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Board Corner

As the Fellowship Turns...

Remember the old soap opera "As the World Turns"? There was always something interesting going on, enlivening the TV series enough so people tuned in every day to watch what the characters would do next.

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From The Minister Spiritual NGO or Transformational

Community?

In the past 25 years, church attendance in America has dropped more sharply than at any other time in our history. Too many doors of mainline Protestant churches have closed for good and even Evangelicals are scratching their heads at dwindling attendance.

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March 3 – "Augmented Humanity: An Exploration into Spiritual Creativity" with Ron Roth

This is not a sermon but a fictional, interactive play in which all are invited to join. The setting is 8 years from now when fictional character Rev. Peter Gilman has announced he wants to undergo a neural implant to enhance his brain functioning. During the service, you will be invited to share in discussion on the issues of having a cyborg for a minister followed by a vote on whether you would want your minister "augmented" or not.

March 10 - "As the Spirit Moves" with Rev. Kathy

Rev. Kathy offers something from her preaching past, an occasional Sunday that allows for spontaneity, a timely topic, or that emerged from time spent in contemplation. Let's see what bubbles up...

March 17 - " Ostara: Celebrating the Spring Equinox" Pagan Study Group

Alison Rognas leads this service with participation form the Pagan Study group. It will be presented in the earth-based religious tradition of honoring the seasons. Ostara celebrates Spring and this service will include a seed-planting ritual.

March 24 - "Palm Sunday: Turning the Love of Power into the Power of Love" with Rev. Kathy

Palm Sunday begins the Christian tradition of Holy Week and remembers the day that Jesus, the remarkable Jewish Rabbi rode into Jerusalem on a donkey while his followers laid down palm fronds on the path before him. Rev. Kathy will talk about the meaning of these acts and why a man from Nazareth with no will to political power was such a threat to those who served the will of the Roman Empire.

March 31 – "Easter Sunday: Imagining What Followed the Empty Tomb Through the Gospel of Mark" with Rev. Kathy and Rev. Fritz Aufdencamp

Rev Kathy and Rev. Fritz will share the pulpit as they speak to the profundity of the earliest written story of Jesus' ministry. Not only does the Gospel of Mark reveal the deeply ethical and justice-seeking values embedded in Jewish teachings but Mark is also a chronicle free of doctrinal embellishments of the early Christian church found in later accounts.

Share the Plate Offering

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Fellowship Events

GAME NIGHT MARCH 1 AT 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM FREE PIZZA



Come join us in the Osias Hall for a fun-filled evening playing interactive group and board games! Pizza and bottled water will be provided, or you're invited to bring the beverage of your choice. Please RSVP via email at Deliver2trish@gmail.com

Save the Principles Group Friday, March 8th, at 3 PM via Zoom

Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/91999026227?pwd=OXFkK0xiRUdFc3NsenFndjZjUUpLdz09

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Click on this link below to watch

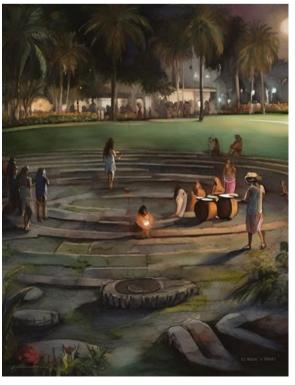
Continuing the Conversation A 7 Part Video Series

Moonlight Maze Meditation Walk and Drumming Monday, March 18, 2024 at 6 PM

"Drumming is the simplest thing that we can do to bring us together," said Babatunde Olatunji. You are warmly invited to join us in energy of a rhythmic beat and meditative motion at the UUFBR labyrinth under the almost full moon (weather permitting). We are joined by the South Florida Drum Circles, so feel free to bring hand drums and other percussion instruments of choice. Please BYOB (bring your own picnic blanket or beach chair).

