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SOURCES SUPPERS

Judy Keiser

“Unitarian Universalism is taught primarily in church” – is that true or false? While individual UU families may have rituals that they regularly do together at home, most of our UU holidays and observances happen in our places of worship. And Sunday school only happens in church. But where do we spend more time – church or home? The conclusion is obvious – we’re not being taught as much if we restrict UU religious education to church and Sunday. And it’s essential to teach UUism at home if we want our children to be fully participating UU’s. The intergenerational aspect of home-based religious practice also has an obvious benefit as an opportunity to model UU values for the younger generation.

This view of religion led Bill Doherty, consultant to a Minneapolis UU congregation, to develop intergenerational home-based UU rituals through a pilot program he called “Sources Suppers.” We at UUFBR heard about these rituals at General Assembly, and thought they were a great idea. So we are starting our own variation of Sources Suppers – and everyone is invited!

Our Sources Suppers consist of evenings in a UU home (or several – we have three hostesses for the first Sources Supper). The evenings link to a theme (the first is Flower Communion, a uniquely UU tradition). They revolve around dinner (naturally!), and include other ritual elements like chalice lightings, discussion topics, songs, and something for kids to do or make. They will be held in kid-friendly homes but are open to all ages.

Our first Sources Suppers will be held **Saturday, May 31, 2008**, in three geographically diverse locations to enable all members of our congregation to find a convenient location to attend the Supper. **North Palm Beach County** is represented by **Lynn Stevens**; **South Palm Beach County** is represented by **Harris Riordan**; and **North Broward County** is represented by **Judy Keiser**. There will be a signup sheet on the board in Osias; first come first served (since only a limited number of guests will fit around the table!). Don’t miss this home-based experience of UU values and ritual– sign up now for our very first Sources Supper!



IT’S SPRING AT UUFBR!

Help us welcome Spring on Sunday, May 4 after service at our May Day brunch sponsored by the UUFBR Religious Education department. Enjoy strawberries and cream, and delicious baked goods and dance around a real Maypole. Call Judy Keiser with questions –and dust off your garland of May flowers!

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

BOARD DIGEST

February 25, 2008 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Andrew Kahn

Gail Larkin, co-chair of membership committee, came to speak to us about the issue of membership retention. She read 4 items from UUA about membership.

ACTION ITEMS: Discussion about the urgency of getting the wording of bylaw changes into the office this week to send them out to the congregants on time for the March board meeting. There are two changes from the board and two from the Endowment committee.

- We need to create a Sharex committee. Item will stay open until the next meeting.
- Discuss the procedure for new members pledge cards and follow up.

Review of the Board Calendar:

Fund raising report by Doug Hughes: the total monies collected will come out around \$19,000.00 by the end of March, slightly short of the hopeful projection of 20,000.

PLEDGES: so far we have \$109,000.00 pledged.

March 30th: the date for the congregational meeting.

2nd VP Report: Bob Gridley: Gardening group meets once a month on Saturdays, Alice Gridley is turning the committee over to two new co-chairs; Linda Conroy & Margaret McElrath. They are long time members and will do well. Chairs from the sanctuary are being recovered; the price came in under budget.

Treasurer's Report: Robert Duchemin reported that \$1,600 is coming in from the auction and another \$1,000 was collected from the Sylvia Parker Concert series.

Past President Report: Erika stated that there could possibly be some grant money available to hire a membership coordinator. Legal court date is April 30, for a summary judgment.

Mary Cadwell reports as liaison to Sunday Services Committee: Sylvia Parker Memorial Concert Committee needs new chair; Norma can no longer

be in that position.

Judy Kraft liaison membership report: Andrew Kahn will set the item as an agenda item at a future board meeting after the written summary is made available.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Tobal, Board Secretary.

It's time for a new perspective
on religion & spirituality in America.

