

Reflections

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE RIVER OF GRASS UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION
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RIVER OF GRASS: IT'S OURS TO CREATE

By Marjorie Loring, Board President



Create: v. 1. bring something into existence, 2. cause to happen.

As many of you know, I recently moved into a new position within my organization. To congratulate me, Esther bought me a very special gift - a coffee mug that says, "Life isn't about finding yourself—it's about creating yourself."

I am amazed at how applicable this saying is, not only in my personal and professional life, but also in my spiritual life as a Unitarian Universalist. The UU faith we live every day is an ongoing process – created and re-created with each new insight, discovery, and experience. Nothing is chiseled in stone. Our future is not waiting to be found. It's all about creating it, and yes, it is in our hands.

I feel a deep sense of accomplishment for River of Grass this month after a successful Board Retreat and a Congregational Envisioning Day. Earlier in the month, the board spent a day together learning about how the term "why?" can clarify



Rev. Ken Beldon, River of Grass's first minister, is seen here with Board Vice President Ken Bresnahan and Membership Chair Leana Bresnahan. Rev. Ken returned to the pulpit Oct. 23rd as a guest speaker, delivering a fascinating sermon entitled "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part II: Integrate and Move Forward." His message taught us the value and importance of letting go and having our hands free and open to the future and to change. We are grateful that he was able to share a Sunday with us!

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the purpose of our service to the congregation and to the community at large. *Why* do we come together? *Why* do we identify as Unitarian Universalists? *Why* does it matter? *Why* would anyone care? We learned that the answers to these "Why?" questions were much more powerful when they connected directly to our purpose, principles, and values. The "Why?" question was answered by how we felt and what we believed – not by how we thought and rationalized. These were answers from the heart – a spiritual place indeed.

What came of this Board retreat were amazing insights that led us, together, to a statement of purpose that goes like this:

As your Board of Trustees:

- ◆ We believe that our worship services should inspire, challenge, and center us as individuals.
- ◆ We believe that our programs should foster connection and involvement by members and guests of all ages, in ways that give voice to our vision of being a welcoming, loving, and active liberal religious community.
- ◆ We believe that our committees should provide our members with opportunities to learn, grow, collaborate, and succeed, and that our outreach projects should show the world what we value and how we serve the community.

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JOIN THE UUA COMMON READ

By Diane Diaz, bUUKies Facilitator

Want to join thousands of Unitarian Universalists in a denomination wide event? All you need to do is borrow, download or purchase the 2011-12 Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) Common Read selection:



Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation by Eboo Patel.

The author is founder of the Interfaith Youth Core, a Rhodes Scholar and appointee to the Obama Advisory Council of the White House Office of Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, and was a speaker at the 2008 UUA General Assembly in Fort Lauderdale

Next, read the book and join the bUUKies and other members on Sunday, November 20th at noon for a discussion on interfaith pluralism, understanding and social justice. This is a message for all generations.

The discussion guide will provide a framework to discuss his story, our own religious and interfaith journeys and how to deepen our own Unitarian Universalist values



"A beautifully written story of discovery and hope."
—President Bill Clinton

while practicing a humility enabling us to work authentically with others whose faith and commitments differ from our own.

For more information, including the discussion guide and ordering from the UUA bookstore, go to www.uua.org/commonread. There are also multiple copies at the public library and a Kindle version to download.



SERVICES

- Nov. 6** Remembrance Sunday, led by Rev. Amy Carol Webb and Maddi Gutfreind
- Nov. 13** Guest at Your Table, led by the Service and Social Justice Committee
- Nov. 20** "One Wild & Precious Life" Intergenerational Service, led by Diane Lade
- Nov. 27** Guest Performers, Emma's Revolution

OUR PRINCIPLES

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

The inherent worth and dignity of every person;

Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;

Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;

The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;

The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;

Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

OUR SUNDAY LOCATION

11850 W. State Road 84, Suite 1, Davie, FL 33325

EVERY SUNDAY

Worship Service: 10:30 to 11:30am. **Hospitality Hour:** 11:30am to 12:30pm.

Faith Development Classes: 10:45 to 11:45am

FRIENDLY REMINDERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

There is plenty of parking outside the sanctuary, but please leave the closer parking spaces for our guests and physically challenged worshippers.