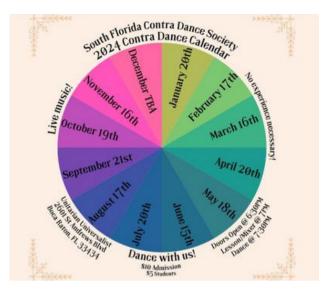
There is no ceremony or rituals. People dance and twirl on the labyrinth path, clap hands, sing and chant. Simply center yourself as you journey to the center of the labyrinth. Start moving along the path toward the center, one after another with space in between each to allow for time at the fire pit. You pace yourself on the path in safe, open space for personal exploration.

Moonlight Maze Walks and Drumming at UUFBR are free (donations are gratefully accepted. Donations of \$5 are recognized with a gift of UUFBR's meditation CD Breathe Again).



Email cuups@uufbr.org with questions.

Sharex Events



Contra dance March 16th, 2024 \$10 admission \$5 Students Doors Open @ 6:30 PM Lesson/Mixer@ 7 PM Dance @ 7:30 PM located at UUFBR 2601 St. Andrews Blvd Boca Raton, FL, 33434

External Events



Palm Beach Florida Pride Festival is an annual event celebrating the LGBTQ+ community in Palm Beach County and beyond. This year's festival is on Saturday, **March 23rd, and Sunday, March 24, 2024, at Bryant Park in Lake Worth Beach.** The festival features various activities, entertainment, and vendors catering to the LGBTQ+ community and its allies.

Palm Beach Florida Pride Festival is not just a celebration of the LGBTQ+ community but also a platform for education and advocacy. The festival features organizations and resources that provide information and support to the LGBTQ+ community, including healthcare providers, non-profits, and social groups. Attendees can learn about the services available to them and get involved in supporting LGBTQ+ causes.

Rooted in our Unitarian Universalist affirmation of the inherent worth and dignity of all people including all bodies, and all identities—Side With Love is proud to organize for LGBTQIA+, Gender, and Reproductive Justice. Together, we commit to fighting for a world in which every body is sacred. Palm Beach Florida Pride Festival is a fun and inclusive event that celebrated diversity, acceptance, and love. Whether you identify as LGBTQ+ or are an ally, the festival welcomes everyone to come together, offers a reprieve for many LGBTQ+ who face hate and discrimination, and enjoy a day of entertainment, community, and celebration. As we enter a new fiscal year and renew our commitment to each other, UUFBR's Board-chartered Committees will be renewed as well. Now is a great time to:

... join a committee that's doing something you like or would like to try... ...get more involved if you're already part of a committee or team... ...or volunteer to lead a committee you've grown to value...

In early March (starting this coming weekend!) the Board will be asking all Board committees to reaffirm present chairs and/or suggest new ones for the upcoming year. Please make sure your voice is heard. Attend a meeting, join a committee, and volunteer to lead. Come on in, the water's fine!

Thanks.

Judy

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

On behalf of the congregation, the copresidents would like to thank the leaders whose elected service came to an end this year: Trustees Barbara Messick, Paul Libert and Sandy Troiano; Endowment Committee members Mary Wickensheimer and Patricia Rogers; and Nominating Committee members Betty Tilton and Rick Troiano. You have all influenced our Fellowship for the better, and we hope you will take a well-deserved rest – but not a long one! We appreciate you, and hope you will soon find new ministries at UUFBR that call you to serve.

NEW LEADERS FOR A NEW YEAR

New leaders were elected at the annual congregational meeting on February 18, 2024. For those who were not able to read the bios circulated beforehand, here are our new congregational leaders – Welcome to all and thank you for your ministry to our Fellowship!

Board of Trustees:

Howard Prentice

I would like to thank Rick and Sandy for nominating me to the board. My wife Linda and I joined UUFBR in 2022. This was after a one-year period of reflection, discussion and searching for a spiritual community that our family could call our spiritual home. We have been married for 45 years and together we have figured out that the Golden Rule "to love your neighbor as yourself" is really the only rule and value that matters. The dignity of worth, the philosophy of inclusiveness, love and empathy are all part of our family's way of living and have been central to our marriage and in our relationship with others. I believe and I am committed to UU Principles and Core values and believe I could make a valuable contribution to UUFBR Board. Thank you for considering me for this opportunity.

