nature? What exercises will develop the muscles for nurturing our spirits, healing ourselves, and healing our world? Are we ready to get serious, get to work and stick to it?

**Tue., Nov. 15, 7 PM Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
Tampa Bay Religious Leaders UUC Chorale, Unity Choir, & Others**

Please join area congregations (UU, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Unity) to celebrate and give thanks. This year's theme is "Forgiveness and Peace -- moving us to Gratitude." The service will be hosted by St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church (1955 Belcher Road, Clearwater). Please bring a can of food to donate to the Religious Community Services' Food Pantry.

Nov. 20, 2011

A Thanksgiving Covenant

Rev. Abhi Janamanchi

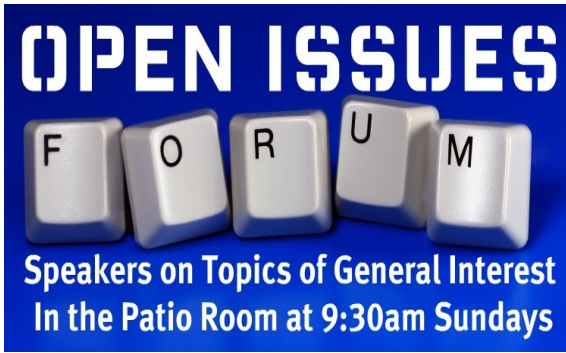
The Mayflower Compact was written by English colonists, later known in history as the Pilgrims, who were fleeing religious persecution in England. A direct line can be drawn from the Mayflower and the Puritans to the congregational church and thence, to Unitarians. The service will explore this connection and how the Compact continues to impact our religious living.

Nov. 27, 2011

"A Covenant of Right Relationships through Non-Violent Communication"

Ray Williamson

We UU's share and commit ourselves to seven Principles, and each one is in some sense about right relationships. Relationships require effective communication. Non-Violent Communication promotes interactions that are respectful, clear, meaningful, conscientious, compassionate, truthful, interdependent, peaceful, and non-coercive - fulfilling all the intentions of our Principles.



Nov 6th. Theodore McLane
"Little known facts of Florida's history" and other arcana.

Ted McLane of McLane, McLane & McLane, speaks often at local churches and civic clubs on a wide variety of entertaining topics. He is also prepared to speak on legal topics of interest to Floridians. His stated goal is to keep the name McLane, McLane & McLane before the public to be of service, if asked.

Nov 13th. Special DVD on how Ken Burns and Lynne Novick made their PBS documentary "Prohibition"

This 34 minute DVD has out-takes and personal stories from the distant past. Also the silent film version of the famous 1850s short story, "Ten Nights in a Bar Room," none of which were included in the PBS broadcast version of "Prohibition."

Nov 20th Victoria Pyle. "Goodwill Program for Nonviolent Offenders"

Victoria is a caseworker at the Largo Residential Reentry Center (SunCoast Goodwill) in a little-known program to work with Florida's Department of Corrections help ex-offenders reenter society. Suncoast Goodwill is one of several in Florida involved with Florida's Department of Corrections in reentry programs.

Nov 27th DVD. "Before the Killing Begins: The Politics of Mass Violence"

A Stanley Foundation segment on the use of diplomatic pressure to prevent wholesale killing of one demographic by another. These killings often occur slowly and deliberately, rarely spontaneously. Instead they are rigged by the powerful for political advantage. That means they can be prevented, provided diplomatic mechanisms are in place to do that.

We are four months into our Fiscal Year

Total Year Pledges	2011/2012	\$298,000
Pledges Received To Date		\$94,703
Pledges Due UUC	2011/2012	\$203,297



Thank you for your excellent stewardship of UUC
Please contact me at sheilaknaust@snet.net if you have any questions regarding pledges.



The art exhibit are paintings and ceramics of artists of Harborside Studios, Safety Harbor, a part of UPARC. The artists are mentally handicapped and have colorful and beautiful art. The exhibit began October 20. The last day of the show is November 30.