All meetings are held at 11850 W State Road 84, Suite 1 in Davie unless otherwise noted.

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Scenes from Envisioning Day

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- ◆ We believe in a future that is built on the shared vision of our members, and that our leadership is committed to both leading and serving our members, while inspiring them to give witness to our Unitarian Universalist principles in their everyday lives.

This energy carried us into the Congregational Envisioning Day later in the month, where 30 members moved through a series of group exercises (developed by our own Johnnie Peck) that brought into focus what our priorities are, what we want to look like five years from now, and what it will take to get there. The day was about shared dreams coming together into a vision for all to embrace and for which to strive. Heartfelt thanks go out to all who planned and participated in Envisioning Day. Your commitment to this community continues to amaze and energize me.

The next steps will be for the Board to look at the Envisioning Day feedback and begin the process of setting goals that will start us down the path toward our new vision. For those who were not able to attend Envisioning Day, stay tuned. We will be hosting a follow-up Envisioning Day Recap in the near future.

I look forward with renewed enthusiasm to our unfolding future, creating together who we want to be in every today along the way.

And as we build our future together, I want to encourage you to participate in our Annual Auction event on Saturday, December 3rd, in our new home. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and the Auction team needs your commitment for it to be a success. Donate or volunteer – or better yet – donate *AND* volunteer. (Oh, and don't forget to wear your dancing shoes! That night is all about having fun and enjoying each other's company.)



NEW CHILDCARE PROVIDER JOINS RIVER OF GRASS STAFF

By Diane Lade and Karen Gonzalez, Faith Development Co-Chairs

Faith Development's search for a new childcare provider took a few months, but the wait has proved worth it. Please welcome **Yolanda Algarin**. You will recognize her by her warm smile when you see her in our nursery, caring for our littlest ones, or in the kitchen helping with hospitality hour.

Yolanda, a native of Columbia, lives in Margate with her 19-year-old son, Julian. She has her own business cleaning homes and babysitting. She likes children (of course) and dogs, although she has neither at home right now. The kids already adore her; she is teaching them the Spanish words for their crayons' colors.

Besides doing childcare on Sunday mornings, Yolanda will also be providing this service at some congregational events, such as the membership luncheons, as time allows. **Karen Gonzalez** will be coordinating her schedule and can assist committee members with any questions.

Our best wishes go with **Mary Basham**, our former childcare provider, who grew up with Unitarian Universalism and River of Grass. Mary graduated from the University of Miami and, in August, took a job teaching kindergarten at a charter school in Lee County. We miss her for so many reasons, one being the awesome job she did with our children.



*New childcare provider
Yolanda Algarin*

Over the next two months, we will bring you reports from the "front lines" – in short, written by our teachers – about what our Faith Development classes have been up to this year. First, here is an update from **Maddi Gutfreind, Hal Hamblen** and **Michael Richardson**, all first-time teachers who are doing a great job with their second through fifth-grade elementary school students:

During the fall season, Michael, Maddi and Hal are learning about our UU Principles while spending time with our awesome children. Come visit our multi-purpose classroom where you will see the footprints of our journey together.

We are using the Faithful Journeys curriculum from the UUA's Tapestry of Faith Program. Some of the sign posts on our journey are "finding balance," "being fair," "including everyone," and "welcoming superman."

Ask any of our second through fifth graders what they learned or what activity they did. You'll be sure to hear an enthusiastic response just as their parents do each week.

If you care to know more about being a Unitarian Universalist, just sign up to teach as it will be an experience unlike any before. One of the most rewarding things about teaching has been hearing that the parents brought the children and now the children are making their parents come to service so they can attend their religious education class.

The next update comes from the team involved with our high school students: **Lou DeSantis, Karen Gonzalez** and **Carolyn Sant Angelo**.

Do you know where your stuff comes from? Do you know what happens to it, once you purchase the newer version of your stuff and you throw the old version into the recycling dumpster? And do you know what happens to the folks responsible for the making or "unmaking" of your stuff?

This is what our teens have been focusing on in their Sunday school classes, using the Green Faith curriculum, "Let There Be...Stuff?" We've focused on being responsible and wise consumers, and keeping the planet and its inhabitants in mind as we are faced with consumer choices. The popular You Tube video, "[The Story of Stuff](#)" has been our inspiration. Feel free to get inspired with them!