Board of Trustees continued:

Rajeev Arora

Rajeev Arora has been a UU since 1995 when his first daughter was born in MA and he attended the First Religious Society of Newburyport, MA. Since then, he's been a member of UUCP in Phoenix where both his daughters went through the whole Religious Education curriculum including OWL, COA and YRUU. He was also certified as an OWL educator and taught middle school OWL for two years. He later joined the board of trustees at UUCP while Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray was the lead minister and helped with the congregational mission and vision work as well as attended the GA in Phoenix (2012) and Louisville (2013). Rajeev joined UUFBR last year and has been involved with the Tech, Outreach and Transition Teams.

As a Board Trustee, he'd like to serve the congregation in whichever way is needed. Currently, he perceives a need to expand outreach efforts to promote and enhance our fantastic fellowship via the website, social media and local outreach events.

<u>Rick Troiano</u>

Rick Troiano's vocation was social work. His work has generally been in the mental health and disabilities fields. He was a case worker at a New Jersey state psychiatric hospital and various psychiatric outreach centers. He has also worked as an advocate at independent living centers.

Rick started attending UUFBR services in 2016 and became a member in 2017. He is interested in serving on the Board of Trustees because he is concerned about the direction in which UUFBR may be headed. There are a variety of issues facing UUFBR on which congregants have multiple viewpoints. He believes his background in social work has provided him with the skills needed to help people come to resolution of possibly difficult challenges in a congenial way allowing everyone to be heard.

Endowment Committee:

Bob Schneider

I have been a member of UUFBR since May 2021 and believe in all UU's principles. In fact, Reverand Harris married Honoratha and myself us as the first Covid wedding of that year. My daughter-in-law, Gabi, was the lead in the choir. She and my son Matt had introduced us to UUFBR, and we have been "home" ever since.

A little about me:

I am originally from Queens, NY, and moved here in 1991, so my parents who were living in Sunrise could be with their 2 grandchildren.

I was a part-owner of an ice cream store on Roosevelt Island, in N.Y. I had brought in gourmet items to the store such as pates, prosciutto, etc. We had the only ice cream store on the island.

When I moved to Tamarac in 1991, I found myself in the position of Assistant Manager for Eckerd's.

I later for the past 16 years have been in College Admissions interviewing thousands of potential students to assist them in guiding them towards their dream. I am currently employed by a Beauty School as a Senior Admissions Representative.

I plan to devote myself to listen and understand the needs of people of organizations seeking endowment monies from UUFBR, and along with the other members of the Endowment Committee, will make the best decision we can that will be in both of our best interests. I have no experience in these matters, but I am a fast learner and will always do what is fair. Paul recommended me to run for this position. And anyone who knows Paul, he is a hard man to refuse.

Endowment Committee continued:

Paul Libert

I've been a member of the UUFBR since September 16, 2018, and a member of the Board of Trustees since August 26, 2019. I served as Treasurer for 3 and a half years and on the Finance Committee for almost the entire period of my membership. I have co-chaired the Annual Budget Drive (ABD) for fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023. If elected to the Endowment Committee I pledge to respect its governing bylaws, to limit grant recipients to the UUFBR, and to promote a sound investment strategy.

Nominating Committee:

Danielle Smith

Danielle Smith has been a member of UUFBR since 2022. She started coming to services here in 2021 and became a member a year later. She has been an active member of our community including teaching OWL for grades 7-9, working on our annual fundraising campaign, and even working in the office for a few months. Before moving to Florida, she was an active member of Bull Run Unitarian Universalists in Manassas, Virginia. She is honored and excited for this opportunity.