ECONOMIC JUSTICE Team – Linda Stoller

Annual Soup Supper



Once again the Pinellas Support Committee of the National Farm Worker Ministry will be holding their annual Soup Supper to support the farm workers. **The supper of soup and bread will be on November 12th at 6pm at the Holy Trinity Church at 3200 N. McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater.**

Nano Riley the author of the book, “Florida’s Farm Workers in the Twenty-First Century” will be the guest speaker. The dinner is free, however a love donation will be collected. If you are interested in going, sign up at the Social Justice Table.

Let the Blanket Collection Continue

The annual blanket collection for the migrant farm workers in Hillsborough County will continue through the month of November. Each year we collect new and lightly used blankets which are distributed in Plant City at the annual farm worker toy distribution. Although it is hard to remember the cold weather last winter this time of year, I know the families living in drafty trailers in the farm workers camps really appreciated the blankets. Hundreds of families come to this events so we have lots of blankets to collect. Please support this very worthy project by bringing blankets to the UUC. We also will need volunteers to bring the blankets to the event and hand out the blankets to the migrant workers on December 17th. Please sign up at the Social Justice Table, or contact Linda Stoller at 727-442-3551.



Blanket Collection for Farm Workers

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE (Green Team) – Dotti (GreenJeans) Doyle



In November, the Green Team will introduce a new way for members to view environmental films.

We are inaugurating a Green Film Lending Library and are canceling the monthly Earth Cinema Circle.

We will have a number of films available for loan at the Social Justice Table, beginning November 5th. To borrow a film you must sign for it, agree to view it at your home, and invite a few friends in to see it with you. You may keep a film for a month, and even pass it on to others, as long as you maintain responsibility for it. Please keep track of the number of people viewing the film, and ask for a token “love offering.” We hope we may reach greater numbers of viewers this way.

Another project we hope to launch in November is that of partnering with TerraCycle, a company that accepts many items that most recycling programs do not. Some products that they recycle include: juice boxes, candy bags, yogurt cups, writing implements, and potato-chip bags.

TerraCycle remanufactures these items, sells them, and sends a portion of the income from them to a charity of the donor’s choice. We collect the items, send them (postage paid) to TerraCycle. In turn, they will pay a charity we designate. We are exploring whether UUC can be the collector and designate a UUC program as a recipient. As more information is obtained, we shall keep the congregation informed through the weekly newsletter, the website, emails and in person.



The garden is growing, despite Jay Hardman’s temporary disability. **Many thanks to those who stop by to water, weed and keep an eye on that project.** There may be lettuce and other veggies ready to pick by the time you read this.

We are also planning an Eco-Fest in the spring, probably in April, near Earth Day. If you have any ideas or suggestions about vendors, activities, or a good date for this, please let us know.

The next Green Team meeting will be Saturday, November 19, 2011 from 9:30—11:30 am in the Chorale Room. Anyone with an interest in saving the planet is invited to attend. We always welcome new ideas about keeping it green.

FESTIVAL RUAH: A SPIRIT EXPERIENCE begins Friday, November 18, 7 pm

An exciting new program is beginning at UUC! Beginning in November, UUC will host Festival Ruah: A Spirit Experience, a series of monthly gatherings that help us live out our mission and vision to be a multicultural religious community.

Ruah means "breath" in Hebrew. This is a gathering to celebrate and share the collective brea(d)th of life, love, faith, and diversity. In our world we have come to a place where many of us echo a desire to know and feel more deeply a presence of spirituality in our lives. And so, we come together to create a spiritual/breath experience of community that quickens our hearts and strengthens our bond with each other across culture, faith, tradition, and with all of Creation.

The first Festival Ruah will be held on Friday, Nov. 18 at 7 pm in the sanctuary. The theme is "A Multicultural Thanksgiving" and will feature poetry, music, stories, and dance from African, Indian, Native American, and other traditions. The service will blend together a faith and cultural tapestry which celebrates the beauty and oneness of the human journey. The evening will conclude with a communal meal.

