

## NEWSLETTER OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF BOCA RATON



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### UUFBR ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2012

The UUFBR Nominating Committee—Karen Sherman, Chair, Ileen Carter and Caryn Guyett - is pleased to announce the following slate for election at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on February 26, 2012:

**Board of Trustees :**

Members continuing to serve: Robert Duchemin, Doug Hughes, Bill Bode, Bill Jensen  
Bob Smith , Suzanne Goffredo

New Board Members: Jan Booher, David Van Camp, Erica Venable

**Endowment Committee:**

Members continuing to serve: Paul Chasse, Susan Dubbin, Barbara Jensen, Marybeth Kugler  
New Committee Members: Jeffrey Rosenfeld, Gloria Chiodo

**Nominating Committee:**

Members continuing to serve: Ileen Carter, Caryn Guyett.

New Committee Member: Linda Savini

**Nominations from the floor:** Our Bylaws, Section 7 — Nominating Committee and Elections: Nominations made from the floor must be supported by a petition of at least 10 members.

**Eligible Voters:** Those who have been members of UUFBR for at least 30 days and have pledged to support the Annual Budget and the Fair Share Contribution to the UUA.

**Proxy Votes:** If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting you may appoint another member to cast your vote. A proxy form may be obtained from the UUFBR office, or at the service on Sunday morning. No member may cast more than two proxy votes.

**A WELCOMING CONGREGATION**

## AGENDA

### UUFBR Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 26, 2012

Call to Order  
 Confirmation of Quorum  
 State of the Congregation Address  
 Report from the Nominating Committee—Slate of Candidates  
 Election of Candidates  
 Recognition of Out-going Board Members  
 Adjournment

## ENDOWMENT GRANTS

The UUFBR Endowment Committee will again consider grant requests at its Feb. 12, 2012 meeting. Grant requests are only accepted three times per fiscal year: June, October and February. February 2012 grant requests must be received by the committee by Sunday, Feb. 5. Grant request forms are available in the UUFBR Office.

Grants are made for long-term development funds and special projects for any purpose which "shall further the cause and principles of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Boca Raton or Unitarian Universalism", according to the Endowment Committee Bylaws.

## RE FAMILY CAMPING TRIP.

**February 4<sup>th</sup> (overnight to Sunday Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>)**  
**Quiet Waters Park,**  
**Deerfield Beach**

Campsites are all sold out, but join us for the potluck dinner and s'mores around the campfire.  
 Everyone welcome.



## MESSAGE FROM THE UUFBR Co-PRESIDENTS

### Cirker Bequest

As you may have heard, UUFBR was bequested \$25,000 from Mr. Steven Cirker. While it is unknown what Mr. Cirker intended with this bequest, the Board made a decision to deposit the monies into a Certificate of Deposit for the time being, insuring it not be mingled with other monies.

Once the new fiscal year begins, a meeting will be held with the Congregation regarding this bequest. At that time the Board will propose a method for handling future gifts/bequests in which the intention cannot be known, as well as a suggestion on how to dispense the Cirker bequest.

## UPCOMING SERVICES

### January 29

*People Pray in All Different Ways. What About You?*  
 Each week we affirm that service is our prayer.  
 What do those words really mean?

The Reverend Harris Riordan preaching  
 Empty Bowls Luncheon

### February 5:

*Of Good and Evil. What Shall We Tell Our Kids.*  
 On this Sunday when most of our young folks and their parents will be at the campsite, we remaining adults will wrestle with the age old problem of evil.

The Reverend Harris Riordan preaching

### February 12:

Evolution Sunday

On this the anniversary of Darwin's birth, we will look at what it means to say "The quest for truth is our sacrament."

The Reverend Harris Riordan preaching



## GOOD AND SERVICES AUCTION

Our annual Goods and Services Auction is starting in just a few weeks, on February 12. It will run for just 4 short Sundays, so don't leave town in February - you might miss it!

Now is the time to make your donation. If you have been contacted by a member of the auction team, please take some time to consider the unique ways in which you can help make this year's Goods and Services auction a success.

Already on this year's list – tried and true favorites (Linda and Karen's dessert party, Paul Chasse's sailboat cruise, Alexis Moore and Jeff Crews' charity certificates) and some great new offerings (a Bollywood movie night at the Fellowship, an acting workshop, homegrown bagged herbs). We have more reverse auction items and services, too !

We need many more items and services to fill Osias Hall, so keep thinking, and check the foyer bulletin board for more ideas. If you haven't connected yet with an auction team member, or you think of something else you can donate, donation forms are hanging on the bulletin board in the foyer – fill one or two out and get it to Judy Keiser by fax or email. We'd love to have all our donation forms in by next Sunday, January 29.

