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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Adult Discussion Group
10:00 AM

Religious Exploration
(School Year Only)
Children/Youth
10:00 AM

Coffee
10:00 AM

SUNDAY SERVICE
11:00 AM

Fellowship
Noon

EarthFamilies Evensong
2:00 PM



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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

- 6** *"It Isn't Easy Being an Atheist"* — Peter Helwig - A look at the ways in which leading scientists and other thinkers find meaning and purpose in the absence of a belief in a deity, an afterlife, or the notion that anybody/anything out there cares or even knows that we exist.
- 13** *"An Interfaith Tapestry"* - Rev. Bonnie Devlin - It is said that 'Religion is the first and last - the universal language of the human heart.' Each religious tradition has its own special thread to add to our interfaith tapestry, woven into patterns of beauty, truth, goodness and love. The Dalai Lama said that 'All the world's religious traditions are similar because they help us become better human beings.' In this season of many holidays and holy days let us reflect on how we can all rise to the heights of personal and moral greatness by embracing the timeless truths of our world's faith traditions.
- 20** *"Singing in the Season"* (Intergenerational) - Come join us for a joyous celebration of music! We will sing together seasonal hymns of *your* choice and specially selected hymns will be sung to us by our spectacular UUCL choir. This service promises to be enjoyable for all ages.
- 24** *Christmas Eve Service* - Please join us for a celebration of Christian holiday traditions including Carols and readings.
Soup & Sandwiches at 6:00 p.m. - Service at 7:00 p.m.
- 27** *"Kwanzaa - Our Guiding Principles"* - Rev. Bonnie Devlin - Kwanzaa is a uniquely African-American cultural and spiritual holiday which runs from December 26 through January 1st. Begun in 1966, Kwanzaa today is celebrated by over 30 million people worldwide! The centerpiece of Kwanzaa is the *Nguzo Saba* - the 7 Principles for living. These 7 Principles relate in many ways to our Unitarian Universalist 7 Principles. Today let's reflect on our mutual principles as we celebrate this meaningful and spirit-filled holiday.

Next Month...

January 3, 2010 - *"New Beginnings"* - Join us as President Elect Theresa Lutz leads us in an examination of the value of recognizing the New Beginnings in both our personal and congregational lives.



Tis the Season to be Jolly!



“A Night at the Auction!”

You are cordially invited to join us for our annual service auction fundraiser, “A Night at the Auction”, the evening of this Friday, December 4th.

We'll kick off the evening with intake of Silent Auction items from 4:30 - 5:30, then begin the festivities at 6 pm with desserts and coffee, included with \$5 bidder registration (or by donation for non-bidders). Fancy coffees and wine will also be available by suggested donation.

While you enjoy the food and beverages, you can put in your bids at the silent auction for a variety of items - come be surprised! Bidding will only last an hour, so don't miss your chance at the good stuff by being late!

At 7pm we will close the bidding at the Silent Auction and proceed with the live auction. Registration for a paddle (\$5) is required to bid on these items. All items won will be paid for in a single transaction for each bidder at the end of the evening, don't forget your checkbook!

We hope you can join us for this wonderful opportunity to share the gifts of our community. See you on Friday the 4th!



CIRCLE DINNER(S)

Circle Dinners will not be held during the months of November and December, but will resume in January. Stay posted for details or contact suharris@tampabay.rr.com.

SCHEDULING MEETINGS

REMINDER: All meetings and events are to be scheduled through the UUCL Office. Contact the Office at 863-646-3715 or Contact@UUCLakeland.org.

To publish information about the content of meetings/events, contact the Beacon Editor, Portia Westerfield, at 863-425-3968 or e-mail at portiap@tampabay.rr.com

Minister's MUUsings

It's that time of year again - writing about December and the holidays while it's 80 degrees outside. I'll come back later....

“The night belongs to those who aren't afraid.....”

It's 1:30am now, and I'm out walking my dog, Tara, amidst a cool, quiet night filled with stars and mystery.

As I walk around the neighborhood, I like to check-in on my sister's and neighbor's houses, like an inspector on the night shift. My mind begins to drift, like the stars and soft night clouds to thoughts of the season, and I am reminded of how much of this season, how many of the celebrations, occur in the dark hours.

I think to myself: without the dark nights, how could we enjoy the Yule log of solstice? What would be the point of marking the longest night of the year with such ancient rituals of light? How could the eight candles of Hanukkah mean anything if lit in sunlight? There would be no meaning nor purpose to the menorah, the songs, the prayers of this sacred rite.