The inception and foundation of this project began two years ago when we organized a commemorative multicultural, multifaith worship service honoring the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The service featured music from various world religions, traditions and cultures. The success of this program inspired us to envision a monthly multifaith, multicultural, music-centered spirit experience at UUC that could serve as a catalyst for enriching the UU family experience and thereby support the church's efforts to be a more multicultural, pluralistic religious community committed to anti-racism and anti-oppression.



The goals of Festival Ruah are:

- ◆ **To be a point of destination for spiritual enrichment, as a place where all families feel a sense of belonging, where hearts are enlivened and spirits moved to manifest the Unitarian Universalist vision of "world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all."**
- ◆ **To provide a spiritual and social entrée of multicultural welcome, inclusion, and affirmation in all facets of congregational life;**
- ◆ **To complement and enhance the fervor and spirit of current church programs;**
- ◆ **To cultivate participants' knowledge and skills in addressing issues related to race, ethnicity, and cultural identity both individually and institutionally;**

Monthly themes for these services will include festivals and observances from around the world that fall in those months, birth anniversaries of world leaders and prophets, and other special occasions. Our hope is that Festival Ruah will help us create and sustain a more diverse and multicultural Unitarian Universalist community at UUC.

Hope to see you there!

In faith,

Abhi Janamanchi & Fred Johnson



Now you can SEE SUUSI. *It's just like being there!*

Click Part 1 link: <http://bit.ly/uuc-suusi>

For more info: www.suusi.org

SUUSI begins: July 15th 2012

Workshop proposal Deadline: Nov 1 (There's some leeway.)



Adult Programs

This season's offerings in the Adult Enrichment program are several and varied, with opportunities for spiritual growth, as well as community-building and fun. **Abhi will lead a four-hour course on "Articulating your UU Faith" on Saturday, November 5, from 9am to 1pm (including lunch) in the Patio Room.**

This course guides participants through a series of exercises that equip them to discover and articulate their beliefs, including personal reflection, role-playing and discussion. For newcomers and a wonderful next step for long-time Unitarian Universalists.

Other offerings this year and next will include a study of comparative religions, the animal liberation movement, couples' issues, rose culture in Florida, and social networking on the internet.

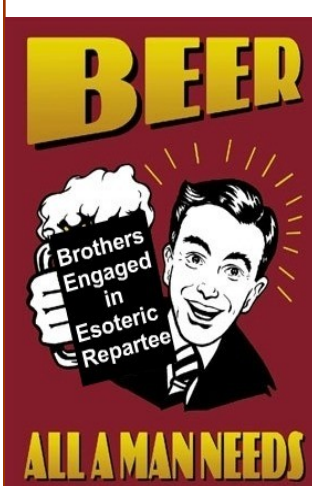
Contact Sharon LaPlume dandyduk@gmail.com with any comments and suggestions, particularly if you're interested in joining the team.

SWIM (Southeast Winter Institute in Miami) is an intergenerational gathering that takes place from December 26th through January 1st each year at Camp Owiassa Bauer, a Nature park in Homestead FL.

125 to 250 UUs from around the USA and Canada gather for workshops, worship, campfires, and Everglades adventures for all ages.

You may download a full brochure and decide on your program choices and later when registration opens, register at <http://www.swimuu.org>

Look for the full 24 page Brochure in the mail soon.
Jonathan Watterson, Board member
Southeastern UU Winter Institute in Miami



"BEER" is an acronym for Brothers Engaged in Esoteric Repartee, the informal men's discussion group of the UUC. And, no, you do not have to drink beer or wine or strong spirits to join us. BEER will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursdays, always, at two different locations. The first meeting of the month will be at The Whistle Stop Bar and Grill on Main Street in Safety Harbor; the second meeting will be at O'Keefe's Restaurant on Ft. Harrison Road in Clearwater.

Nov 3 Whistle Stop Nov 17 O'Keefe's
Dec 1 Whistle Stop Dec 15 O'Keefe's

If you have any questions, want additional information or simple reassurance, contact **Craig Alldredge** at **742-0263**, or at scaldredge@aol.com.



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