

The Unicorn



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Board Corner

In July and into August, the Board hosted a series of Saturday afternoon meetings, with the initial goal of coming together to begin the healing after a divisive period.

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From The Minister

With a heart bursting with gratitude...

I am still in awe of the wonderful celebration that took place last Sunday, August 25. For all those who conspired to make my last Sunday with you unforgettable, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

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September Worship Service Schedule

September 1 – Ch-Ch-Changes

We need to take care of each other - what labor is ahead for Sunday services and staffing we need

September 8 - Did We Land On The Moon?

Beliefs, Values, and Stories

September 15 – Welcome Home - Water Communion

reflecting, communion

September 22 – Letting Fall

Autumn Equinox, Mabon, letting go

September 29 - The Power of New Beginnings

Rosh Hashana, Jewish New Year

Share the Plate Offering



Established in 1953, the Florida Council of the Blind (FCB) is the largest self-advocacy and support group of its kind in the state with many local chapters and several special interest affiliate groups, including a Chapter of At-Large Members (CALM) for those who are in an area where there is no local chapter. Our members are of all ages from students to seniors. Since its inception, our primary goals have been to encourage independence and enhance the quality of life of people who are blind/visually impaired. FCB promotes independence by bringing together people who have visual challenges in common at an annual convention. Our gatherings are packed with information on a variety of subjects such as access to information and employment, technological advances, legislative issues, and pedestrian safety.



Donate using link

<https://donorbox.org/support-uufbr> or QR code

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

Fellowship Events



GAME NIGHT

FRIDAY NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 6 AT 7:00 PM

Looking for some fun on a Friday night? Come to Game Night, where you can socialize with other gamers, play interactive group and board games. Pizza and bottled water will be provided. You can also bring the drink of your choice. Please reserve your spot and pizza by sending an email to Deliver2trish@gmail.com.



Sunday, September 8, 2024

UUFBR PEACE "kick off" meeting starting at

12 Noon in the Sanctuary

Sunday, September 22, 2024

Second UUFBR PEACE "kick off" meeting starting at

12 Noon in the Sanctuary

JOIN US FOR UUFBR'S PEACE KICKOFF MEETINGS

TO PREPARE FOR

THE APRIL 7, 2025 NEHEMIAH ACTION CONFERENCE.



UKULELE GROUP RETURNS

Wednesday

September 11th at 2:00 PM.

Ukulele Group

September 11th at 2:00 PM.

If you have any questions please contact Fritz Aufdencamp at aufdencampfritz@gmail.com



COMMUNITY CRAFT FAIR

Saturday

September 14th at 2:00 PM.

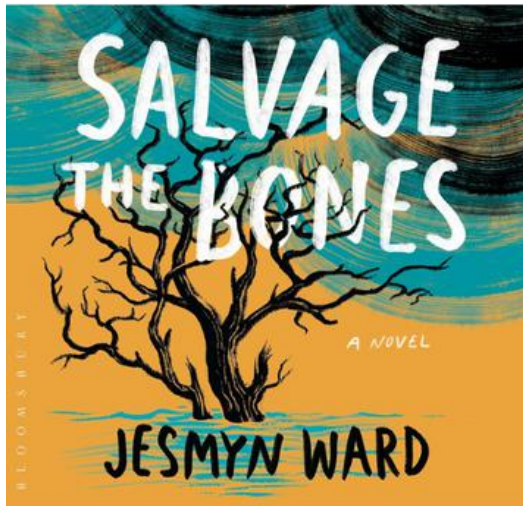
Join us for the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Boca Raton's FREE Craft Fair:

Connecting Community Through Creativity

on **Saturday, September 14, 2024, from 10 AM to 2 PM!**

During this family friendly event, discover unique handmade crafts, connect with local artisans, and enjoy a day of creativity and community spirit. This event will feature over 30 local craftspeople in an indoor, air-conditioned, and ADA accessible venue with lots of free parking. Don't miss this opportunity to support local talent and find one-of-a-kind treasures.

We look forward to seeing you there!



BOOK GROUP RETURNS

Wednesday

September 18th at 7:00 pm

Hello Book Lovers

Book club will restart on the 3rd Wednesday of September. On September 18th at 7:00 pm, the selection will be presented by Robyn Stuart. The book is Salvage the Bones by Jesmyn Ward. It is available from Amazon for under \$5 and readily available at the libraries here in Boca, Delray and Boynton. Have fun reading. Listen to the Mississippi Gulf. Coast drawl. It is on audio from Kindle. Published in 2011.