And what of that little baby who was born in a manger, in the darkness? We don't need history to prove that Jesus was born poor and in darkness. Millions of babies are born poor and in darkness, each of them holding some promise of bringing light into their world and to those whom they love. We don't need history or proof - life confirms this truth every day, every night.

How could we even conceive of holiday celebrations without the darkness? What point is it to string lights on our homes and Christmas tree, to toil with bags and candles for Luminaries? To enjoy the glow of a burning hearth? To attend boat parades in our harbors; or Christmas *Eve* services? New Year's *Eve* celebrations?

This is the *only* season of the year which celebrates the darkness *despite* the darkness. A season which calls us out from our homes into the dark streets to enjoy sparkling reindeer and brightly-lit homes, glowing Santas, menorahs, and lights in the windows—and a sky filled with stars that *really* do twinkle.

Let us embrace the darkness: The night belongs to those who are not afraid. For the darkness is the rich, velvet veil which drapes the night, the backdrop needed for the lights to appear. ‘Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright.’—Simple, yet such profound words. So Let us embrace this Season of darkness and light, and may we find cause for endless celebration.

Love and blessings, Bonnie.



To All Committee Chairs

Will groups which meet regularly on a particular day **please let the UUCL Office Secretary know** if/when your plans change and you decide NOT to meet on that day. It will be announced on the Office Calendar, the website Calendar of Events and in the Sunday Bulletin (for instance, “Sunday, Dec. 25...no CUUPS.”)

If you forget to notify us of such cancellation, your regularly scheduled meeting will automatically appear on its usual day in our Calendars. And folks might show up expecting your excellent program, and be disappointed.

A Message From The President

A Season of Celebration

A joke that shows up on a number of UU websites goes something like this: On show-and-tell day at school, the children are asked to bring in an item illustrating their religious beliefs.

David stands up and says, "I am a Jew, and this is a Star of David."

Dorothy stands up and says, "I am a Catholic, and this is a Crucifix."

Jimmy stands up and says, "I am a UU, and this is a Coffee Pot."

Like most UU jokes - and you can find hundreds of them on the internet with just a few mouse clicks - this one relies on a basic stereotype: that for UUs, not much is sacred.

Though I laughed at this joke, I can't say I buy its basic concept. To me, a Unitarian Universalist is someone for whom everything, not nothing, is sacred. That's only one reason that it's so fun to be a UU this time of year. We don't have to choose between Christmas, Chanukah, Solstice or Kwanzaa; we can celebrate them all, and Ashura and Festivus and whatever else our hearts desire!

This doesn't make us indecisive; it makes us inclusive. As UUs, we understand "the oneness of everything," as the hymn says. We know that each of the season's holidays has the same underlying purpose: to remind us, as another year ends, to pause in awe and gratitude for the wonders and mysteries of life. To remember our blessings, and to share them. To recall, once again, that what is sacred is not a single object or idea, but the totality of existence, the interdependent web that contains all that is, was and shall be.

So, as we do each year, here at UU Lakeland we will celebrate the season's many traditions all month long. We will Hang the Greens on Dec. 13, decorating our Sanctuary with symbols of a variety of traditions. We'll hold a Holiday Music Service on Dec. 20, in which the choir will perform and our pianist will take requests for seasonal favorites to which we can all sing along. Read the rest of *The Beacon* for information on Solstice, Christmas Eve, Kwanzaa and other seasonal events.

No matter what you celebrate, I wish you the very best of this season of hope, light and joy. And I look forward to sharing the season with you as we gather, throughout December, around the Coffee Pot!

In faith,
Rafi Ellis



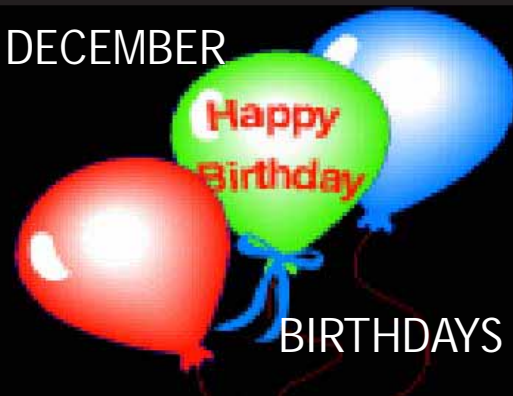
What's the difference between a Unitarian and a Universalist? Universalists think that God is too good to send them to hell. Unitarians think that they are too good for God to send them to hell.