Our goal is 100% participation by everyone in the Fellowship, either as donor or as the winning bidder for these fabulous donations. Thank you for your contribution to the success of this event.

Judy Keiser for the Auction Team

## ♥ CIRCLE OF FRIENDS ♥

We're glad to hear Helen Rockberger is well on the mend after a recent hospital stay!

Virginia Brown is back in her apartment after several weeks in the nursing facility at St. Andrews following a back injury. We send our best wishes for her continued recovery.

Many thanks to the Coming Of Age class for that fabulous luncheon on January 8th . Kudos to everyone who cooked, served, or helped out.

## DISTRICT ASSEMBLY 2012

March 23 - 25, 2012

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

7405 Arlington Expressway

Jacksonville, FL 33221

Our theme this year, Crossing Boundaries, challenges us to ask:

- What is our role in facing the challenges of a multi-cultural society?
- What is our responsibility and opportunity to engage issues of human dignity and civil rights regarding historically marginalized people in our region?
- How can identity-boundaries be gates to community rather than walls of fear and distrust?
- What theological considerations frame our approach to engaging spiritual and ethnic diversities?

This District Assembly offers practical learning and a hands-on experience to guide our reflections. Come ready to reach deeper on issues of multiculturalism, ethnicity, racial justice, immigration and human rights.



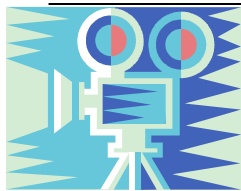
### GARYOKE NIGHT

**Saturday, February 18**  
**7:30 pm until....**

Nope.. not a typo! Our own fun-loving Gary and Pam Toll are planning a G(k)aryoke Night! Join us and share in the fun—friends are welcome too! There'll be desserts and coffee and you can buy (if you need some dutch courage to participate) a beer or glass of wine. We're a little late for Valentine's Day, but smoochy love songs may be heard. And if you don't want to sing alone, you can sing along.

**Tickets: \$10 at the door**

Proceeds benefit the fellowship's operating budget



## MOVIES AT UUFBR

### Reel Art February 11, 7:00 pm

Is it important to feel accepted? Have you ever joined a group just to be an insider? In some way, are we all conformists?

Join us as we view and discuss Bertolucci's provocative 1970 film, "The Conformist" starring Jean-Louis Trintignant.

The screening of the film and the discussion will be in the Rockberger Room.

### Reel Politique February 25, 7:00 pm

Why so many recent economic crises – and why do they just happen to be followed by "free market" remedies? To what extent have several catastrophic events been manmade components of "disaster capitalism?" "Shock Doctrine," based on Naomi Klein's book, is a must-see documentary.

We will be joined by author Nicholas "Sandy" Davies.

The screening and discussion will be in the UUFBR Sanctuary.

To help UUFBR defray expenses, a \$5 donation is suggested.

Martin Lipschultz and Susan Caruso

[mart10@bellsouth.net](mailto:mart10@bellsouth.net)

### MINISTERS IN RESIDENCE

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the Ministers in Residence Fund. This fund was established to cover the cost of a Sabbatical for Rev. Harris, and contributions are still welcome!



**Deeds of loving-kindness are equal in weight to all the commandments."**

*-Jerusalem Talmud, Pe'ah 1:1*

## WOMENSPIRIT.

**Monday Feb. 13, 7:30 pm  
in the Hartley Room.**



Risa Kiam will led us in a discussion of Women of the Old Testament and What We Might Learn From Them. We will be discussing some well known women and some not as well known. Who was Jacob's daughter and how is she portrayed today? We will share the story of Lilith & Eve, Whatever happened to Lot's wife, Sarah & Hagar, and what happened to Miriam? Participants are invited to bring information and/or materials to share. We are looking forward to exchanging ideas about our foremothers, sharing our responses to the materials and understanding the relevance these women have for us today. For more information, email Risa at [risakiam@comcast.net](mailto:risakiam@comcast.net).

## FAMILY PROMISE FUNDRAISER

### ANTIQUES APPRAISAL FAIR

**February 12, 2:00 —4:30 pm**

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

**188 S. Swinton Avenue**

**Delray Beach, FL 33441**

What's it worth? Find out by bringing your objects d'art, antiques and family heirlooms for appraisal by certified professionals from Bristol Trading Company, Boca Raton. Verbal appraisals will be given on your treasures. Items should be able to fit in your lap, and firearms are excluded. So come on out and bring a friend for this informative and interesting antique appraisal fair.

