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One of UUFBR's Sharex Partners is Anthony Huber who runs a children's summer theater camp at the Fellowship. Last month working in my office, I listened to the sounds of children rehearsing under the direction of Anthony Huber's booming voice. The first production in June was The Lion King.



## Sunday Services

**July 2** - "The War Poem" by Mark Twain, led by Bill Jensen - recalling the not well-remembered 19th century American war with the Philippines, Bill asks, "What does it mean to be patriotic?"

**July 9** - "Where Are We Now" - led by Nick Sanchez - last year led a service that explored the questions, "Where do we come from and where are we going?" This year, Nick explores where we are, right now, in the UUFBR community.

**July 16** - "We're All in the Same Boat" led by Cindy and Shawn Malaney - a visual and musical presentation of what it means to be sailing the cosmos together in our "blue boat" of a planet.

**July 23** - "The Meaning of Life in 10 Minutes" - led by Ron Roth; we know Ron's capacity for distilling big, complex subjects - let's see how he does with this one.

**July 30** - "Welcome to My World" led by Sandy and Rick Troiano - the Troiano's who are blind, explore a world without sight. Their presentation will include a question and answer time.

## Share The Plate Receptient



**SIERRA  
CLUB**

Inspiring Connections  
Outdoors

The current recipient of Palm Beach County. Half of our Sunday plate collections will go to their youth program which provides nature tours to urban children without access to Florida's natural wonders.



## Share-The-Plate seeking suggestions and members!

In December 2006, we began sharing our Sunday Collection Plate with the wider community in a **Share-The-Plate** program. After starting this program, contributions to the plate doubled. Half of each collection helps to pay the bills at UUFBR, and the other half goes to the Share-the-Plate Fund. When the Fund reaches \$1000, that \$1000 is given to a nonprofit organization.

All recipients of this program are nonprofits suggested by UUFBR members; often these are active participants with the particular organization.

In 2022, we shared the plate with All People's Day, the American Red Cross, Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA), Emergency Medical Assistance (EMA), Florida League of Women Voters Education Fund, Boca Helping Hands and Propel. This year we have given to P.E.A.C.E. (People Engaged in Active Community Efforts), Safe Harbor Center and we are currently collecting for Inspiring Connections Outdoors, a program of the Sierra Club which helps urban youth get out into nature.

As a UUFBR member, if you would like to suggest an organization to be a recipient of Share-The-Plate contributions, please click on the following link for a PDF form that can be printed, completed, and returned to any **Community Service Team** member or the UUFBR office – [admin@uufbr.org](mailto:admin@uufbr.org) (561) 482-2001:

[Share-The-Plate Suggestion Form \(PDF\)](#)

It is important to note that the ministries and work of UUFBR are primarily funded through annual pledges made by our members and pledging friends. We conduct a once-a-year pledge drive in the winter and this year our members and friends committed to giving \$157,775 to UUFBR. The total income budgeted for this year (April – March) is \$245,150.

If you're interested in joining our Share-The-Plate team, please reach out to Jennifer Ligeti (561) 239 – 1662 or [NiffLig@gmail.com](mailto:NiffLig@gmail.com). We'd love to have you! Currently, Bett Willett and Susan Dubbin serve on this team with Jennifer.



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**The Importance of Context**  
**July 2023**  
**Judith Keiser**



There's a picture I like that illustrates the importance of context. First we see a dove sitting on her nest, the very picture of peace – and then the frame widens to show the plunging waterfall nearby. The picture shows that peace is not the absence of noise and confusion, but the ability to focus on what's important.

To understand not just what decisions your board has been making, but the context in which those decisions arise, here are some recent actions and their context:

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**Actions:** Your Board is working on both transitional work (mission and vision, types of ministry, bylaws) and congregational development (regular Congregational Conversations, monthly leadership development sessions, an upcoming Board Retreat).

**Context:** It's only been a year since many aspects of life at UUFBR changed drastically. As a newly "independent" congregation, we are still in a learning curve: we are still setting up systems and new working relationships.

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**Actions:** We stepped back from the settled ministry search for this cycle and will be choosing a different type of ministry for the coming year. The Board will make the decision after getting congregational input: **don't miss the July 23 Congregational Conversation on this topic.**

**Context:** A settled minister search requires a huge investment of time, talent and treasure, and we have other priorities that need to be addressed first: we need to clarify who we are and what we want before we can offer ourselves as a partner in a new shared ministry.