Trish Bobbing

A lifelong resident of South Florida, I graduated from FSU and was state PR director for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and senior editor of a national magazine before my retirement in 2000. I joined UUFBR last year, and in addition to my new "church family" I have a daughter living in NC. As a member of the 2024 nominating committee aimed at seeking members willing to serve on a UUFBR board as vacancies occur, I encourage anyone interested in volunteering their time and talent to fill these very important roles to reach out and let me know.

Terry Jordan

I earned degrees in Nursing from Northeastern and Florida State University, and a Master's in special education from Nova; worked in mainly Psychiatric Nursing, then taught children with Autism. Since joining UUFBR March 2023, and volunteering as greeter and Game Night co-chair, I'll be able to find candidates for our Fellowship's vacant positions.

From Bach to Bonds: Journeying Home Through Music

As we conclude the month of February, it's a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the beautiful melodies and harmonies that we have heard in our services throughout the past few weeks. Our sanctuary has been filled with music that has touched our hearts and lifted our spirits, creating an atmosphere of warmth and togetherness.

On the first Sunday of the month, our theme centered around the idea that "We Need One Another." It was a sentiment



beautifully echoed through the pieces selected for the occasion. We began with "Harmonie des anges" ("Angel's voices") by Friederich Burgmüller, a piece that evokes the celestial harmonies of angels surrounding us with their grace. Following this ethereal piece, we were gently transported into the enchanting realms of Robert Schumann's "Mondnacht" ("Moonlit Night"), where the beauty of nature mirrored the profundity of human connection under the night sky.

Continuing our musical journey, the next Sunday our theme emphasized being "In Service to One Another." What better way to commence our service than with a Prelude by the master composer himself, J. S. Bach? His music has a timeless quality that speaks to the soul, setting the perfect tone for introspection and connection. We then transitioned to a Prelude by Frederic Chopin, whose delicate melodies and expressive nuances are able to stir our emotions and invite us to contemplate the interconnectedness of humanity. Connection is the key word here, isn't it?

As we approached Sunday, February 18th, the theme resonated deeply with many of us: "There's No Place Like Home." Amidst the hustle and bustle of life, there's a longing in each of us to find belonging in the sanctuary of home. "Returning Home" by Burgmüller captured this sentiment flawlessly, with its gentle melody reminiscent of a warm embrace, comforting and familiar. With each note, we were reminded that home is not merely a physical space but a sanctuary of the soul—a place of belonging and acceptance.

Lastly, on February 25th, in honor of Black History Month, our service was dedicated to the theme "Lift Every Voice." It was an occasion marked by reverence and celebration. Margaret Bonds' hauntingly beautiful "Troubled Water" paid homage to the resilience and strength of the human spirit in the face of adversity.

Each musical selection throughout the month has served as a testament to the diversity of human experience and the universal language of music that binds us all together. As we reflect on the melodies that have filled our sanctuary, may we carry their messages of unity, service, and resilience with us as we continue our journey forward.

Board Corner Continued



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Board of Trustees

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As the Fellowship Turns...

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My apartment-mates in law school even arranged their class schedules so they could rush home to watch their favorite villains, ingenues and leading men do their thing on screen. They had their priorities!

Our Fellowship is like that – but without the scandals and disasters. Every month the shared activities, events, and experiences reveal the depth and breadth of our connections with each other:

- In February we had a graceful democratic transition of power, electing a new slate of trustees, Endowment Committee members and Nominating Committee members at our Annual Congregational Meeting on February 18. See separate articles for more details about those leaders we're thanking for their past service, and those we're welcoming to future service.
- We've also seen excellent teamwork by those leading our annual stewardship campaign, whose theme is "There's No Place Like Home." Emil, Ron, Lynn, Danielle, Rajeev and Bill have reminded us of all the beautiful interactions that make this Fellowship feel like home, a safe and welcoming place for our tender hearts and beautiful spirits. Generosity flows freely when hearts are uplifted and touched. Thank you to all whose generous pledges are bringing us ever closer to creating heaven on earth in our little corner of the world. There's still time to strengthen this home of ours even more! See Stewardship update for more information.
- Trustee Projects continue, including:
 - o Ongoing transition work, led by Rev Kathy and the Transition Team
 - o Outreach and marketing efforts which bring new energy into our community.
 - o Valuable Leadership Development training by Rev Kathy
 - o Posting our Congregational Profile on the UUA Contract Minister Jobs Board for candidates to review
 - o Creating a solid foundation for the upcoming process to be led by the Mission and Vision Team
 - o Modeling ways we can all grow together, by practicing covenantal relating, deep listening skills, and compassionate communication

As the Fellowship Turns... continued

• The Board and the Finance Committee will be holding a joint meeting to discuss the budget, and Finance Committee will offer an opportunity for congregants to be part of the process in person and on Zoom before the Special Congregational Meeting March 24 to approve the budget. Don't miss your chance to be part of the solution! See upcoming eblasts for more details about information sessions and discussions.

Space doesn't permit mention of the myriad of other ways we minister to each other, but any Trustee would be happy to share more about our various projects and priorities. Don't be shy – ask us anything! Don't forget, this is YOUR spiritual home, YOUR show. We are not the audience, we are the actors in this amazing show, and we write the script. Join us, and keep "the Fellowship Turning."



Stewardship testimonials

"There's no place like home."

Lynn Smith: Hear ye, hear ye! We have good news. As of this writing, 61 pledges have been received and others are arriving daily. Make sure you take time to call us or drop off your pledge form if you have not done so.

Your commitment to our faith is powerful! Within our spiritual home, you add to a loving community of faith and hope. Outside our walls, you foster a society that is strengthened by justice and equity for all.

Here are some testimonials from members who wanted to let you know why they are passionate about UUFBR:

Carole Stephens: I support UUFBR because I want to see a continued presence of liberal religion in south Florida. I am proudly UU because of all that Unitarian Universalism has done in the forefront of societal change for a better world. UUFBR is my gateway to that connection. I often hear my neighbors discuss what their religion has done for them. UU-ism asks me to determine what I can do for the world to even the playing field for all. I believe that UUFBR can be that liberal beacon in an often discouraging and hurtful world.

UUFBR is also the source of both my spiritual growth and reminders of what being human means. Without such reminders, I could easily drift into a self-focused me. These reminders help me realize that I am but one small piece in the puzzle of life. Regardless of the spiritual practice I choose—meditation, prayer, chanting, drumming, silence — my non-creedal faith welcomes me to join with others who share my values of a fairer world for all, supporting that we need not think alike to love alike.



Stewardship testimonials

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"There's no place like home."

Judy Keiser: After going through Our Whole Lives, the human sexuality program co-created by the UUA, the next logical step in faith development for UU youth is to participate in a Coming-of-Age program. My son William graduated from UUFBR's OWL program, but there was no plan to present a COA program. I feared that William would drift away from our faith if there wasn't anything pulling him back into community.

Community is so important. William really needed an inclusive and caring community to counter the harsh environments of school and popular culture. And I needed the help of the "village" to support me in raising my son, because as William's mother, it was better that I let others guide his religious education.

Our intern minister, Amy Carol Webb, opened her ears and heart to my pleas, and made it happen. William was able to bond with caring adults who mentored his spiritual growth, learn about UU history and UUA structure by traveling to Boston, meet other UU teens, and develop a personal credo and share it with the congregation. To this day William remains strongly connected to his UU roots. I credit the caring UUFBR community that stepped up and "saved the day," ministering to him and his peers, modeling the love that is at the heart of our faith.

Jim Smith: Why am I passionate about being a Unitarian Universalist? Because I believe in our principles and our covenant, and my mantra is that service is my prayer. Over the past 30 years, as I grew deeper into this faith, I found my service as an educator most rewarding. As a result I developed and ran a great variety programs on peace, domestic violence, homelessness, affordable housing, veterans issues, cyberbullying. corporate responsibility, and human rights. But for the past 9 years I have worked solely on racial justice.