The cost is \$10 per item, maximum 6 items. Proceeds will benefit families who are homeless but sheltered by Family Promise.

Refreshments available for purchase. For details call Beth at 561-702-6155 or Family Promise, 561-265-3370, ext. 103.



## ILIR AT UUFBR

The Institute for Learning in Retirement begins its Spring series of classes on February 6. They invite you to join them for an Open House on Monday afternoon, January 30, beginning at 1 pm. You will have an opportunity to meet the class facilitators, and enjoy a dessert and coffee reception.

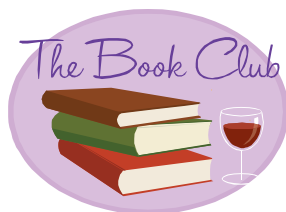
ILIR offers 23 courses and eight single lectures this semester, ranging from Art to Current Events, Socrates Café to Poetry - something for almost every interest.

You may attend all or any selection of the courses for a total cost of under \$100. Anyone interested may obtain a brochure by calling 561-883-0999.

## BOOK CLUB

February 15, 10:30 am

Our reading selection for the upcoming meeting is "Major Pettigrew's Last Stand" - everyone welcome to join us for this discussion.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jonathan Engle	12/24/11
Sabine Hoffman	12/24/11
Danielle Sharp	01/08/12
Clyde Mason	01/08/12
Mary Ann Germain	01/08/12
Lee Robert Kronick	01/08/12



## ABOUT UUSC

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) is a nonsectarian organization that advances human rights and social justice in the United States and around the world. We envision a world free from oppression and injustice, where all can realize their full human rights.

Through a combination of advocacy, education, and partnerships with grassroots organizations, UUSC promotes economic rights, advances environmental justice, defends civil liberties, and preserves the rights of people in times of humanitarian crisis.

We also engage local communities through our service-learning program, JustWorks, which introduces participants to the work of our domestic and overseas partners — who are often on the front lines of addressing social-justice issues.

Our work is built on the conviction that all people are entitled to basic human rights, which transcend divisions of class, race, nationality, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, and gender.

We rely on our members and supporters — people just like you — to fund our programs. Anyone wishing to support human rights and social justice is welcome to join us. [http://www.uusc.org/about\\_UUSC](http://www.uusc.org/about_UUSC).

## THE MOVIE GROUP

February 9 & 23 at 10:30 am

Our upcoming movie discussions are:

February 9: *Dangerous Methods*

February 23: *The Artist*

Everyone welcome! All meetings are in the Living Room at UUFBR.



## BECOMING A MEMBER OF UUFBR

There are no creedal tests or requirements of belief to become a Unitarian Universalist. Membership is open to all who are in sympathy with our free faith and are ready to make an investment of time and energy and a financial commitment towards the support of the fellowship.

If you are not yet a member, but interested in becoming one, speak to a member of our Board of Trustees, our Membership Coordinator, Lynn Burns, or to our Minister, The Reverend Harris Riordan.

## HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING!

**Second Hour:** A time to enrich your mind, psyche, spirit and stomach! Every other Sunday we will offer a fundraiser luncheon and then adults can choose from several class offerings while the children will enjoy guided activities. Come for service, stay for food, fellowship and enrichment! **Dates for 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour:** Feb 5 & 19, March 4 & 18, April 1, 15 & 29 .

**The Forum Discussion Group:** Sundays at 9:00 am, Hartley Room, presentations and discussions on various topics of interest. Louis Willstein, coordinator.

**Odyssey Group:** For 30 somethings (give or take ten years). Meets at the Minister's home on the 3rd Sunday each month at 6:30 pm. Bring something for the grill—salads, beverages and desserts provided. Directions available at the Visitor's Desk.

**WomenSpirit..** The 2nd Monday of each month in the Hartley Room at 7:30 pm. All UU women and friends are invited to join our circle.

**Evening Connections: The third Wednesday of each month.** A light pot-luck meal and stimulating conversation. Please bring a cold or room-temperature dish to share. Everyone welcome. In the Rockberger Room at 6:30 pm. (No meeting in December)

**Tony's Team:** Every Wednesday, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon, everywhere, inside and out. Come and help with routine maintenance of our buildings and grounds.

**Book Club:** The 3rd Wednesday each month. Read and talk about books of interest to the group. Fun and enlightening book discussions. Please feel free to bring friends—membership to UUFBR is not required.