We will tell you about our middle and pre-school classes next month. We encourage everyone in the congregation to ask our students what they are learning. They have a lot to share.

If you have any questions, or would like to join our energized team of teachers, please contact us at FaithDevelopment@riverofgrass.org.

WOMEN'S GROUP HOLIDAY NIGHT OUT WITH THE "BEATLES"

By Kathy Jens-Rochow, Women's Group Facilitator

Come celebrate the holidays with the Women's Group. Our annual Holiday Girls' Night Out will be on December 6th at The Field in Hollywood. Tuesday nights at The Field feature a Lennon/McCarthy tribute by '2ofUs.' Similar to our own musicians' Beatles blast, 2ofUs are so fab. We'll be singing and dancing along to our old Beatles favorites.

We will have dinner starting at 6:30pm, and will then enjoy the show.

We will not have our regular meetings in either November or December, but will meet again in January after the holidays. The River of Grass Women's Group is open to all women of River of Grass and their women friends. We generally meet the fourth Monday of the month to discuss issues important to women.

For more information and to RSVP, contact **Kathy Jens-Rochow** at WomensGroup@riverofgrass.org.



What:

Our Annual Auction



When:

Saturday, December 3rd, 7:00 pm

Where:

River of Grass UU Congregation

**Our biggest fundraiser of the year
needs YOUR help to make it a success!**



What can you do? Here are a few ideas!

- Offer a member-sponsored theme party
- Get gift certificates from local businesses and restaurants
- Donate a basket or a service
- Buy your tickets early and invite family and friends



Auction 2011

Brought to you by the Auction Committee
(Esther Sampol and Audrey Stang, Co-Chairs)

To buy tickets, stop by the Auction display after service or to purchase them online, click [here](#).

Tickets are only \$45 for a gala evening of dining, dancing, and bidding!

Don't delay and miss out on the festivities.
Get your tickets now!



BOARD MATTERS

By Susan Juncosa, Board Secretary

The Board of Trustees met on October 13 and worked on Envisioning Day, reviewed Committee reports, assessed progress on several ongoing issues and then tackled a few new items. It was a very long meeting! The following is a brief summary for your reading pleasure – please talk to any of the Board members if you have questions.

Johnnie Peck presented the materials and format for the Envisioning Day on October 15, the Saturday after the Board meeting. It was soon apparent that Johnnie had done her usual thorough job and that left working out the logistics.

G.L. Franklin organized and coordinated the lunch and the donations of food and drink by Board members. [Note: the Envisioning Day went off without a hitch and some excellent work was accomplished. Thank you, Johnnie and G.L.]

The Board approved the revision of the faith development building safety policy. It's now final after being posted in e-mail and newsletter as well as being announced at Sunday service. Please thank the Policy team for some timely and necessary work.

The Service and Social Justice Committee asked for Board support to proceed with action on the (1) People's Rights resolution and (2) the New Sanctuary Movement, both items which were approved at the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) General Assembly this past summer. The Board voted to support SSJC's proposal to organize and educate the congregation about the People's Rights resolution, with the goal of obtaining a vote of congregational support for it. As for the New Sanctuary Movement, the Committee is waiting on some items of information and the Board asked them to come back with a proposal.

Childcare was discussed for quite a while as the Faith Development Committee has hired a nursery attendant (**Yolanda Algarin**, see story on page 4) for our littlest UU's and the whole process brought up some questions for the Board. It was confirmed that free childcare will be offered for congregation-wide and Board-sponsored events (such as the Annual Meeting). Yolanda will be asked first about her availability for the event, and a fallback list of volunteers will be developed to serve if she is not available.

Many members have been asking about the possibility of having the services of a professional minister. The Board has been researching this issue and to no one's surprise, it turns out that the UUA has a fair amount of information available on the different roles and levels of ministerial leadership. The information will be digested and discussions continued. Comments and questions at this time should be addressed to **Marjie Loring**.

The Board has selected its three nominees to the Nominating Committee. **Patty Miller, Linda Meerow** and **John Perez** will join **Riley Cothran, Gayle Giese** and **Audrey Stang**, who were elected at the Annual Meeting earlier this year. Thanks to all!

