

The Unicorn



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Board Corner

March, the month known for coming in like a lion, set the pace for your Board of Trustees this month.

The final days of February ended with a congregational meeting to elect new Board trustees and committee members.

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From The Minister

Change with a Capital "C":

Few people in the world love change. We are creatures of habit and crave equilibrium because early in our evolution, a predictable environment improved our chances of survival. While we humans no longer face sabertoothed tigers, we still have an amygdala and a nervous system that can overtake us when we are fearful or feel threatened. Changes in our lives can trigger great fear in us.

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April Worship Service Schedule

April 7 - TBD

April 14 – “Idols, Manna, and Broken Tablets” by Rev. Kathy

Comfort is costly because change happens whether we like it or not. If we choose change, how do we best adapt to it?

April 21 – “Earth Day: Be Like Noah” with Rev. Kathy

In our suburban and urban living, we tend to be disconnected from the natural world that surrounds us. To reconnect, “Be like Noah” and collect animals by photographing them. Send your best photo to revkathy@uufbr.org by 4/14 and she will share during the service.

April 28 – “Liberation Requires Transformation” with Rev. Kathy and Robyn Stuart

In honoring Passover, Robyn Stuart will share with us the meaning of the foods that commemorate Passover and the Exodus story. Rev. Kathy will then explore the transformative process symbolized by Moses and his people wandering in the desert and why it required 40 years.

Share the Plate Offering



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"Please write Share the Plate in the comment section when you make your online gift."

Fellowship Events

GAME NIGHT
FRIDAY
APRIL 5TH AT 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM



Join us in the Osias Hall for an evening filled with fun. Play interactive group and board games! Pizza and bottled water will be provided, or you can bring the beverage of your choice. Please RSVP via email to Trish Bobbing at Deliver2trish@gmail.com

Board the UUFBR Bus
at UUFBR

April 8th at 6:00 PM going to
Nehemiah Action Assembly at the Palm Beach County Convention Center



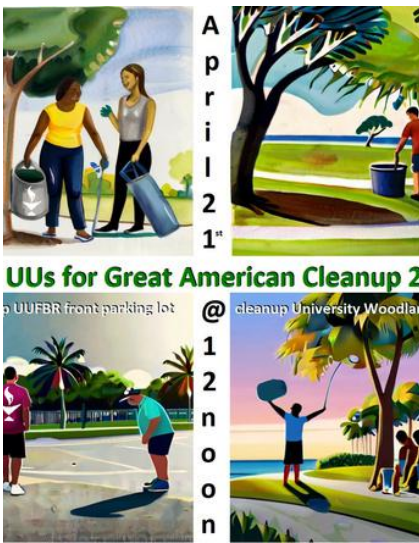
I'm going,
are you?



There is
power in
our
presence;
YOU can
make a
difference
just by
showing up
for justice!

Your Seat Awaits You

On Monday, April 8, 2024, we have a bus going to the PEACE Action Assembly; it leaves UUFBR 6pm sharp! There is room for you, and snacks, too! Email revkathy@uufbr.org to RSVP



Join UUs in participating in the Great American Cleanup on Sunday, April 21st at 12 noon. Sign up to volunteer in University Woodlands Park, 2501 St. Andrews Blvd. (off Glades Rd.) and the area surrounding the fellowship grounds to pick up litter and loose trash.

Enjoy the service, then enjoy Nature as we put the UU 7th Principle into practice: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. Here's the way our Tapestry of Faith children's programs describes it: We believe in caring for our planet Earth, the home we share with all living things. Our Pagan Study Group puts the Principle into practice by hosting cleanups of University Woodlands Park and playground, and parking lot of UUFBR.

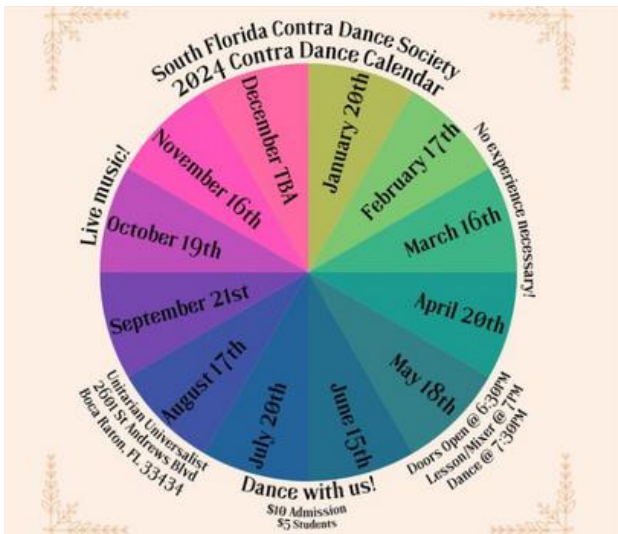
The UUFBR Ace of CUUPS, in partnership with Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful and International Coastal Cleanup, will provide trash bags, buckets, grabbers and gloves. Prizes will be awarded for most trash (in pounds), most unusual item collected, and largest item collected. Registration will take place during coffee service. You may pre-register for this event by requesting the Volunteer Registration Forms by email to CUUPS@uufbr.org

Together, we can make our community cleaner and greener.