NATIONAL ADVERTISING PROGRAM, 2ND PHASE

The Unitarian Universalist Association has begun a second phase of national advertising with the April 14 edition (on newsstands now) of TIME Magazine, the most widely read news magazine in the United States with over 3 million subscribers and 21 million readers. The UUA full-page ad, which carries the slogan, "When in Doubt, Pray. When in Prayer, Doubt" includes an offer for a free DVD to introduce Unitarian Universalism to newcomers. The May 12 issue of TIME (available on newsstands May 2)-the popular "TIME 100" issue-will carry a UUA ad with the provocative headline, "My God is Better Than Your God," and will also include the free DVD offer.

The TIME 100 issue features 100 people whose power, talent or moral example help to transform our world, and is one of the most heavily read issues of the year.

The UUA will also resume advertising using Google Adwords. Advertising via Google Adwords has already attracted thousands of new visitors to UUA.org, UUWorld.org, and the UUA's "Find a Congregation" website.

The UUA's national advertising campaign is supported through the generosity of Unitarian Universalist congregations who contributed to Association Sunday, held last fall. The UUA's national marketing campaign has energized congregations and individual UUs. For more information on the UUA's national marketing campaign, see <http://www.uua.org/leaders/leaderslibrary/marketin g/44189.shtml> . Or better yet -- see the banner on our own website (uufbr.org) for a link!



SUMMER SUNDAYS 2008

The Season of Summer Sundays is soon upon us: our opportunity to design and present Sunday morning services while our minister takes her well-deserved time away.

Summer Sundays 2008 start with the Summer Solstice (June 22nd) and end with Labor Day (August 31st).

Summer Sundays are a great time to share your thoughts, your spiritual explorations, your talents, your joys about life: perhaps through a 20-30 minute presentation, or a unique hour of music and poetry, or a time of quiet guided meditation, or a pot luck Americana holiday celebration, or ????

If you're not sure where to start, we have resources to offer: sample service outlines, helpful words to be said, CDs to be played.

Please contact me soon about the part you would like to take in our Summer Sundays together: chalice lighter? service leader? sermon presenter? reader of poetry (or prose)? bringer of music through song, dance, piano, guitar, drums?? Mary Cadwell, Summer Sundays 2008 Coordinator: 852-9884, mhcadwell@yahoo.com -- or catch me over coffee Sunday morning at UUFBR.

VESPERS

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, 7:00 PM

You are invited to join Linda Savini, Marc Pickering, Harris Riordan and Mary Cadwell, in the creation of a new UUFBR tradition - Vespers. On the First Sunday evening of the month, we will gather in the sanctuary for a time of music, quiet and reflection, a time to experience and share the diverse spirituality that sustains us. Childcare for young children and a movie appropriate for middle schoolers will be provided.

Join the Choir

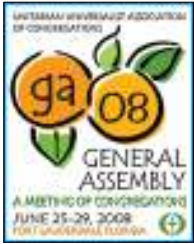
THE UUFBR KITCHEN - A USER'S GUIDE

Kitchen use at UUFBR brings the responsibility for leaving it in completely usable condition for the next user, sometimes someone else within the fellowship, sometimes a renter. Meetings run late, people forget, or assume someone else has taken care of cleaning up, but it is the responsibility of each individual or group using the facilities to clean up after their own use and put things away. Frequently dirty dishes are in the sink, and the office receives complaints from other users that they met unsatisfactory conditions when they need to use the kitchen. Our staff do not have time to clean the kitchen, and with so many users it is often impossible to know who left a mess. And so we remind you of the following guidelines for kitchen use:

- If you use anything, clean it and put away in the place where you found it. This may sometimes mean taking home used dishtowels or tablecloths to wash, dry and return .
- Leftover food and beverages should be taken home, or disposed of otherwise . When left in the refrigerator someone else must empty and dispose of them a few days later. If they are being left for a person or another event, please be sure to label them clearly. Labels and pens are on the front of the fridge.
- Coffee machines should be turned off, unplugged, containers washed, and supplies put away.
- Sinks should be cleaned, and counter tops washed after use.
- If the floor is a mess, mop and bucket are in the janitor's closet in the hallway - please use them!

A volunteer or a team of volunteers is needed to periodically do things like oven cleaning, defrosting the freezer, organizing storage, and to advise on the purchase of necessary supplies. This isn't a glamorous volunteer activity, but it is needed so very much. With several people participating it wouldn't be a very large job - a team effort once monthly would work wonders. So, please consider helping with this - call the office to let us know and we'll gratefully schedule the time.

