

## April Calendar

- April 5: **Discussion:** Margaret Evans  
**Program:** Thom Foley  
"Ralph Waldo Emerson"  
**Refreshments:** Marilyn Dewey
- April 11: Ethics: **The Cosmic Imperative**, sponsored by the West Central Cluster of the UUA and the Tampa UU Church and led by George W. Sherman, a professor at St. Petersburg College. see bulletin board
- April 12: 9:30 a.m. - **Board Meeting**
- April 12: Bring items for the Free Clinic - see list on bulletin board
- April 12: **BRUNCH - see article**
- April 14: **Restaurant Roulette** at The Italian Touch (8211 46th Ave. No., just east of Park Place). See Steve Scheiner for reservations or call him at: 548-7584 or 599-3122
- April 17: **6th Annual Revival**, sponsored by the West Central Cluster of the UUA at UUs of Clearwater - see bulletin board for details.
- April 19: **Discussion:** Beth Marshall  
**Program:** Robert Tucker, Ph.D.  
"We Must Not Be Silent!"  
**Refreshments:** Frances Harper
- April 19: **Share Sunday;** Half of the loose collection today will be given to the Free Clinic
- April 26: 9:30 a.m. - **Program Committee Meeting**
- April 26: **Discussion:** Hal Sims  
**Program:** Michael Davis  
**Refreshments:** Marilyn Kaminski

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## President's Message

I was delighted to be able to ask visitors last Sunday if their child would prefer to join the other children or stay with his parents. We really do have an active RE program now! Thank you to everyone who has worked in it or plans to.

Erin (Andrew's mother) asked us all to define god for her class. Here's my answer. It's probably different from yours:

God is a word people use to identify the source of "life, the universe and everything." They either figure out for themselves what that source is or they accept the teachings of religion or science to explain where we came from.

The question of how we came to exist in our present form is best answered by science using analysis of the available evidence of our physical origins as humans on earth.

The question of "why" is answered by religious teaching or by one's own personal philosophy developed through study, thought and experience.

If you want my personal idea of god, all I can truly say is that I don't see the point. I can't know beyond question if there is or is not some super being or conscious first cause, though I'm pretty sure Superman doesn't exist. What I do know is that the question of whether or not there is a god has no impact on my own morals, ethics or behavior.

I find the big bang and random chance far more convincing than any traditional religious story to explain our origins, though I've always been entranced by that stack of turtles.

Margaret Evans

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## Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| April 15 | Elena Giacoletti |
| April 16 | Margaret Evans   |
| April 28 | Liz Dudash       |

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## SPRING BRUNCH



Sunday, April 12th at the Fellowship, 10:30 a.m.  
Adults \$5.00  
Children (under 12) \$1.00

Please RSVP by April 9th to Frances Harper 343-3718, Margaret Evans 347-4266, or Liz Dudash 363-3498. (If you would like to help with preparations or cleanup, let us know).

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## MOVIE NIGHT



Friday, May 1st, 7 p.m. Join us at the Fellowship for the film "Mamma Mia". Popcorn will be provided. Bring drinks and snacks to share.

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A new book has been added to our UU library - "50 Reasons People give for believing in a God", by Guy P. Harrison. Drawing on his experiences as a nonbeliever and his extensive travels, Harrison presents these thought-provoking arguments some people use to justify their religious choices. Well written and enlightening.

Stanley Kaminski

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**Pot Luck Dinner: Asian Flavor**  
**Saturday, April 25 , 6:30 PM**  
*at Hal & Retsuko Sims'*

**6311 Vista Verde Dr. E. Gulfport, FL**

**Directions:** Our townhouse complex, "Villas del Verde", is on the corner of 64th St. and Gulfport Blvd. At the security gate (on Royal Palm, an extension of 64th), scroll through the key pad until you find our name and press the code or just press 054. We will let you in.

**RSVP:** e-mail – [retsuko@verizon.net](mailto:retsuko@verizon.net)

**Phone** -345-5884

**Note!** We observe a non-shoe policy in our house. Please prepare to take off outside shoes when entering. Thank you. Holy socks are allowed!

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Join us for yoga (for mature bodies) Mondays and Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. at the Fellowship.

Meet us for breakfast at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays at Kissin' Cuzzins, 34th St. and 10th Ave. No.

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