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**Actions:** Your VP of Facilities has been maintaining, monitoring and improving your Fellowship. We're holding our cleaning service accountable for sub-par performance, installing security bars on playground gates, getting bids for a new fire alarm, and working on security measures and safety policies that will protect us and our Sharex partners. **Don't miss the Congregational Conversation on Safety and Security on July 2.**

**Context:** We are still coping with the effects of our long absence during the pandemic, as well as supporting our Sharex partners.

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**Actions:** We are training the new bookkeeping service, trying to streamline and reduce our expenses. At the same time the Tiltens are successfully raising income by bringing in and supporting Sharex partners. In addition, the task force that has been pursuing a conditional use permit is trying to find the best way forward in the face of obstacles and uncertainty.

**Context:** We are trying to achieve a healthy ratio of income to expenses, and a balance between pledge income and supplementary income. We're also trying to find a balance between sharing expenses with outside partners and prioritizing our own use of our facilities. And all our efforts to achieve financial solvency must be in service to our mission and our values.

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**Actions:** The Program leaders debriefed about the program year and started coordinating for our Fall 2023 Program Fair. The Board approved (subject to sufficient funding) a Membership proposal to hire a marketing and social media consultant to increase our reach, and the formation of a music search team to recruit an interim music director. The Community Services Committee filled the vacancy caused by Seyril Siegel's death. The Memorial Garden Team is revising and updating our brochure and policies about the services we offer on the death of a member or friend of UUFBR.

**Context:** We can only attract people to join our community if they know about us and what we offer. Internal communication, efficient systems, and shared practices are essential. So is external marketing, to show the world who we are and what we offer.

Together, we help each other recognize the context behind our actions and remember what's important. That's where true peace can be found.

Judy Keiser  
Co-president

*From the minister...*

Reverend Kathryn Tew Rickey



## **The Power of Story Cont.**

When it came time for the first performance, I decided to attend. I was curious and wanted to support Anthony. As I sat in the back row, waiting for the show to begin, I observed the parents of the fledgling actors as they filed into the sanctuary. It made me think about my own parenting days filled with similar activities. As I watched, I realized these parents could be my children and the children on stage, my grandchildren. And it hit me, what a different experience these parents must be having from my own. Unlike me, these parents have been raising their children under the duress of pandemic times, facing an uncertain future with climate change, coping with a sharp rise in the cost of living, and fearing the escalating violence in our society that threatens the safety of their children who would be forever marked by these conditions. It seemed to me this current generation of children stood to lose their innocence too quickly which could disrupt their sense of meaning and value in life.


But then as I watched these grade school kids perform, reciting their lines and belting out songs, my worry receded. Two thoughts came to me: first, *The Lion King* represents a timeless story of good vs. evil, hope vs. despair, love vs. fear, and courage in the face of uncertainty. It is a classic tale that instructs us that with life comes change, sometimes big change that causes suffering. But life is also full of great joy and in a larger sense endures through the generations. My second thought was that these children were not passively watching this story in the form of a Disney animation, but rather they were embodying what the story has to teach – that life, no matter how challenging, is worth living and living well – and because they embodied these values, these children would not forget them. This theater camp was building anchor points for these kids that would equip them for what lies ahead. These thoughts filled me with hope.

I think Anthony Huber is doing very important work. I encourage you to support his efforts by attending a performance in July. There is an afternoon and an evening performance, Thursday through Saturday. You can check out the schedule which appears in the weekly Eblasts.

I also want to recognize that Hubert Arts is a Sharex Partner that embodies the Sharex goals of providing space for non-profits doing good works or groups that provide life-saving services to people who need the support of a caring community. Betty and John Tilton do a super job of managing Sharex partners – be sure to thank them when you see them. They are the ones who bring in meaningful partnerships that help build beloved community within our walls.