UUFBR's Healing Justice outreach program was instrumental in enabling my latest effort, "Freedom School," a 4-part series with 4 Black community advocates in Palm Beach County that is now available at youtube.com@uuboca. These episodes focused on environmental justice, health care, education and housing because those are key areas of injustice right in our backyard that impact poor and marginalized folks.

I feel my work lives up to all UU principles, especially the one about justice, equity and compassion for all. To me, donating my talent and time is more fulfilling spiritually than my monetary donations. And I bring UU principles with me to my service on the Boards of nonprofits United Veterans Beacon House, which runs 53 homeless shelters, and ERASE Racism, which fights for equity in housing and education

From the minister... Reverend Kathryn Tew Rickey



Spiritual NGO or Transformational Community?

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Jake Meador is a Presbyterian lay person who writes about the cross sections of politics, culture, and faith. In an Atlantic magazine article that UU colleagues shared with me, Meador explores the "misunderstood reasons" why millions in America have stopped going to church. Rather than clergy abuses or crises of faith, studies show that people are falling away from their religious affiliations gradually as say, a busy work and/or family life slowly displaces worship attendance. Meador comes to this conclusion:

"Contemporary America simply isn't set up to promote mutuality, care, or common life. Rather, it is designed to maximize individual accomplishment as defined by professional and financial success.... Workism reigns in America, and because of it..., many Americans have adopted a way of life that has left us lonely, anxious, and uncertain of how to live in community with other people."

Meador asserts that if religious institutions do not offer something counter-cultural, in other words if they simply mirror the predominant culture by being "vague spiritual NGO's" that offer religious services as something to be consumed, passively, then church becomes indistinguishable from other sources of inspiration and positive emotional experiences for people. (Source: https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2023/07/christian-church-communitiy-participation-drop/674843/)

So, what is it that counters the loneliness, anxiousness, and isolation that Workism, and I would add, consumerism create for so many people these days? Community. Transformational Community. Never before has congregational life had more potential to help people build lives of meaning and to understand themselves as more than the sum of their careers or their possessions. Never has there been a more critical time to be a religious community that offers life-saving connections and a call to personal and spiritual growth while serving needs greater than our own. Never has it been more important for us in the Fellowship to understand that there are people in our wider community who need what we have to offer – transformational community.

Our Stewardship Campaign has emphasized the importance of having this spiritual home in our lives. As we reach and stretch to ensure that UUFBR is here for us today, tomorrow, and beyond, let us remember that we also ensure that UUFBR is here for so those in need of a soul-nourishing and soul-growing place in which to counter the ill effects of Workism and over-consumption. Let our aspirations continue toward building up our shared ministries of worship, music, justice, spiritual development, and more, so that we avoid the trap of being a spiritual NGO. Let us instead live into being a transformational community of life-saving love and connection.

In faith and love,

Rev. Kathy

Spiritual NGO or Transformational Community?

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PS - Please see Susan Holahan's example of serving needs greater than her own in the story that follows.

Transformational Ministry

Susan Holahan, a member of our congregation who lives at St. Andrews Estates shares her story of becoming a letter writer to a prison inmate. Susan joined the Church of the Larger Fellowship's (virtual UU congregation) program "Worthy Now Prison Ministry." She was matched with an inmate in the Illinois named "John." They have been friends for 15 years and Susan says he only knows that she is female, Unitarian Universalist, and lives in Florida. Of this corresponding experience, Susan says,

"He took a UU correspondence activity early on, but later returned to more Christian-ministrybased activities -- and then it seemed to be none at all. I suspect for many prisoners, it's who is at the door providing distractions from prison life at that time. Regardless, we continued corresponding. And, I have been able to snail mail him a variety of things. He rarely asked for anything, but the stuff I've sent included: Ratings for Football Fantasy, copies of various UU sermons available online, outside news about prison happenings, and, most recently, news/information related to requesting Illinois clemency for seniors with good behavior."