Gloria Chiodo, Administrator



GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations General Assembly, a Meeting of Congregations is in Ft. Lauderdale from June 25 – 29, 2008. This national event is being

held in our state this year, at the Fort Lauderdale/Broward Convention Center, and affords us a close to home opportunity for attendance.

Sunday, June 29, Sunday Worship Service: If we get enough people signing up we can rent a bus to take us to Sunday Service at GA! Sign up in Osias Hall on the sheet posted on the signup bulletin board or call Judy Keiser for more information. Parking will be an issue, so riding together would not only be fun; it would be efficient and economical. **We will only be able to charter a bus if enough people sign up!** More information on registration, tentative agenda, etc. can be obtained from the General Assembly office at 617-948-4209 or gaoffice@uua.org. The UUFBR office also has a copy of the GA Guide for your reference.

FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Have you noticed the red and white signs on the south side of the front parking lot? They say "Visitor Parking". Keeping prime parking spaces open is just one of the many ways we all strive to make visitors feel especially welcomed to UUFBR on Sunday mornings. We ask that UUFBR members not park in those spots on Sunday mornings, even if you come early for the Forum, a meeting, or Choir rehearsal. Please remember, as members we all can support the efforts of the Membership Committee. Thank you.

Gail Larkin, Membership Committee Co-chair

SUMMER RE NEEDS YOU! We'll be repeating our very successful Culture Camp Summer Sundays program all summer this year. Cultures include Australia, Guatemala, South Africa, Japan, Romania, Morocco and Ghana. We are looking for non-RE participation to give our RE teachers a break. Please volunteer for a session by signing the sheet in Osias

SMILING FACES NEEDED!

Do you want to help spread the word about Unitarian Universalism? There is a fun and easy way to do so. It's as simple as getting together with the team of the Membership Committee. We need your participation at Sunday Services and coffee/social hour. We need your ideas and imagination for social planning and other activities...and we need your UU warmth and friendly smile. Whether you can volunteer for 10 minutes or 10 hours a month, UUFBR needs YOU on our membership team. The Membership Committee is key to making newcomers feel welcome, return to be with us again, and eventually become members. So, please, check out the newly energized Membership Committee at our next meeting - this coming Sunday, April 27 at 12:15 pm in the Hartley Room. See you there!
Gail Larkin, Membership Committee Co-chair

SHARING THE PLATE

Gloria Chiodo

Sharing the Plate is a way for UUFBR to give as one fellowship to help those causes that our members are already supporting with their actions. Recipients are chosen from members' (non-political) suggestions to the Community Service Team. There is a suggestion box and forms in the foyer outside the office for members to make nominations. Last fiscal year donations of \$1000 were made to each of the following organization:

Aid to Victims of Domestic Assault (AVDA)

Caridad Center

Toussaint L'Ouverture High School

Sunflower Creative Arts

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies of PB County

In addition, our holiday collections were shared between Boca Helping Hands and Florence Fuller Childcare, with \$420.00 going to each organization.

Our next recipient will be the local Loxahatchee Group, *Inner City Outings*, Sierra Club Foundation. ICO volunteers take urban youth, who would not otherwise have access to the outdoors, on safe and fun wilderness excursions. Many of these youth have never been outside their immediate neighborhoods, let alone into wilderness places. You can learn more at (<http://florida.sierraclub.org/loxahatchee>).

NOTICES AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 27, after service: Empty Bowls Lunch UUFBR will once again demonstrate that service is our prayer, with our Empty Bowls Luncheon. The glass bowls decorated by the RE kids will be filled with delicious homemade soup on the 27th and sold to our congregants. The proceeds of the bowl and soup sale will go to Boca Helping Hands and the Cooperative Feeding Program, two organizations that feed the hungry in our community. The bowls are beautiful, the soup is delicious, and the good we will do with this project is substantial. Last year we donated \$780.00 to these worthy groups. Please help by buying a hand-decorated bowl of soup on the 27th. Your stomach and your heart will both be glad you did!