#GreatAmericanCleanup #7thPrinciple #RestoreMidgard

Image description: The image features a group of people wearing gloves and holding trash bags while picking up litter in a park. They're happy to be making a difference in their community. The background shows a beautiful landscape of grass and trees.

Sharex Events



Contra dance

April 20th, 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

Golden Chalice Society



“On Sunday, March 24, 2024, our congregation honored Robert Duchemin by recognizing his induction into the UUFBR Golden Chalice Society. The ceremony included presentation of a plaque thanking Robert for his many years of service to our Fellowship.

Honors will include Robert’s photograph being added to the golden Chalice Society gallery in Osias, and a celebratory lunch or dinner with the minister and the copresidents. Donations may also be made in Robert’s honor to the operating fund of the Fellowship. Please write “In honor of Robert Duchemin” on the memo line of your check, or in the online form.

Thank you, Robert, and congratulations!”



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Please write “In honor of Robert Duchemin” on the memo line of your check, or in the online form.



Click [here](#) to read about Robert.



Click [here](#) to view Board Minutes. You must be a Member and sign in.

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We welcomed onto the Board Rajeev Arora, Howard Prentice and Rick Troiano while gratefully thanking these members who stepped down after serving for three years: Paul Libert, Barbara Messick and Sandy Troiano.

In March, the Board elected to the co-presidency Rajeev Arora and Claire Smith. Patrick Larson agreed to continue as Vice-President-Facilities and Bill Jensen as Treasurer. After a much appreciated year, Lynn Smith stepped down as Secretary to be replaced by Judy Keiser. These officers assumed leadership the end of March.

Also during early March the Board worked with the Endowment Committee who had for several months been focused on improving their processes outlined in the Bylaws. And March also saw the Board working closely with the Finance Committee as they diligently created a budget for fiscal year 2024-25 which the congregation then approved at a special congregational meeting held at the end of March.

Knowing that our productive, enlightening, and precious time with Rev. Kathy is term-limited, the Board provided input in a timely manner to the Ministerial Search team to help with their search process.

Whew! But there's more! With the valuable and essential guidance of Board V-P Patrick Larson, the long awaited new fire alarm system got underway in late March.

Meanwhile, with valuable input from both the entering and exiting trustees, the Board planted more spring seeds that will be nurtured in the coming months. Some of the seeds will be cultivated to yield improved processes for the Board itself as we strive to fulfill the trust placed in us to carry out the business of the congregation. And some seeds will be coaxed into a sturdy structure for supporting the many activities that are the life of the congregation.

Solemnly recognizing that our seeds today will create what sustains us in the future, your Board of Trustees is committed to carefully tending that part of the UUFBR garden you have entrusted to us.

In faith,
Carole Stephens
Co-President for March

From the minister...

Reverend Kathryn Tew Rickey



When I think of experiencing COVID as we did from 2020 to 2022, I recall significant lifestyle changes and unpredictability. Living two years of sustained exposure to uncertainty and fear surely narrowed our tolerance for change so that going forward, we might be more easily triggered when faced with change. I think another lasting impact of COVID living was our isolation through sheltering in place. Our cocooning kept us safe, but it also kept us away from larger spheres of community where we experienced people and environments very different from our own; differences that range from culture and ethnicity to ideas, values, and viewpoints.

Cocooning or not, change doesn't stop. In fact, the Fellowship has been in a state of transition since Rev. Harris retired, and life at UUFBR has already transformed in big and small ways. Nonetheless, we must find a way forward. As an example, we now face significant changes in the expression of the covenant which frames the relationship that each self-governed Unitarian Universalist congregation in this country has with one another. Article II of the Unitarian Universalist Association by-laws is that covenant which holds us together and gives us a national identity. By design, the covenant must be reviewed every 15 years because we are a living tradition, a religion that assumes revelation is not sealed but ongoing, and that spiritual growth is part of our living as Unitarian Universalists.

The latest review of Article II was a 5-year process which resulted in the proposal of a very different expression of the existing version which we know familiarly as the 7 Principles and 6 Sources. Even though every principle has been brought into the new expression of Article II, the changes look and feel very different from what we have come to know and love. The proposed changes also call us to walk our talk when it comes to working for justice and equity in our world.

Most of us have never known any other form of Article II, and most of us didn't understand that it was subject to change. Thus, reactivity, anxiousness, and resistance to change are understandable. Post-COVID and amid a transitional ministry, this is an especially challenging time for the Fellowship to be presented with changes to Article II. Yet, we cannot go around these changes, we must go through them.

Change with a Capital “C: continued

Thus, as a congregation, together, we must hold one another in love and respect while we work our way through change with a capital “C.” One of the ways to do this is through an adaptive approach to the differences we hold. This means that we as members of the Fellowship will be asked to participate in two congregational meetings this month. These meetings will involve a process that aims for a shared pool of understanding of the differences among us. This understanding will benefit all as we approach the time when we as a congregation must instruct our delegates on voting at the General Assembly in June. The better we understand one another, the better we will understand the complexity and the nuances of the institutional change we face. I hope every member of this Fellowship will participate in two of the most important discussions we will have for years to come.