High Holy Days Services to be held by
Congregation Beth Adam at UUFBR



Services conducted by BJ Saul, Madrikha, Ceremonial Leader,
Music by Eduardo Macadar

Rosh Hashanah: Wed, Oct. 2, 7:30 pm & Thurs, Oct 3, 10am

Yom Kippur: Friday, Oct. 11, 7:30 pm

Saturday, Oct. 12, 10 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m.

Note: No admission without a reservation!

Deadline Sept. 18. Forms available at UUFBR office

The Environmental Voter Project

The Environmental Voter Project identifies millions of non-voting environmentalists and turns them into consistent voters.

Join the Environmental Voter Project in writing postcards ahead of Election Day.

•**Sunday, September 8**, after the morning service (snacks provided) in the Parker Room

•**Sunday, September 15**, after the morning service (snacks provided) in the Parker Room

•**Sunday, September 22**, after the morning service (Snacks provided) in the Parker Room



Sharex Events



CONCERT

This is a perfect opportunity to experience a live performance in an intimate setting in Boca Raton. There will be a reception following and a chance to meet the artists and ask questions.

DUO LEGGIERO

SAT SEPT 7, 2024 7:00 PM

Tickets at the door
\$25 adults \$10 students
cash or check only please

Come to a glorious hour of music performed by Juilliard trained, professional violinist Erika Venable and Steinway artist Tao Lin. This hour long program will feature gems of the repertoire written for the violin and piano along with interesting insights by the performers. Please come enjoy this chance to hear live music and meet your local professional musicians!

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
OF BOCA RATON

2601 St. Andrews Blvd Boca Raton, FL 33434

954-439-0118 venablevenable@gmail.com

Come to a glorious hour of music performed by Juilliard trained, professional violinist Erika Venable and Steinway artist Tao Lin. This hour long program will feature gems of the repertoire written for the violin and piano along with interesting insights by the performers. This is a perfect opportunity to experience a live recital in the intimate Osias Hall at the Fellowship. There will be a reception following and a chance to meet the artists and ask questions. Tickets are \$25 / adult and \$10 / students. Cash or check only please. Sat Sept.7th @ 7 pm

violinvenable@gmail.com

Contra Dance

**Saturday,
September 21, 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



KEEP BOCA BEAUTIFUL

Sunday, September 22, 2024 at 12 Noon

Enjoy Nature, and earn good karma

Join the Coastal CleanUp to pick up litter and loose trash in University Woodlands Park, and the area surrounding the UU Fellowship ground at 2601 St Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton, FL 33434.



Election Expo 2024, Monday,

September 30, 2024. from 5:30-7:30pm

Co-Hosts:

League of Women Voters of Palm Beach County, Leadership Palm Beach County, Palm Beach State College - Lake Worth Campus

This free event will include:

- conversations with candidates for local, county, state, and national offices
- information on ballot amendments to the State constitution.
- information on the County ballot question
- Voter registration
- demonstration of voting equipment
- Cafe with free specialty coffees
- Cafe with free ice cream This event is FREE! Bring your friends!

Election Expo 2024, the first of its kind event in Palm Beach County, will be held on Monday, **September 30, 2024. from 5:30-7:30pm** at Palm Beach State College (Lake Worth Campus) Gymnasium.

Organizers of this nonpartisan event have invited the candidates for every local and state office to attend and the League expects almost 100% response. Each candidate will be at their own table and available to speak to residents about why they deserve your vote.

There will also be tables staffed by League volunteers to help people register to vote, check their voter status, and apply to receive a vote-by-mail ballot. Leaguers from the Speakers Bureau will be staffing tables to explain the Constitutional Amendments that will be on the ballot.

The Supervisor of Elections of Palm Beach County will have staff present with a voting machine so people can practice and be comfortable with the process.

And there will be cafés serving free ice cream, specialty coffees, and popcorn. Free prizes will be awarded. Attendees will also be able to view the Palm Beach County League's premier showing of "Why Vote", a video of interviews with people throughout Palm Beach county who answer the question, "why vote?"