Q: Why did the Unitarian-Universalist cross the road?

A: To support the chicken in its search for its own path
President, Board of Trustees

*Merry
Christmas*

DECEMBER



BIRTHDAYS

6	Linda Walters
10	Orrinna Speese
16	Bruce Dubendorff
18	Betty Sale
19	Aynsley Trevillyan
19	Peter Helwig
20	Ron Maslyk
21	Perry Newport
23	Ruth Schwebke
23	Tom Evans
25	Mary Parent
25	Dennis Trevillyan

DecEMBER Anniversaries

18	Deane and Carl Reed
27	Rafi Ellis and Ron Nickolas

GAMES FOR GROWNUPS

Games Night will not be held in December.

Questions? Call Jane Eskenazi at 682-8869 or email ajeskenazi@earthlink.net. See you there!

Jane Eskenazi

CONGREGATIONAL DIRECTORY

Deletions, new entries, and changes to existing telephone numbers, e-mail or residence addresses should be e-mailed to Contact@uuclakeland.org. Members and friends unable to e-mail are asked to submit information to (863) 646-3715. Thank you.

"Splinters From The Board"

November 18, 2009 Meeting

The treasurer reported that we are one third of the way through the fiscal year and income vs. expenses as well as pledge contributions are about where they should be.

The Coordinating Council reported that we still need much more participation on our committees. The Religious Exploration, Social Concerns and Worship committees all have been having low turnouts, and congregational services and building and grounds committees both need chairpersons to volunteer. Please consider helping out with any of our committees that interest you. Theresa Lutz heads the Coordinating Council and can provide you with information on all the committees and their functions if you need help deciding where you would like to contribute. If you don't see her around, you can email her at tericay@gmail.com.

The Polk Voice is picking up the blog from our website. If you know of something interesting going on at the congregation, please be sure to let Theresa know so she can post it. You can also post blog items directly at the Polk Voice website.

Religious Exploration reported that sales of the ornaments painted by the children have raised over \$200 for the UUSC Barakat project to provide teachers for women in Afghanistan. The kids did a great job painting them, and all your purchases are appreciated.

The Halloween Festival raised over \$300 that has been sent to Unicef. Last year that figure was closer to \$100, so we're getting better every year. The coffee house, Common Grounds, chipped in the money for the band which was a terrific addition. Thanks to everyone who participated!

UUCL is taking part in the Rudolph Roundup gift drive this year. Thanks go out to Heather Curry for getting us back in this program that helps make Christmas better for underprivileged children in our community. Look for details elsewhere in The Beacon.

More responses to the Green Sanctuary introduction have been received. Nine people volunteered to be on that committee, and an initial meeting is being scheduled.

The Board is consulting with Reverend Kenn Hurto, our district President, on the future ministerial leadership of our congregation. We look forward to having his guidance as we set about such an important task.

The annual pledge drive will be coming around after the New Year. The approach this time around will be a little different, and the emphasis will be on stewardship.

The service auction is coming up even sooner! This is an important fundraiser for the congregation, so please think about what you would like to contribute and let Theresa Lutz know. If you need help thinking of something, she can help you with that, too! And of course, plan to join us on December 4th to bid on the great services and gift offerings of your fellows!

Splinters Continued...

On January 10, at 9 AM UUCL, will be hosting an Orientation Breakfast. This is an opportunity for new folks to get an introduction to the organizational side of UUCL as well as some history, philosophy, etc. Information on membership will also be presented. The breakfast is being promoted to the public so if you know anyone interested in checking out Unitarian Universalism, be sure to invite them. If you are a regular at the church, but not yet a member, this is your opportunity to find out more about the meaning and responsibilities of membership. Please mark your calendars and plan to come!

For all congregants, a one-day retreat has been scheduled with Reverend Bonnie. This is meant to include anyone who would like to learn more about how our community functions. Childcare and meals will be provided so everyone can come on February 27, 2010.

Opportunities to Serve

There are many ways you can serve our UUCL community. Some are quick and easy, some take a lot of time and energy. Only you can know for sure what task might be right for you. But if you would like to know how you can help, contact President@UUCLakeland.org, or speak to any Board member.

Some of the tasks we currently need help with include

- members to serve on the Annual-Dinner task force
- help with Sunday hospitality duties
- ushers for Sunday service
- help with audio and video
- help with building maintenance

If you can assist with these, or any other congregational tasks, we'd sure be grateful for your participation in this important effort!