Susan's letter-writing ministry is an example of participating in Transformational Community. Through congregational life, Susan creates connection and counters isolation for another person likely written off by society. Susan and John engage in life-affirming correspondence that brings meaning to their respective lives in a way not commonly found in secular life. Thank you Susan for giving of yourself in this way.



Board of Trustees

4th Thursday at 7:00 pm Judy Keiser, Carole Stephens copresidents@uufbr.org

Use this link to join on Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/93768534897? pwd=WEFNODZBV21Bc25sQWVjUGImRzdmdz09 Meeting ID: 937 6853 4897 Passcode: 114338

Finance Committee

Third Monday at 2:00 pm Group Contact: Patricia Rogers prl17@bellsouth.net

> Use this link to join on Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/93286318047? pwd=bU5nSGUvOEwzaVh10EJT

d2xBZjRRQT09

Meeting ID: 932 8631 8047, Password: 867418

The Legacy Group

Third Sunday @ 1 pm Group contact: Judy Keiser Zoom Host: itteam@uufbr.org

Use this link to join on Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/98795244584? pwd=d1NuVzZnM05ycDkwVWtQQnJyUm1PQT09 Meeting ID: 987 9524 4584 Passcode: 388278

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

Staff Meeting

Tuesday at 11:00 am Group contact: Ruth Amisial admin@uufbr.org

Use this link to join on Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/8707275954? pwd=T1IaTDRKbTk0amFOWHIvakFoKzJ2Zz09 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

Worship Committee Meeting

Bi-weekly on Wednesday at 5:00 pm Group contact: <u>Bill Jensen</u> wmjensen44@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 One tap mobile: +13017158592,,96502101012# US (Washington DC)

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:

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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/95

432721616?pwd=dWNySFF5bTdoN3JSYi9JT1hBTEs0Zz09 Meeting ID: 954 3272 1616 Passcode: 575795

Membership Committee

Third Tuesday at 7:30 pm Group contact: Sharon Drew

Use this link to join on Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/93534994263?

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Religious Education Council (RE Council)

RE Council is taking a hiatus until further notice RECouncil@uufbr.org This group organizes activities for families with children and promotes religious education for all ages.

Transition Team Meeting

Monthly on second Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Use this link to join on Zoom: Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/93287243768?

pwd=SCtmbUZQN3JWMEkrd1N2MHZKYXkwQT09

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Everyone is welcome!



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					Admin in Office 10 -3pm Friday Night Happy Hour 5pm, Zoom Game Night 7pm	2 The Forum 10am, Zoom Movie Discussion Group 3pm, Zoom
3 Admin in Office 9 -12pm Worship Service 10:30 am (Zoom also) Peace Network member meeting 1pm	4 Office closed Cleaning service 8am Pagan Study Group 7pm, Zoom	5 Admin in office 10 -3pm Landscape committee Meeting 7pm,Zoom	6 Admin in office 10-3pm Ground Maint. 10am Bowling @Bowlero 12am Soul Matters w/ Elon 7pm Midweek Meditation 8pm, Zoom	7	8 Admin in Office 10 -3pm Save the 7 principles 3pm, Zoom Friday Night Happy Hour 5pm, Zoom	9 The Forum 10am, Zoom Movie Discussion Group 3pm, Zoom
10 Admin in Office 9 -12 pm Worship Service 10:30 am (Zoom also)	11 Office closed Cleaning service 8am Men's group 10am Peace Rally 3:30pm Death Cafe 7:30pm, Zoom	12 Admin in office 10-3pm Transition Team 7pm, Zoom	13 Admin in office 10-3pm Ground Maint 10am Bowling @Bowlero 12am Ukulele group 2pm Worship Committee 5pm, Zoom Midweek Meditation 8pm, Zoom	14 Nonviolent Communication Practice Circle 12:30pm, Zoom Endowment Committee 7pm, Zoom	15 Admin in Office 10 -3pm Soul Matters Group 10am Friday Night Happy Hour 5pm, Zoom	16 The Forum 10am, Zoom Movie Discussion Group 3pm, Zoom
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24 Admin in Office 9 -12 pm Worship Service 10:30 am (Zoom also) Special Congregational Annual Budget Meeting 12 pm	25 Office closed Cleaning service 8am	26 Admin in office 10-3pm Healing Justice 7:30pm, Zoom	27 Admin in office 10-3pm Ground Maint: J0am Bowling @Bowlero 12am Worship Committee 5pm, Zoom Midweek Meditation 8pm, Zoom	28 Board of Trustees 7pm, Zoom	29 Admin in Office 10 -3pm Friday Night Happy Hour 5pm, Zoom	30 The Forum 10am, Zoom Movie Discussion Group 3pm, Zoom
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Quimetta Perle GROUP EXHIBITIONS