In faith and love,

Rev. Kathy



Committees

ZOOM links & descriptions

Board of Trustees

1st Thursday at 7:00 pm
Rajeev Arora, Claire Smith
copresidents@uufbr.org

Use this link to join on Zoom:

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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:

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Meeting ID: 932 8631 8047, Password: 867418

The Legacy Group

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

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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:

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Staff Meeting

Tuesday at 12:00 pm
Group contact: Ruth Amisial admin@uufbr.org

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Meeting ID: 870 727 5954 Passcode: uVM7VO

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: [Bill Jensen](mailto:Bill_Jensen_wmjensen44@gmail.com) wmjensen44@gmail.com
Zoom Host: itteam@uufbr.org

Use this link to join on Zoom:

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Endowment Committee

2nd Thursday at 7:00 pm
Group Contact: Mitch Major: mitchmajor@earthlink.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

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Membership Committee

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

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Meeting ID: 935 3499 4263 Passcode: 232167

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?](https://zoom.us/j/93287243768?pwd=SCtmbUZQN3JWMEkrd1N2MHZKYXkwQT09)

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Meeting ID: 932 8724 3768 Passcode: 768670 One tap mobile: +13052241968,,93287243768# US

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Robert
Duchemin,
April 21**



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Everyone is welcome!



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Office closed Cleaning service 8am Pagan Study Group 7pm, Zoom	2 Admin in office 10-3pm Staff Meeting 12pm, Zoom Landscape Committee Meeting 7pm, Zoom	3 Admin in office 10-3pm Ground Maint. 10am Bowling @Bowlero 12am Soul Matters w/ Elon 7pm Midweek Meditation 8pm, Zoom	4 Board of Trustees 6:45pm, Zoom	5 Admin in Office 10-3pm Friday Night Happy Hour 5pm, Zoom Game Night 7pm	6 The Forum 10am, Zoom Movie Discussion Group 3pm, Zoom
7 Admin in Office 9-12pm Worship Service 10:30 am (Zoom also)	8 Office closed Cleaning service 8am Men's group 10am Peace Assembly 7pm Death Cafe 7:30pm, Zoom	9 Admin in office 10-3pm Staff Meeting 12pm, Zoom Transition Team 7pm, Zoom	10 Admin in office 10-3pm Ground Maint. 10am Bowling @Bowlero 12am Ukulele group 2pm Worship Committee 5pm, Zoom Midweek Meditation 8pm, Zoom	11 Nonviolent Communication Practice Circle 12:30pm, Zoom Endowment Committee 7pm, Zoom	12 Admin in Office 10-3pm Save the 7 principles 3pm, Zoom Friday Night Happy Hour 5pm, Zoom	13 The Forum 10am, Zoom Movie Discussion Group 3pm, Zoom
14 Admin in Office 9-12 pm Worship Service 10:30 am (Zoom also)	15 Office closed Cleaning service 8am Finance Committee Meeting 2pm, Zoom Pagan Study Group 7pm	16 Admin in office 10-3pm Staff Meeting 12pm, Zoom Membership Committee Meeting 7:30pm, Zoom	17 Admin in office 10-3pm Ground Maint. 10am Bowling @Bowlero 12am Book Group 7pm Zoom Midweek Meditation 8pm, Zoom	18 New Virtual Soul Matters Group 7pm, Zoom	19 Admin in Office 10-3pm Soul Matters Group 10am Friday Night Happy Hour 5pm, Zoom	20 The Forum 10am, Zoom Movie Discussion Group 3pm, Zoom
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Classifieds

ShopWeAll

Connecting people and helping them save money and build community.

Fellowship member Brigham Johnson described a sort of "barn raising" for a new software service he has developed.

Brig, an active member of our Zoom community, believes in the importance of collaboration. He's asking for our help in making sure the new software service he developed does what it's intended to do - connecting people and helping them save money and build community.

Here's how it works:

[ShopWeAll](#) is a group shopping list tool that lets friends split purchases.

This way, for example, a group of friends could plan to get a pack of 40 batteries, and then divide the contents. Someone might keep 20 batteries, and two people each take 10.

Please let Brig know whether you can spare a little time trying out the service and give him feedback. This will help him evaluate its readiness for release to the market.

Once you contact Brig and he gives you access to the website, you can simply navigate through the screens and note any surprises, or you could go further and try it with friends for actual purchases.

Reach out to Brig if you can help him "raise the barn" and get ShopWeAll ready for the world.

Brigham Johnson | brig.johnson@gmail.com | 813-968-2972

Quimetta Perle GROUP EXHIBITIONS

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,
Quimetta Perle



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 under-represented 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.

Generously sponsored by:



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.

conceptually green

February 2 - April 20, 2024
Curated by Dana Donaty & Renee Phillips
A group exhibition exploring the different narrative of color.