Common GroUUnds

Did you know the great music provided by "Billy Needs a Beard" at our recent UNICEF Fundraiser was funded in its entirety by Common Grounds Coffeehouse? Be sure to thank co-ordinator, Daniel Whitt and watch for upcoming opportunities to be part of the exciting community that is our Common Grounds!

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP

Sundays at 10:00 am in the Social Hall

Topics for December '09

Chairman, Ron Maslyk

Dec. 6 - If you move, can you ever have roots similar to where you used to live?

Dec. 13 - What major values does the world need to function sustainably, morally, and meaningfully?

Dec. 20 - Why do people get depressed during the holidays?

Dec. 27 - Is there really a separation of church and state in the U.S.?



EarthFamilies Evensong Gatherings

Sundays at 2:00 P.M.

December 6 —**Group Study**: Through January, we will devote first Sundays to study and discussion of Christopher Penczak's *The Inner Temple of Witchcraft*. Note: we've extended this study another month (it was scheduled to end in December).

December 13 —**Drum Circle**: Join this family-friendly activity and explore the meditative value of rhythm! We have plenty of instruments to share; chanters and dancers always welcome! Come early (noon) and join UUCL's monthly potluck.

December 20 —**Craftwork**: Third Sundays are now for crafts, ritual and fellowship! This month: "Winter Solstice Spiral Garden." Join us for our third annual evergreen spiral, constructed right in the main sanctuary! This beautiful holiday ceremony combines the aromatic experience of evergreen and oranges with a meditative walk in a labyrinth. Bring holiday items to decorate (ornaments, small statuary or toys); as always, the decorative items return home with you after the ceremony.

December 27 —**Anime in the Afternoon**, canceled for this month. Happy holidays!

Don't miss: "Valhalla: a Nordic Yule." Second annual Yule Ball at UUCL, Saturday December 19 from 7:00 P.M. until midnight. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Food provided. Sponsored and organized by The Indigo Crescent.



Religious Exploration

I've been looking forward to December for a while now. Not just because it's that magical time of year when the sparkle in our children's eyes becomes even brighter than usual, but because it is that time of the year in Florida when we can get outside without overheating! So, we are going to start playing in the dirt with our kids. We will establish a plot in the community garden for some veggies, look for creepy-crawlies and find out how they are useful, and plant some butterfly flowers to honor these wondrous creatures. And, of course, we are doing this all with purpose: to increase the positive effect we have on our interconnected web of all existence. Our children are becoming increasingly committed to making a difference.

Thank you to all of you who bought one of our chalice ornaments — you have made a difference and you have shown the children what a great team we make at UUCL. We look forward to our next intergenerational service on December 20th, when we will sing and rejoice together and feel good about the hope we bring to others and to ourselves. We have a great community at UUCL and I look forward to spending this holiday season with you and our children! May you all be blessed with peace, love and joy.

In faith,
Heather Curry
UUCL Director of Religious Exploration



HOSPITALITY

Hospitality welcomes back our co-chair Don Wallace.

Bill and I want to thank everyone who helped out for the last potluck. We were both suffering from back problems so cleanup was almost impossible. Because of Judy Irwin, Ron Maslyk, Cynthia Patterson and Blenda George, we made it through another pot luck with flying colors.

I want to especially thank Ron Maslyk, Cynthia Patterson and Blenda George for helping me *every* Sunday. It is your involvement that enables us to have a Hospitality Committee.

Jean Lord



COMMITTEE ON CONGREGATIONAL RELATIONS

The COCR meets regularly on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm in the Social Hall; any other/additional meetings, such as the extra one in January, are always posted on the Committee bulletin board. All UUCL members are welcome to attend all meetings.

Everyone is reminded of the Issues and Ideas Box where you can submit comments/ideas and questions. This box is opened at committee meetings and all entries are answered.

Words on Worship

November has provided us with several delightful services and stimulating topics. We learned about protecting our valuable oceanic ecosystem with our children in "Harvest from the Sea," kicked off our annual "Guest at Your Table" program, discussed our common bonds of faith and fellowship, and learned about pagan ethics. In December, be sure to join us for heartwarming and thoughtful holiday programming and music, including an atheist perspective on life and a special Christmas Eve service.

The Worship Committee welcomes new co-chair Cynthia Patterson as Tracie Welser transitions to service elsewhere in our UUCL community. We so appreciate all our lay-leaders, musicians and volunteers!