"IT Team Monthly Reminders

- Have UUFBR-related technology issues or questions? Email the IT Team itteam@uufbr.org.
- Need to make a change to the website? Email the web team at website@uufbr.org.
- Need to find the online member directory? Go to the Empower Directory at <https://uufbr.empowerchms.com/Members/>.
- Need to login to the Members only portion of the UUFBR website? Click on the Member Login option under the menu in the top right corner. If you do not remember your password, click Lost your password? at the bottom of the page. If you find out that you do not have an account, please email the IT Team and we can create one for you.
- Need to know more about scheduling Zoom meetings? Check out the Google Document, "[Scheduling Zoom Meetings](#)" The IT Team can email you a link to this document upon request."

Thank you,
Louis



UUFBR's Healing Justice group will be joining with UU the Vote's efforts in Florida to support the Yes ON 4 campaign. Amendment #4 on our Florida ballot this November will amend the state constitution to prohibit government interference with abortion prior to viability. Currently Florida is enforcing a 6 week abortion ban. If you would like to join in these efforts, please email Jennifer Ligeti and stay tuned to UUFBR's eblasts for more details about various events coming up.

Our neighbor congregation, 1st UU Palm Beach, is planning to send a bus to Orlando on November 2nd for the day to support this cause. They are taking names and have offered spots to us! See this notice:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd – ORLANDO, FLORIDA! UU THE VOTE FLORIDA ACTION WEEKEND! UU the Vote is planning a weekend of action to support Yes on 4 in Florida ahead of the November 5th election. UU the Vote has offered to help 1st UU Palm Beach charter a bus so we can participate, joining UUs from all over Florida as well as the rest of the country who will be coming together to push for Amendment 4. It will be a long day but with someone else driving! 1st UU Palm Beach is happy to have UUFBR folks ride on their bus. It will probably be a 14 + hour day. Please contact Jennifer Ligeti ASAP if you would be interested in being part of this!

Board Corner Continued



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

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Howard Prentice/ Rick Troiano/
Lynn Smith
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<https://groups.google.com/uufbr-board>

The group met its initial objective of having healing conversations as well as reinvigorating or starting some core teams including the Program Planning Council, the Care Team and the Stewardship Team. We had lots of engagement, with lively conversation and exchange of ideas. Many thanks to all who gave up some Saturday afternoons to strengthen and serve the congregation.

The larger group divided into areas of interest, and a lot of progress was made:

A Care Team was established. The Care Team will be a bridge for referrals from the congregation to requested care services, supportive outreach, and/or to services in the community, until an appropriately available minister is hired and on board. The role of the Care Team will be reassessed at that time. Team members will provide brief listening/ companioning, care cards, emails, texts, and/or calls of outreach to those with concerns, and give referral information for accessing community services as requested.

With the approval of the Board of Trustees, several new members were added to the Minister Search Team. With more resources, the Team was able to broaden the search parameters and identify new potential candidates. This Team is working so hard, it's difficult to take a snapshot in time that will be relevant in two weeks. You'll be hearing more from them in the near future. Robert Duchemin and Sandy Troiano are co-leading this group.

A Program Planning Council was established, bringing to fruition many months of guided effort by Rev. Kathy. This group will oversee UUFBR activities in the bigger picture. The Program Planning Council will provide high-level coordination of programs, committees, and events to help ensure good communication and smooth outcomes. This exciting new group will be led by Jacquie Velazquez and Courtney Cannon.

The Worship Team got some welcome new members. As we enter a time when our lay leadership will play an increasingly prominent role in worship, the work of this team will become even more important. We are fortunate to have a vital, thriving Worship Team here at UUFBR. Contact them if you'd like to participate, have ideas for a service, or just to say "Job well done!" The points of contact for the Worship Team are Ron Roth and Allison Rognas.

A Stewardship Team was formed. Under the able leadership of Treasurer Bill Jensen, this group will oversee the larger picture of giving and gifting at UUFBR. Nancy Hutter and Linda Prentice are the points of contact for this team.

The United in Spirit Team was established to provide a forum for us to continue the healing conversation begun at these meetings, centering around topics such as our relationship to the UUA, what the Article II changes mean for us, and other denominational issues. The contact person for this group is Jennifer Ligeti.

Claire Smith,
Co-president, UUFBR

From the minister...