January 26 – April 6, 2024 Opening Reception: Thursday, January 25, 2024, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

While women artists are beginning to achieve recognition for their work, they remain underrepresented in galleries and museums. This exhibition focuses exclusively on the work of women artists and their responses to perceived requirements of domesticity, the many waves of feminism, and their own lived experiences. Véronique Chagnon-Burke, co-founder of the Women Art Dealers Digital Archives (WADDA), will serve as guest curator.



EXHIBITION EXTENSIONS

January 27, 2024, 2 p.m. Panel Discussion with Guest Curator Véronique Chagnon-Burke March 2, 2024, 10 a.m.

Panel Discussion for Women's History Month at The Square, West Palm Beach Greetings All My Friends,

I'd like to introduce you to my work, which is a celebration of women of all ages and races. I use vividly colored silks, patterned cotton fabric, luminous beads, paper mache sculpture, and sometimes video to depict spirits, goddesses and mortal women. I hope to see you. Please see the flyers with all the addresses and dates.

Best wishes, Ouimetta Perle



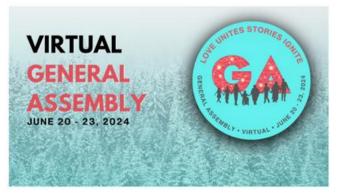




Arts Warehouse and RAD Curatorial are pleased to present 'Conceptually Green', a group exhibition of 22 artists working in diverse media.

On view February 2 – April 20, 2024 Opening Reception February 2, 6 – 9pm. Free admission!

Exhibiting Artists: Alissa Alfonso, Diane Arrieta, Molly Aubry, Melanie Brewster, Dana Donaty, Andrea Facusse, Amy Gelb, Jill Hotchkiss, Margaret Innerhofer, Jeanne Jaffe, Kandy G. Lopez, Rick Newton, Quimetta Perle, Renee Phillips, Evelyn Politzer, Elle Schorr, Norman Silva, Andrea Spiridonakos, Jacquelyn Strycker, Denise Treizman, Melissa Webb, Addison Wolff.



Register for 2024 Virtual General Assembly

GA registration is now open! Adult registration is \$280, and includes access to General Assembly 2024 in the Whova event app, as well as on-demand programming, featured speakers, and major worships. Register through February 29 with a down payment of \$50 by selecting the Early Bird Payment Plan at checkout. Voting delegates who wish to participate only in General Sessions may also register with the business-only option - this option is no-cost, but a donation is suggested.

Registration rates increase March 1. GA Registration click here

Check out "UUA General Assembly 2024: Love Unites, Stories Ignite" from Unitarian Universalist Assoc. Video <u>here</u>

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"Managing Your Biases" With Gail Price-Wise, MS Florida Center for Cultural Competency by Anti Bias Coalition



In this course you will laugh, uncover unconscious thoughts about others, and recognize the human tendency to divide the world into "us" and "them" and devalue them.







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