Want to help? The Committee meets 2nd Saturdays at 4 P.M. in the Social Hall. All are welcome. Your contribution can be as simple as a one-time reading. We would especially like to hear new voices speaking as part of January and February's three-minute Sunday segments entitled "What UUCL Means to Me."

In faith and community,
Tracie Welser and Joyce Bode



December Book Club

The Book Club meets third Thursdays in the Social Hall at 6:30. Join us this month as we discuss *The God Delusion*, by Richard Dawkins.

In this provocative book, Oxford biologist Richard Dawkins makes a scientific argument for the non-existence of God and intelligent design. He voices his disagreement with fundamentalist religions that close people's minds to scientific truth, oppress women and abuse children psychologically with the notion of eternal damnation.

"As a scientist," Richard Dawkins writes, "I am hostile to fundamentalist religion because it actively debauches the scientific enterprise. It teaches us not to change our minds, and not to want to know exciting things that are available to be known. It subverts science and saps the intellect. Discussion will be moderated by Barbara Wallace.

Tracie Welser

Congregational Services Committee

Help us care for one another: if you know a member or friend who could benefit from receiving a call, card, visit or assistance, please notify the Office at 646-3715 and/or the Caring Committee at Sunshine@uuclakeland.org.

Need wheels? If you desire a ride to/from church on Sundays, phone or e-mail the Office and they'll try to procure one for you.

Treasurer's Report

We are 33% into this fiscal year and we have received 28% of our income and have spent 28% of our expenses. We are about even with income and expenses, but are slightly behind in pledge income. The Worship Committee has spent about half of the budget so far, but spending will decrease as the year progresses and we have fewer "paid" speakers. We still have money in our music budget and we will continue to look for musicians for our Sunday morning services.

Please consider bringing snacks for Sunday morning refreshments as this is a wonderful opportunity to socialize and it reduces our hospitality expenses. Right now we are over budget for hospitality expenses. The Religious Exploration porch repair has been postponed, but termite control for the RE building will be completed soon.

We started the "Guest at Your Table" for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC). Our congregation has been an honor member of UUSC for many years and we hope to achieve that goal again this year by having you become a member of UUSC. If you have not received an envelope in which to place your donation, they are located at the back of the Sanctuary. These envelopes will be collected in January and sent to the UUSC.

	October	Year-to-Date	Budget 09-10
Income	\$ 4,009	\$ 17,632	\$ 62,025
Expenses	\$ 3,825	\$ 17,540	
Total	\$ 184	\$ 92	

Financial reports are posted on the bulletin board in the kitchen. If you ever want any information on any financial matters, please feel free to contact me.

Joyce Bode
Treasurer



ADULT ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

"Getting to know U"
Monthly Orientation Session for Guests

Gatherings: 4th Sunday each month thru **May, 2010**

Time: 12:30 - 1:00 pm

Facilitator: Rev. Bonnie Devlin



If you are a guest and would like to know more about the Unitarian Universalist faith tradition and our UU Congregation of Lakeland, please stop by our Sanctuary during coffee hour for a brief informational and question/answer session.

IMMOKALEE COALITION PRESSES PUBLIX TO JOIN CAMPAIGN AGAINST SLAVERY IN THE FIELDS

The Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) has stepped up its campaign to encourage Publix to "do the right thing" and join the campaign against inhumane treatment of farmworkers. The CIW has asked Publix to stop purchasing tomatoes from a grower which was convicted of holding workers in conditions of slavery in 2007, to join the penny-more-per-pound campaign to raise the wages of farmworkers, and to require their tomato suppliers to sign an enforceable agreement to treat their employees with dignity.

Demonstrations at Publix stores in Central Florida were carried on by about 65 Coalition members on October 25. In the evening, the group sat down to dinner at UUCL before returning to Immokalee.

During the week of November 23, demonstrations continued at Lakeland Publix stores and at the corporate headquarters.

A massive march and rally is planned for Sunday, December 6 in the afternoon. A demonstration at the Southgate Publix at 2:30 will be followed by a march up Florida Avenue to downtown Lakeland, where a rally with speakers and music will be held.

Farm workers, UU's and other civic and religious leaders from around Florida will be joining the march on December 6. UUCL members and friends who wish to participate can gather at UUCL at 2:00 on December 6 or contact Peter Helwig at pfhelwig@tampabay.rr.com to make other arrangements.