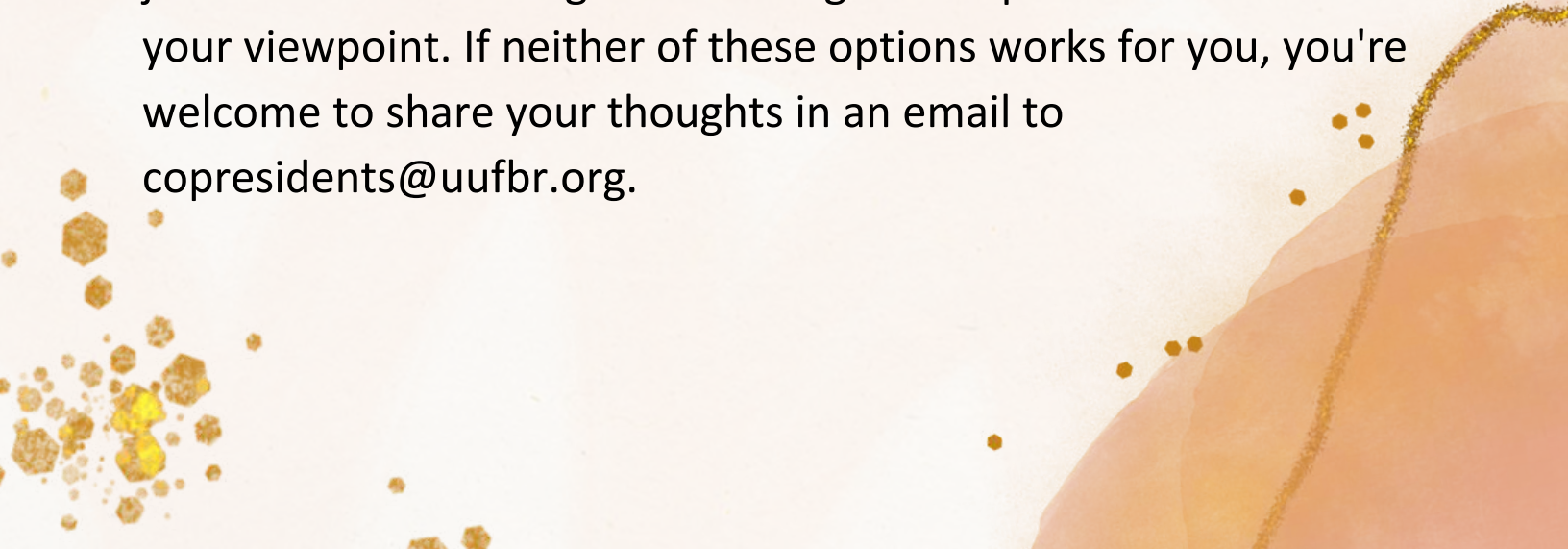
See you in August!

In faith and love,  
Rev. Kathy



You may wonder what's happening with the search for a new minister. Here's the scoop: the Board recently tabled the formal search for a new settled minister in order to explore all options. In the course of this exploration, a table presenting the different options was developed and can be viewed at this link: [here](#). The Board has conducted research, reached out to the UUA Transitions Office, and held discussions.

The current consensus leans toward continuing with interim ministry or possibly choosing a contract ministry for the next phase of the transition period. The Board will make a decision and proceed appropriately in the coming months. However, we value your input, and if you'd like to express a thought on the matter, you're invited to do so at the Congregational Conversation on July 23rd. Come in person after the service or join the zoom meeting that evening to ask questions and offer your viewpoint. If neither of these options works for you, you're welcome to share your thoughts in an email to [copresidents@uufbr.org](mailto:copresidents@uufbr.org).





**Happy**  
*Birthday*

**Shawn Malaney,**  
**July 28**

# GAME NIGHT

July 7th is First Friday Fun Night here at UUFBR - also known as Game Night. We invite you all to join us from 7 to 9 pm for board games, dominoes, fun group games and Bingo. You are welcome to bring a favorite game if you have one!

This month we're meeting in the Rockberger room in the education building. Snacks and beverages will be provided. We hope you can join us! Please RSVP via email to [membership@UUFBR.org](mailto:membership@UUFBR.org) to let us know you're coming.