**Movie Group:** The Movie Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month at 10:30 am to view and discuss movies of interest. Open to everyone.

**Choir:** Thursday rehearsals at 7:30 pm. New choir members welcome—please contact our Music Director, Stephanie Nixdorf (email [uufbr@bellsouth.net](mailto:uufbr@bellsouth.net)), if you are interested in joining.

**Reel Art:** 2nd Saturday of every month in Rockberger Hall at 7:00 pm. Join us for interesting movies from around the world and stimulating discussion afterwards.

**Reel Politique:** The 4th Saturday each month at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. A film series that addresses the need to understand our political world.

**Gardener's Work Party:** 3rd Saturday of every month, 8:30 am – 10:30 am. Join a lively group as we trim, weed, and clean up UUFBR's "manicured wilderness". We welcome all and promise to keep a tight time schedule.

**Community Food Pantry collections:** Please bring in non-perishable food items (no glass jars) for Boca Helping Hands and Similac Formula, Ready to Feed with Iron, for Florence Fuller Child Development Centers.

**P.E.A.C.E.** People Engaged in Active Community Efforts. A congregation-based community organization charged with the mission of effectively fighting injustices in the communities of PB County. Current work includes affordable housing, health care, homelessness, and alternative schools.


**Family Promise:** The faith community's unique response to homeless families. Family Promise is a network of area congregations who open their doors to families in need. Families receive hospitality at each congregation for a week at a time, with each family sleeping in their own private area at the congregation facilities. Every Sunday volunteers help to move the families to the next congregation in rotation. The program is to bring immediate, but temporary shelter, meals, and support services to homeless families. The goal is to restore the families to long term self-sufficiency.

**Remembering Their Names.** The last Sunday of each month during worship. Creating peace and justice in the world calls us to explore the power towards peace in ourselves. In December 2004 we began a meditation practice that has continued ever since. We remember the names of coalition forces, Iraqis and Afghans killed during this conflict. Through this ritual we stretch our hearts towards their families that together we might find a path toward peace.

**Share the Plate.** Half of each Sunday's offering is given to groups and organizations that create peace and strengthen the Boca Raton community. Our current recipient is Caridad Center, providing vital health services to the uninsured, working poor families of Palm Beach County. The 17 full-time and 26 part-time employees support the efforts of 300+ dedicated volunteers, including doctors, dentists, nurses, teachers, clinic assistants and administrative help.

([www.caridad.org](http://www.caridad.org))

# FEBRUARY 2012 FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00 am Forum</li> <li>• 10:30 am Service—</li> <li>• 10:45 am: nursery only—no RE today</li> <li>• 12:00 pm: Teen Group</li> <li>• 2nd Hour</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00 am Tony's Team</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:30 am Movie Group</li> <li>• 7:30 pm Chalice Choir rehearsal</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 pm: Reel Art (Rockberger)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00 am Forum</li> <li>• UUFBR Auction Begins</li> <li>• 10:30 am Service</li> <li>• 10:45 am: RE Social Justice Project</li> <li>• 11:30 am: RE Council Meeting</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:30 pm WomenSpirit</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Happy Valentine's Day</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00 am Tony's Team</li> <li>• 10:30 am: Book Club</li> <li>• 6:30 pm: Evening Connections</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:30 pm Chalice Choir rehearsal</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:00 am: Gardeners Group</li> <li>• 6:30 pm: Garyoke Night</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00 am Forum</li> <li>• Auction continues</li> <li>• 10:30am: Service</li> <li>• 10:45 am: RE</li> <li>• 11:30 am: Youth Group Meeting</li> <li>• Second Hour</li> <li>• 12:15 pm: Endowment Committee Meeting</li> <li>• 6:30 pm: Odyssey Group</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p style="text-align: center;">President's Day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Office closed</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Unicorn Deadline</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00 am Tony's Team</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:30 am: Movie Group</li> <li>• 7:30 pm Chalice Choir rehearsal</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Circle Dinners</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:00 pm: Reel Politique</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Community Food Pantry Collection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00 am Forum</li> <li>• Auction continues</li> <li>• 10:30am: Service</li> <li>• 10:45 am: RE</li> <li>• 11:30 Annual Meeting</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:00 pm UUFBR Board of Trustees meeting. All members welcome</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00 am Tony's Team</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">7</p>			

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**WE COVENANT TO AFFIRM AND PROMOTE**

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person.
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations.
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregation.
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregation and in society at large.
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.
- Respect for the interdependent web of existence of which we are all a part.

**Upcoming newsletter deadlines**

**February 20, March 19**



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