New items included discussion of the upcoming Auction and storage space needs, how and where promotional materials for outside groups can be displayed, and the possibility of revising the cover of the Order of Service.

Please talk to Board members, read the detailed Board minutes or come to the meetings if you want more information.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

By Kathy Jens-Rochow, Worship Chair

The Worship Committee is looking for a few good people.

Do you really love our PowerPoint presentations on Sunday? Ever wondered if this was something you could do? We could use one or two more volunteers to create and/or run the presentations.

We also need regular volunteers to run the lights and the soundboard on Sundays. We have a small, but dedicated team already in place, but could use a couple more to assure coverage.

Training for both opportunities will be provided. Please contact **Kathy Jens-Rochow** at Worship@riverofgrass.org for more information.

GREEN TIP: WOOD CUTTING BOARDS

– A HEALTHIER AND GREENER CHOICE

By Steve Jens-Rochow

I've used both plastic and wood cutting boards, and wood is better. Plastic boards are made from petroleum and, according to greenlivingtips.com, "a considerable quantity of crude oil, energy and chemicals go into making them." And, a plastic item that enters the waste stream will take hundreds of years to break down.

Wood is naturally antibacterial. "From a hygiene point of view, it's been found that the capillary action of dry wood means that bacteria are quickly sucked up and die." Frequently wood cutting boards are made from wood scrap. And they are biodegradable. So, wood cutting boards are a healthier and greener choice than plastic boards.



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

By Leana Bresnahan, Membership Chair

You've heard a lot recently about the importance of how well, warmly, and consistently we as a congregation welcome our visitors on Sunday mornings. Fortunately, as a congregation, we have generally always had the reputation of being a friendly bunch. It seems to be a River of Grass cultural norm to be welcoming to all who come through our doors, and that is a wonderful, positive aspect of our congregation.

The feedback we receive from our visitors and newer members reflects just that. Most tell us that they felt welcomed the minute they walked through the door for the first time; and that they generally have been able to connect easily with people, members and congregational leaders alike. That is a very good thing, something to celebrate and continue!

The next level of openness can be a little trickier. It is an issue that every group faces, whether big or small, whether a small congregation like River of Grass or a large entity like the United States of America. The issue is the level of our collective willingness not only to welcome new people as guests, but to actually include them as part of us....to be open to the new ideas and perspectives they may bring; to be willing to be changed by them in the same way they are changed by us.

This can be much harder, because it can touch on questions of identity, traditions and customs. It can be scary to open ourselves on a continuing basis to be changed by people we don't yet know. That is where faith comes in. As people of faith, we trust that we will be blessed by new perspectives and ideas, by new friendships, by growing our beloved community.

And so, let us be conscious of this need....to open ourselves to change and to growth....to take conscious steps to include our newest members in all of our congregational life....to reach out and invite our guests to participate in the fullest range of congregational activities....to make sure they always know we are glad they have joined us....to listen to their feedback, their concerns and their questions...even if they at times can make us uncomfortable....to be especially aware if our answer to any question is ever solely.... "Because we've always done it that way...." To pay special attention to how open we are to the new.

During the October 9th New Member Sunday, we welcomed and celebrated our newest members:

- ◆ **Gail Goddard**, with her children, **Zurie, Julian** and **Myles Lewis**;
- ◆ **Natalie Corp** and **Jennifer Hutton**, with their children, **Lavonte** and **Xavier Hutton Corp**.

We are joyous that you have joined us. Welcome, welcome, welcome!!!

Our next New Member Sunday will be held on December 4th. If you are considering becoming a member of River of Grass, please e-mail Membership@riverofgrass.org.



ACOUSTIC ACCOUTREMENTS

By Susan Juncosa, Facilities Chair

We love our facility. We love having a place of our own where we can walk in and feel right at home. We love how it looks. In fact, we love everything about it.

Well, actually, on second thought, maybe, we don't love *everything* about it. The sound in the building has presented us with a bit of a challenge. On some Sundays, sound transmission has been an issue since we have Faith Development classes *and* a Worship Service at the same time. However, you may have noticed that 'sweeps' have been attached to the bottom of the double doors that separate the sanctuary from the multipurpose room and to the doors leading to the back hallway. The sweeps have really cut down on the sound concerns in the classrooms. Thanks to **Karen Gonzalez** for this solution!