**Rocky Mountain Conservatory  
Theatre in Boca Raton, FL  
PRESENTS OUR FUN SUMMER  
CAMP**

**Enroll here:** [www.YouthActorsRmct.com](http://www.YouthActorsRmct.com)

**Fees:** 3 WEEKS at \$333/week or \$999 per session

**Dates:** Addams Family: June 19 to July 8, 2023

**Hours:** 9AM - 3:30PM (8am-5:00pm-extended hours)

**Location:** 2601 Saint Andrews Blvd., Boca Raton 33434 at  
UUFBR, right across from Boca Town Center Mall

**Phone:** (561) 962-1570

**Email:** [Contact@RMCTonline.com](mailto:Contact@RMCTonline.com)

**Auditions:** Each Student who Enrolls in Summer Camp is  
guaranteed a part in the Summer Production

***We have everything planned for your child's summer:  
All you need to do is enroll & show up!***

**Come and see this amazing Production  
of Addams Family  
on July 6, 7 & 8  
2 performances daily at  
2:00 PM and 6:00 PM.**

**Call or email for ticket information.**





UUFBR Accounts and Password Policy:  
Draft for Comment

To the UUFBR congregation:

Please review this draft policy [\[link attached here\]](#) intended to help us better prepare for UUFBR email security, password policy and email etiquette.

To adopt a new Board policy, the procedure is to present it at a Board meeting for approval by the board, and then post the Board-approved policy for 30 days for comments by the congregation.

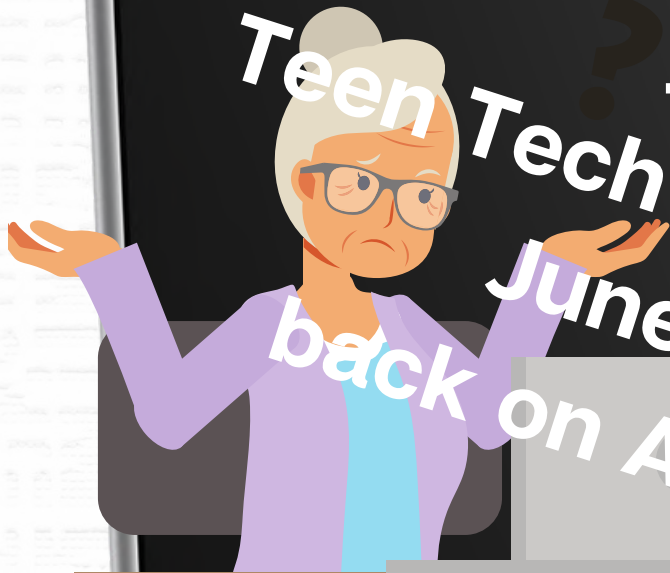
Comments should be directed to Louis Merlin:  
**please comment by July 31.** The Board will vote on the policy at its meeting.

# Teen Tech Support

First Sunday

following worship

Teen Tech Will be off this  
June & July  
back on August 6th



smart phone - computer - iPad

UUFBR teens answer

your tech questions. Join the in Osias Hall

## Wednesdays at noon

League Bowling  
Bowlero Boca

21046 Commercial Trail

Boca Raton, FL 33486

*Emil Kessler*  
*ekessler70@gmail.com*

*845-323-0961*



# July 10 Death Cafe



**Death Café meetings take place on the SECOND Monday of each month starting promptly at 7:30 on Zoom. Each meeting will run until 9:00 pm. Attendance is open to all, but there will be a waiting room, and due to the sensitive nature of the topics discussed, latecomers will not be admitted.**

Judy Keiser affection44@earthlink.net Louise Malusis lmalusis@gmail.com

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/94672062977?>

pwd=ZGNEbmxxTEJwRC81ZTU0YXZ3NjBpUT09 Meeting ID: 946 7206 2977

Passcode: 720164

Ukulele players, wannabes and maybes welcomed!

# UKULELE GROUP

Meeting in the sanctuary  
UUFBR 2601 St. Andrews Blvd. Boca Raton

2:00 pm  
the second Wednesday of the month

**July 12**

Fritz Aufdencamp  
Fritzcamp@juno.com

Music provided

Want to give it a try?  
Borrow a uke?  
Send an email!



## Grounds Maintenance

*Celia Hirsch and her gardening & grounds team are always looking for more hands!*

*Drop in opportunity!*

**Tuesdays 10:00am - noon**



# FRIDAY NIGHT HAPPY HOUR

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm



Use this link to join on Zoom: [https://zoom.us/j/99727829724?](https://zoom.us/j/99727829724?pwd=aXZMSUtuSU1FOHRTY2hSS0xRc2Z3Zz09)

[pwd=aXZMSUtuSU1FOHRTY2hSS0xRc2Z3Zz09](https://zoom.us/j/99727829724?pwd=aXZMSUtuSU1FOHRTY2hSS0xRc2Z3Zz09)

Meeting ID: 997 2782 9724, Passcode: 818939

A virtual end of the week happy hour.  
Bring your beverage and munchies!  
Invite others - your place or share the link.