April 27, 12:15 pm: Membership Meeting

April 27, 12:30 pm: Finding Peace with Anyone Workshop, with Cary Baer. Cary Bayer is a keynote speaker and Florida- and New York-based Life Coach who's worked with Oscar-winner Alan Arkin, David Steinberg, and Quality Inns. The author of more than two dozen publications, he's taught more than 75 classes at different New Thought churches throughout the U.S. This workshop offers freedom to stop re-creating people from your past, a 3-step Completion Process that frees you of past hurt, and deep healing that attracts richer relationships, more money and better health. Suggested Donation of \$25 to be shared by UUFBR and Mr. Bayer.

April 28, 7:00 pm: UUFBR Board of Trustees Meeting . All members welcome.

May 3, 6:00 pm: Peace Pizza, Culture of Peace Live entertainment. Bring t-shirts to tie-dye! (we'll supply the dye). Enjoy a delicious dinner of Peace Pizza . Learn the Dances of Universal Peace. Pot-Luck Dessert. Admission \$5 (sixties prices!) Please RSVP by Thursday May 1 to Joe Rey.



Food for Thought: Sunday, May 4, in Rockberger Hall at Noon: Outfoxed, a documentary which reveals the secrets of former Fox News producers, reports, writers and bookers who expose what it's like to work for Fox News

will be shown. As usual, a pot-luck lunch will precede the film.

First Sunday Vespers, Sunday May 4, 7:00 pm Where were we before we born? Where do we go after we die? For many of us the religious quest began when as children we first thought to ask these questions. And we could tell the story of our journey through the answers we have held and then grown beyond. We begin UUFBR's new tradition of Vespers Services with this fundamental religious question.

Conversations with Friends — UU Spirituality Tuesday May 6, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Terrific Tuesdays may be over until the fall, but the Spirit in Practice class was so satisfying we didn't want to stop. So we won't. The group has decided to meet monthly to continue exploring UU Spirituality. Facilitated by The Reverend Harris Riordan, we will meet on the first Tuesday of every month from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. We'll begin with time for centering, a guided meditation or experience with a spiritual practice, and then will spend time in deepening dialogue with one another on "things spiritual".

Monday, May 12, 7:30 pm: WomenSpirit: Come discover how to create more balance in every area of your life. Linda Englander, a certified professional coach, will be sharing the powerful coaching tool the "Life's Wheel". You'll identify which areas in your life are in balance and which areas need adjustment. You'll learn 3 empowering life balance questions that will allow you to start creating an action plan to move you towards the life you truly want. This will be a fun, hands-on, and insightful evening. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Linda at 561-213-4924.

May 20—Women's Alliance Luncheon

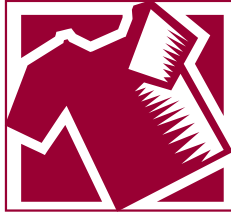
This year's Women's Alliance Annual Luncheon at St. Andrews Estates is being held on May 20, 2008. All are invited to attend and enjoy a delightful time in beautiful surroundings. The cost is \$8.00 per person. Contact Harriet Dodge for tickets.

Friday, May 23: Circle Dinners. This will be our last Circle Dinner for this season . Many of our members like to travel or take vacations in May. If you are a regular Circle Dinner participant and you know you will be away on May 23, please notify

Rebecca Bontempo (561/482-7381) as soon as you can so another person can be invited in your place. Your cooperation is appreciated.

SUUSI IS COMING

The Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute will be in Radford, VA from July 26 to 28, 2008. SUUSI is a UU family camp. A whole week of fun, workshops, learning, playing and living on a college campus. You will be surrounded by about 1,000 other UUs who are doing/being their own thing. Come join us during the third week of July and have a year of memories to share. Catalogs are available in Osias Hall or on-line at SUUSI.org. Contact Doug O. Hughes or Karen Topol for further information or questions.