Reverend Kathryn Tew Rickey



The Chalice Choir, under the direction of the incomparable Marina Machado, gave us a splendid performance of “Seasons of Love.” John Bostrom, Fritz Aufdencamp, Alison Rognas, and Ron Roth invoked tears with their version of “Oh Kathy” (Richie Valens’ “Oh Donna”). The gift of the stained glass Chalice is just stunning and something I will cherish for the rest of my days.

I want to extend special thanks to Rona Solomon for organizing the gorgeous, delicious luncheon after the service. Thanks to all who helped her. The sentiments book, your gifts, your cards, your mementos – I cherish each. You have made the ending of my interim ministry with you so meaningful, which extends also to the end of my fulltime parish ministry. There just aren’t words sufficient to express my gratitude except to say my heart is bursting with it.

As I wrap up things administratively in the office this week, I am experiencing mixed emotions – the happiness with which I anticipate spending more leisure time with my beloved husband, Don, with my family and friends, and with Daisy, of course. But also, sadness at leaving behind such a wonderful, talented, dedicated bunch of folks who I’ve become quite fond of and will miss. And of course, I would have preferred to leave you in the hands of another minister. But then again, taking the reins of the Fellowship as the laity will prepare you well for sharing ministry with a clergy person in the future.

I close now with a last farewell and a reminder that “You Got This!” You really do...

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:

[https://zoom.us/j/93768534897?](https://zoom.us/j/93768534897?pwd=WEFNODZBV21Bc25sQWVjUGlmRzdmdz09)

[pwd=WEFNODZBV21Bc25sQWVjUGlmRzdmdz09](https://zoom.us/j/93768534897?pwd=WEFNODZBV21Bc25sQWVjUGlmRzdmdz09)

Meeting ID: 937 6853 4897 Passcode: 114338

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:

[https://zoom.us/j/92039364170?](https://zoom.us/j/92039364170?pwd=RzRMdjVWOGITMEJjVDU2V0JFTFJGdz09)

[pwd=RzRMdjVWOGITMEJjVDU2V0JFTFJGdz09](https://zoom.us/j/92039364170?pwd=RzRMdjVWOGITMEJjVDU2V0JFTFJGdz09)

Meeting ID: 920 3936 4170[1] Passcode: 361129 One tap mobile:
+19292056099,,92039364170# US (New York)

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](https://zoom.us/j/95432721616?pwd=dWNySFF5bTdoN3JSYi9JT1hBTEs0Zz09)

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Meeting ID: 954 3272 1616 Passcode: 575795

The Legacy Group

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

Use this link to join on Zoom:

[https://zoom.us/j/98795244584?](https://zoom.us/j/98795244584?pwd=d1NuVzZnM05ycDkwVWtQnJyUm1PQT09)

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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:

[https://zoom.us/j/95229659211?](https://zoom.us/j/95229659211?pwd=SVJUdU93WXJLbEVhSWxuR0duNE9aQT09)

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Meeting ID: 952 2965 9211 Passcode: 023036

Membership Committee

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

Use this link to join on Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 935 3499 4263 Passcode: 232167

Worship Committee Meeting

Bi-weekly on Wednesday at 5:00 pm
Group contact: Bill Jensen wmjensen44@gmail.com
Zoom Host: itteam@uufbr.org

Use this link to join on Zoom:

[https://zoom.us/j/94556595523?](https://zoom.us/j/94556595523?pwd=cDE3VkwvMUNSVXo2N3pra0drV25UZz09)

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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.

*Happy
Birthday!*

**Judy Keiser,
September 15**

“Best wishes to you on your birthday .

To You

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Everyone is welcome!



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Admin in Office 9 -12 pm Worship Service 10:30 am (Zoom also)	2 Cleaning service 8am Office closed Pagan Study Group 7pm, Zoom	3 Admin in office 10 -3pm Landscape Committee Meeting 7pm, Zoom	4 Admin in office 10 -3pm Ground Maint. 9:30am Worship Committee 5pm, Zoom Midweek Meditation 8pm, Zoom	5 Outreach Team Meeting 4pm, Zoom Board Meeting- Adaptive/ strategic 5:30pm, Zoom	6 Admin in Office 10 -3pm Friday Night Happy Hour 5pm, Zoom Game Night 7pm	7 The Forum 10am, Zoom
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Groups on hiatus

Check out our website for more information at

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Bowling- will return in the Fall
Movie Group- will return in the Fall

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