Fire of Life Drum Circle is on hiatus  
for the time being.

## **Pagan Study Group**

**First Monday @ 7:00 PM by ZOOM only**

**Third Monday @ 7:00 PM in person - Parker Room**

**Contact: Alison Rognas, [cuups@uufbr.org](mailto:cuups@uufbr.org)**

**Zoom Host: [itteam@uufbr.org](mailto:itteam@uufbr.org)**

**Use this link to join on Zoom:**

**[https://zoom.us/j/98530214114?](https://zoom.us/j/98530214114?pwd=ajcvWGZjM1ljQ1V5d3ZRSFcweFJ1UT09)**

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**Meeting ID: 985 3021 4114**

**Passcode: 361105**

**One tap mobile: +13052241968,,98530214114# US**

# UU Compline

## Wednesday

**8:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

Take part in this half hour of music, sharing of words to lift the spirit, time to just breathe together. This is meant to be a time of meditation and prayer.

**It is not a discussion group.**

*The ZOOM room will open at 8:00 pm for checking in and winding down until the compline service begins at 8:30pm*

Zoom Host: [worship@uufbr.org](mailto:worship@uufbr.org)

**Use this link to join on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/96434715626?pwd=blZvdmhpTkx3T1lNWVnKUm1kalAvdz09>**

Meeting ID: 964 3471 5626 Passcode: 537875

One tap mobile: +16469313860,,96434715626# US



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

*Everyone is welcome!*

**Writers Circle Spring Semester Will be on hiatus for the July and August summer months. They will return in September**

**Check website calendar for details**

The Writers' Circle's main purpose is to provide feedback, encouragement and support for the writing process. Members include poets, non-fiction writers, short-story writers, novelists and writers in other genres.



[https://zoom.us/j/97921056462?](https://zoom.us/j/97921056462?pwd=bkhpY2R0RStOdU5yUXFWXRjcHluZz09)

[pwd=bkhpY2R0RStOdU5yUXFWXRjcHluZz09](https://zoom.us/j/97921056462?pwd=bkhpY2R0RStOdU5yUXFWXRjcHluZz09)

Meeting ID: 979 2105 6462

Passcode: 984806



## HEALING JUSTICE COMMITTEE

**TUESDAY JULY 25 7:30 pm**

To further understand how racism fuels hatred and ways to continue our journey to reverse these trends.

Use this link to join on Zoom: [https://zoom.us/j/95265885097?](https://zoom.us/j/95265885097?pwd=SDA4Q2VpQytldWxsLOZBTFAwd0INUT09)

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Passcode: 330269

**Will be on hiatus for the July and August summer months. They will return on September 20th.**

## BOOK GROUP

*Meets the third Wednesday at 7:00 pm Contact: Robyn Stuart*



**August Unicorn deadline - July 25th @ 10:00 AM  
send items to: [publications@uufbr.org](mailto:publications@uufbr.org)**

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

Morning Coffee and Tea  
Thursday Mornings  
10:00 am - 11:00 am



Share your thoughts in a conversation  
with no agenda!

Morning Coffee & Tea  
Weekly Thursday at 10:00 AM

Zoom Host:

worship@uufbr.org

Use this link to join on Zoom:

[https://zoom.us/j/98777421700?](https://zoom.us/j/98777421700?pwd=OEhpSWYvcUtqZXkrcE9OcGRFT0grdz09)

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Meeting ID: 987 7742 1700

Passcode: 476707

**NVC Practice Circle will be on hiatus for the July and August summer months. They will return in September**

**NONVIOLENT  
COMMUNICATION**

Speak Giraffe?