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On June 15, Father's Day, I would like to create a service called "Gifts of Fathers" to honor the fathers among us and in our lives. I invite any and all, young and old, men and women, boys and girls to share in this work. If there is a poem you like, a story you have to tell about a father, grandfather, or other man who helped raise you up, this is the opportunity to share it. Readers are also wanted. There will be non-speaking parts created for all who say they want to participate, but can't handle a microphone, or don't even know how to read.

UUFBR BOOKSTORE

Share all those wonderful books you read this year through the UUFBR bookstore. Just drop them off in the hallway by the door to the playground when you are next at the fellowship. Fellow members will thank you, and the fellowship will benefit—last year the bookstore made \$475.00.



UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday, May 4: *We Can Change This.*
Looking at climate change from a can-do perspective. During coffee hour a farewell to Alice and Bob Gridley. The Reverend Harris Riordan

Sunday, May 11: *Returning to the Source.*
Mother's Day. Lynn Stevens, DRE

Sunday, May 18: *Sources of Strength*
The story behind flower communion. The Reverend Harris Riordan

Sunday, May 25: *Dreams of Peace*
The Reverend Harris Riordan

Sunday, June 1: *The Beauty Gathered Here*
Flower Communion Sunday. The Reverend Harris Riordan

MAY 2008 FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	
			<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 am Movie Group 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 	2	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 p.m. Social Justice Pizza Party 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Forum 10:30 am Service and RE 12:15 pm Food for Thought Film Noon—May Day Maypole 7 pm: Vespers 	
<p>5</p> <p>Unicorn Deadline</p>	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00—8:30 pm UU Spirituality 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 a.m. Tony's Team 10 :00 a.m. Quilting Group 7:00 Social Justice Group 	<p>8</p> <p>Women's Alliance Trolley Tour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 pm Interweave Social in Rockberger Hall 	10	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Forum 10:30 am Service 12:15 pm RE Council Meeting 12:30 pm Connections <i>Happy Mother's Day</i> 	
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<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unicorn Deadline 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women's Alliance Luncheon at St. Andrews South 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 a.m. Tony's Team 10 :00 a.m. Quilting Group 7:00 pm Denominational Connections 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 	23	Circle Dinners	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>BHH Collection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Community Service Team 9:00 am Forum 10:30 am Service and RE Membership Comm.
<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 pm UUFBR Board Meeting <p>Memorial Day — Office Closed</p>	27	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 :00 a.m. Quilting Group 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 	30	31		

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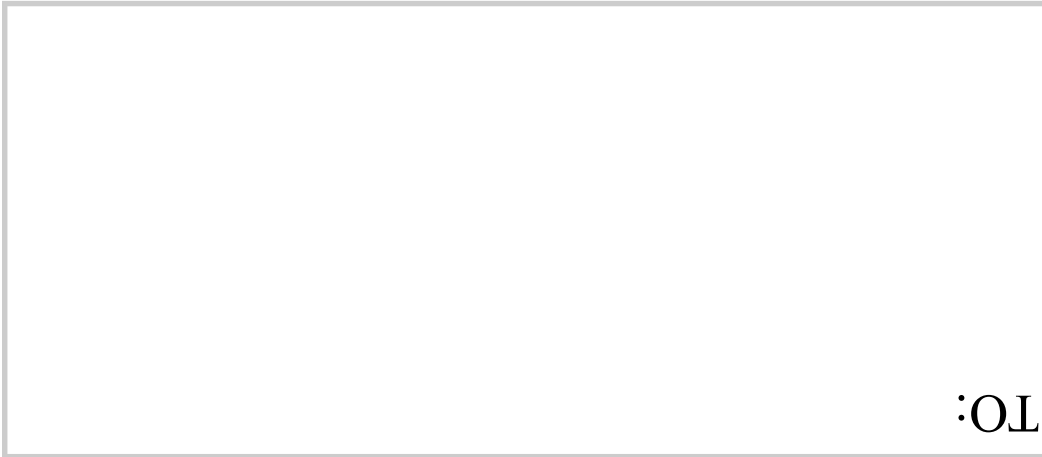
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Deadlines for the next 3 months for the Unicorn

Please plan ahead and get your information in on time!

May 5 and 19, June 16, July 14, 2008



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