Gardner W. Becket, Jr. Friend of Civil Liberties Award

The 2009 Gardner W. Becket, Jr. Friend of Civil Liberties Award has been given to Rev. Abhi Janamanchi, minister of the Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater, in recognition of his tireless efforts on behalf of civil liberties in the Tampa Bay area.

Request for Proposals - Florida District Assembly

The annual District Assembly is in Miami April 9-11, 2010. **UUA Moderator Gini Courter** is our guest presenter on the theme of "What next for Unitarian Universalism." You are invited to submit a no more than 50 word summary of a presentation you might like to offer at the DA's workshops. Topics broadly relevant to Unitarian Universalists, of course, are welcome. Most welcome are those that give congregational leaders practical tools for strengthening our ministries. Apply by January 5, 2010, directly to the District Executive: khurto@uaa.org.



UUCL hosts CIW meeting

Florida UU Calendar Dec/Jan

President's Roundtable - January 23 - First Unitarian Church, Orlando

West Central Cluster Holiday Service - December 10 - UUC Tarpon Springs

S.W.I.M. (Southeast Winter Institute Miami) - Dec. 26-Jan. 1 - Miami

Reconciliation with the Earth, Each Other and the Stranger - Int'l Association for Religious Freedom U.S. Chapter Conference - January 14-17 - UUs of Clearwater

OWL Teacher Training - January 14-16 - UU Church of Ft. Myers



For more information go to:
UUA - www.uua.org - FLD - www.floridadistrict.org - WCC - www.westcentralcluster.org

Annual Dinner Talent Call

The Finance Committee is accepting applications of talented performers to entertain at our Annual Dinner the evening of February 13, 2010. We will be selecting a limited number of performances of music, poetry, drama, dance, etc. that express something about how you feel about our mission. Deadline is January 13, 2010 and applicants will be notified of their status no later than Thursday, January 21, 2010

Applications should be submitted in writing to Finance Chair Theresa Lutz, or to tericay@juno.com. Include your name and contact information, a brief description of the performance proposed and how much time you would expect to need.

Singers, dancers, musicians, poets and all kinds of performers: we know you are out there, please apply! If you're not a talented performer, but you know someone in our UUCL family who is, encourage them to apply! Thank you!

Friends of Joe Concert Saturday December 12, 8:00 at UUCL. Rod MacDonald with Dan Kauffman opening.

Joe's Cafe opens at 7 with a light meal (one dish rib sticker, budget stretcher, lip smacker and Scotty's locally grown Organic Salad) snack or beverages, Common Grounds Coffee-and-desert table. www.joeprine.org www.rodmacdonald.net Information: Anne 646-1972 Tickets \$10 advance, \$12 door; Student \$5.00 /\$7.00, under 12 free.

Sunday December 13, 4:00, Songwriters' workshop, UUCL This workshop is co-sponsored by the UU Social Concerns committee and the Polk Peace Group. Admission \$5.00.

Rod MacDonald is "...an original Greenwich Village icon-a pivotal folk singer who uses his background in law and journalism to ask the important questions of our time."



Stewardship

On Saturday, February 13th, we will have our Annual Dinner. This is usually the official kick-off to what we used to call our Pledge Campaign. This year we hope to take a more thoughtful, less budget-driven approach to how we fund our congregation, with our emphasis on stewardship, or how your time, talent and treasure can help us accomplish the mission we affirm each week during service.

We'll begin by having select leaders of the congregation tell you about why they serve, what is important about our work as a congregation, and thoughts about how we can be good stewards of our congregation as part of services beginning in January. Then watch for your formal invitation to the Annual Dinner to arrive and send in your RSVP card and the suggested donation.

Information to help you determine where you fit in supporting our mission will be made available later that month. Leaders of the congregation will be making financial commitments, or pledges, to the congregation during early February, to be followed by pledges to support our mission by members and friends of the congregation.

If you would like to schedule an opportunity to speak with a congregational leader about sharing your time, talent or treasure as we bring our mission into action, please contact Finance Chair Theresa Lutz at tericay@juno.com or any Board member.

In addition to performing, Rod enjoys teaching "Songwriting for Self Expression", his 6-week workshop for both experienced and inexperienced songwriters, and was an instructor for Common Ground on the Hill, a two-week workshop sponsored by McDaniel College in Westminster, MD., in July 2004. For the past several years, Rod has been an instructor and performance lecturer at Florida Atlantic University.



Songwriter Workshop Rod MacDonald



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