Non Violent Communication  
Learning Circle



*NVC is taught as a process of interpersonal communication designed to improve compassionate connection to others. It aims to support change on three interconnected levels: within self, between others, and within groups and social systems.*

Second Thursday @ 12:30 PM

Contact: Judy Keiser affection44@earthlink.net

Zoom Host: worship@uufbr.org

Use this link to join on Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/92339307030?pwd=TUPHeGkyb0M0SXkyLOJqbGxNeFQ3QT09>

Meeting ID: 923 3930 7030 Passcode: 642186

One tap mobile: +16469313860,,92339307030# US

# WHAT'S HAPPENING



*Engage in spirited group discussion of social and political issues.*

Use this link to join on Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/95687792437?pwd=OWRKVnFY2ILWng5bHk2a2xGLytwdz09>

Meeting ID: 956 8779 2437 Passcode: 525671

## MOVIE MATINEE DISCUSSION GROUP SATURDAYS AT 3 P.M.

*Watch the selected movie at your convenience any time before we meet. Then take part on Saturday at 3pm via ZOOM for the discussion. You'll be glad you did!*



Use this link to join on Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/97402403939?pwd=NXM4dGhHbIVpeVN3Yyt5RXFIUXJudz09>

Meeting ID: 974 0240 3939

Passcode: 8FJTV2



## **Committees**

### ***ZOOM links & descriptions***

#### **Board of Trustees**

4th Thursday at 7:00 pm

Judy Keiser, Sandy Troiano - copresidents@uufbr.org

Use this link to join on Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/93768534897?pwd=WEFNODZBV21Bc25sQWVjUGlmRzdmdz09>

Meeting ID: 937 6853 4897 Passcode: 114338

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#### **Endowment Committee**

2nd Thursday at 7:00 pm

Group Contact: Patricia Rogers prl17@bellsouth.net

The Endowment Fund: Sustaining the Legacy, the Continuity,  
and the Future of UUFBR and our UU Principles.

Use this link to join on Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/95661758153> Meeting ID: 956 6175 8153

One tap mobile: +19292056099,,95661758153# US (New York)

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#### **Finance Committee**

Third Monday at 7:00 pm

Group Contact: Patricia Rogers prl17@bellsouth.net

Use this link to join on Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/93286318047?pwd=bU5nSGUvOEwzaVh1OEJtd2xBZjRRQT09>

Meeting ID: 932 8631 8047, Password: 867418

## **Landscape Committee**

First Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Group contact: Celia Hirsch 561-870-3577

Use this link to join on Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/95432721616?pwd=dWNySFF5bTdoN3JSYi9JT1hBTEs0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 954 3272 1616 Passcode: 575795

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## **The Legacy Group**

Third Sunday @ 1 pm

Group contact: Judy Keiser

Zoom Host: itteam@uufbr.org

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/98795244584?pwd=d1NuVzZnM05ycDkwVWtQQnJyUm1PQT09>

Meeting ID: 987 9524 4584 Passcode: 388278

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## **Membership Committee**

Third Tuesday at 7:30 pm

Group contact: Sharon Drew

Use this link to join on Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/93534994263?pwd=WEwwVE0wMHQzZVg2bC9TeU5NMGdwdz09>

Meeting ID: 935 3499 4263 Passcode: 232167

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## **Religious Education Council (RE Council)**

RE Council is taking a hiatus until the fall 2023

RECouncil@uufbr.org

This group organizes activities for families with children and promotes religious education for all ages.

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## **Staff Meeting**

Tuesday at 12:00 am

Group contact: Ruth Amisial admin@uufbr.org

### **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://zoom.us/j/8707275954?pwd=T1laTDRKbTk0amFOWHlvakFoKzJ2Zz09>

**Meeting ID: 870 727 5954 Passcode: uVM7V0**

Office hours: T,W, F 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Sun. 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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## **IT Team**

Meets as needed

Group contact: Louis Merlin, louismerlin@gmail.com

Use this link to join on Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/95229659211?pwd=SVJUdU93WXJLbEVhSWxuR0duNE9aQT09>

**Meeting ID: 952 2965 9211 Passcode: 023036**

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## **Worship Committee Meeting**

Bi-weekly on Wednesday at 5:00 pm

Group contact: Nick Sanchez, nicholaslsanchez@gmail.com

Zoom Host: itteam@uufbr.org

Use this link to join on Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/96502101012?pwd=VIQ1MXBFVXI5bFhGRUdJZEhhMEUzQT09>

**Meeting ID: 965 0210 1012 Passcode: 462887**

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## **Transition Team Meeting**

Bi-weekly on Wednesday at 5:00 pm

Use this link to join on Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/96502101012?pwd=VIQ1MXBFVXI5bFhGRUdJZEhhMEUzQT09>

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