The other issue with sound occurs in the sanctuary and the hospitality area. These rooms, with their beautiful high ceilings, flat walls, and tile floors experience a fair share of echo and reverberation. Some folks have difficulty when trying to have a conversation during hospitality time, and others find the amplified sound during services and other events to be an issue.

The Facilities Management Committee, the Hub Task Force, and the Concert Committee have been discussing this issue trying to come up with a resolution. We have been talking to members, trying to find out how the sound issues affect different people. We have also learned a lot about the sound system design. One of the most important things we learned is that getting the acoustics right for a room is an art form, and subject to a lot of trial and error. In fact, while there are experts in the field, and lots of acoustical equipment available, we have also found out that a lot can be done without incurring additional professional expenses.

We are, therefore, embarking upon a bit of an experiment in an attempt to 'calm' the sound in the room. I am happy to report that a team of volunteers have constructed large picture frames using 1" by 4" plywood. These frames will be covered with three shades of burlap in colors that complement our décor. The burlap will hide a special acoustical material designed to absorb sound and dampen echoes.

Construction and hanging of the frames was scheduled for two consecutive Saturdays: October 22 and October 29. This involved assembling the frames, then stretching and stapling the burlap over the top and sides, while adding the acoustic material.

If all went as planned, you should now be seeing the south wall – the big blank 'side' wall – covered with fashionable, sound absorbing frames. However, this is going to be a visible change. As with all changes, it will take time to become accustomed the new look (and sound) of our walls. During the next few months, we will be evaluating the sound absorbing panels to make sure that they are doing what they are supposed to do: improve the acoustics in our new home. This will be a work in progress, so please bear with us and as always, your comments and feedback are appreciated.

RIVER OF GRASS CAFÉ AND COFFEEHOUSE

By Gayle Giese

I hope you enjoyed singer/songwriter **Amy Carol Webb** and **Hunter Altschul** (opening act) in October! Thank you for supporting the congregation through our concert series. Bringing friends to our concerts is a great way to introduce them to River of Grass and to have a great night out – fine friends, fine food, fine music!



We are very excited to present sensational Latin jazz talent **Maria Rivas** on Friday, **November 18th**. Maria is a brilliant Venezuelan jazz artist. Just returning from Japan, Maria has toured and recorded with many of the finest jazz musicians in the world. I have enjoyed Maria's shows several times; she is always mesmerizing! Maria and her voice are gorgeous as she caresses each tune and the crowd. When not singing, Maria is a world-class visual artist.

Doors open at 7:30pm. Music starts at 8:00pm. Tickets: \$15.00 Advance Purchase (\$20.00 at the door!) You can pay in advance at the River of Grass website (www.riverofgrass.org; go to Events).

Come hungry! Our talented River of Grass chefs are preparing some fine cuisine for sale.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR UPCOMING RIVER OF GRASS CAFÉ SHOWS!

December 16, 2011	River of Grass Holiday Café
January 27, 2012	Al Petteway and Amy White
February 17, 2012	Ronny Cox
March 16, 2012	Tim Farrell
April 20, 2012	Paul Zisholtz and TBA
May 18, 2012	Stay tuned!

Check out our [River of Grass Café Facebook fan page](#) for all the latest news!

... AND SERVICE IS OUR LAW

SERVICE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE REPORT

By Alan Meerow and Judi Oltmans, Service and Social Justice Co-Chairs

Our River of Grass Saturday Volunteer Days at LifeNet4Families are scheduled for every other month this year: November 12th, January 7th, March 10th, and May 12th. Sign up to spend a Saturday morning at LifeNet4Families, helping to make a difference in our community. There is ample parking inside the LifeNet4Families facility and someone from the Service and Social Justice Committee (SSJC) will be there to help. Service is a core value of Unitarian Universalism and volunteering at LifeNet4Families is a way to share a part of yourself and give back to our community. On Sundays you can help LifeNet4Families by bringing canned food, dry goods and especially peanut butter to the donation basket at the SSJC corner in the hospitality area.

It's Guest at Your Table time! Help support the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's human-rights work around the world by taking a Guest at Your Table box home with you. Look for the boxes right before Thanksgiving.

In December, look for the Angel Tree! We'll be helping the ChildNet agency again this year by providing holiday gifts to underprivileged children. ChildNet's mission is "...to protect Broward's abused, abandoned and neglected children."

At the SSJC's September meeting, the committee unanimously voted to pursue the Action of Immediate Witness adopted by the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) at General Assembly this year against the Supreme Court's "Citizens United" decision that effectively allows corporations to directly fund political campaigns. The UUA, along with many individuals, view this as a threat to a healthy democracy. Associated with this Action of Immediate Witness is a drive for a constitutional amendment to overturn the Supreme Court decision ("People's Rights Resolution"). Our River of Grass Board voted to approve our request to establish a task force to educate the congregation on this resolution, with the ultimate goal to obtain a vote of congregational support. A task force subcommittee has been formed to plan activities. You will be hearing more about this in the months to come.

From SSJC member **Pixie Wright**: The SSJC would like to thank everyone who contributed to last month's clothing drive and eyeglasses collection. We collected 66 separate items of clothing for LifeNet4Families, the majority items being T-shirts and baseball caps. And you, dear generous congregation members, donated 30 pairs of used eyeglasses (and even some new ones!) to benefit Lions Clubs International. The clothing drive will continue on a regular basis. Please deposit clothing items for LifeNet4Families in the same basket used for the food donations. We thank you for your continuing generosity! For more information or to become involved in our volunteer opportunities, contact us at SSJC@riverofgrass.org.





NOVEMBER 2011

Tue. 1 st	4:00-7:00pm	River of GREENS
Wed. 2 nd	6:00-6:45pm	Vespers
Thu. 3 rd	6:30-8:00pm	Facility Rental (Yoga Class)
Sat. 5 th	8:00am-12:00pm 10:00am-12:00pm 4:00-7:00pm	Congregational Work Day Wildpine Covenant Group Choir Practice
Sun. 6 th		Daylight Savings Time ends
	10:30-11:30am 10:45-11:45am	Sunday Service Faith Development Classes
	11:30am-12:30pm 11:30am-1:30pm	Hospitality Hour Membership Committee
Mon. 7 th	7:00-9:00pm	Finance Committee
Wed. 9 th	6:00-6:45pm 7:15-10:00pm	Vespers Board Meeting
Thu. 10 th	6:30-8:00pm 7:00-9:00pm	Facility Rental (Yoga Class) Men's Group
Fri. 11 th		Full Moon Daughters Bahia Honda Campout
Sat. 12 th	8:45-11:30am 6:00-10:00pm	Full Moon Daughters Bahia Honda Campout Volunteer Day at LifeNet4Families Facility Rental (Contradance)
Sun. 13 th	10:30-11:30am 10:45-11:45am 11:30am-12:30pm 11:45am-12:15	Full Moon Daughters Bahia Honda Campout Guest at your Table Sunday Service Faith Development Classes Hospitality Hour Board Report Back

Tue. 15 th	4:00-7:00pm	Newsletter Deadline River of GREENS
Wed. 16 th	6:00-6:45pm	Vespers
Thu. 17 th	6:30-8:00pm	Facility Rental (Yoga Class)
Fri. 18 th	7:30-11:00pm	Maria Rivas in Concert
Sun. 20 th	10:30-11:30am 10:45-11:45am 11:30am-12:30pm 12:00-2:00pm 12:30-3:00pm	Sunday Service, "One Wild and Precious Life" Faith Development Classes Hospitality Hour UUA Common Reader Book Group Swamp Rose Covenant Group
Wed. 23 rd	6:00-6:45pm	Vespers
Thu. 24 th		Thanksgiving
Sun. 27 th	10:30-11:30am 10:45-11:45am 11:30am-12:30pm	Sunday Service Faith Development Classes Hospitality Hour
Mon. 28 th	5:00-9:00pm	Auction Basket Day
Tue. 29 th	4:00-7:00pm	River of GREENS
Wed. 30 th	6:00-6:45pm	Vespers

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Sat. 3 rd	Annual Auction
Sun. 4 th	New Member Sunday
Mon. 6 th	Girl's Night Out
Fri. 16 th	Holiday Concert
Sat. 24 th	Christmas Eve Service
Sun. 25 th	Christmas/No Sunday Service
Sat. 31 th	New Year's Eve