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UUFBR ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2011

The UUFBR Nominating Committee—Barkley Garnsey (chair), Karen Sherman, Caryn Guyett and Linda Savini—is pleased to announce the following slate for election at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on February 27, 2011.

Board of Trustees (Nine):

John Giordano-Weintraub
Bill Bode
Bob Smith
Sharon Drew
Bill Jensen
Karen Sherman
Suzanne Goffredo
Robert Duchemin
Doug Hughes

Endowment Committee:

Members continuing to serve: Paul Chasse, Susan Dubbin, Jeffrey Crews
New Committee Members: Marybeth Kugler (3 years) Barbara Jensen (3 years) Marc Pickering (one year).

Nominating Committee:

Members currently serving: Karen Sherman and Caryn Guyett
New Committee Member: Ileen Carter (three years)

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.

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

UUFBR Annual Congregational Meeting**27 February 2011****12:30 p.m.****Agenda:**

1. Call to Order
2. Reading (or words from Minister)
3. Confirmation of Quorum
4. Ordination of Amy Carol Webb
5. Review of past year (how we did, problems presented due to budget cuts, where we need to go/grow)
6. Bylaw proposals: Discussion on each Section - Vote on each Section
 1. Article II. Section 5
 2. Article III. Section 1
 3. Article III. Section 2
 4. Article III. Section 3
 5. Article III. Section 7
 6. Article III. Section 8
 7. Article III. Section 9
 8. Article III. Section 11
 9. Article V. Section 2
7. Addition to Bylaws: Article IX.
8. Proposed Budget for next fiscal year
9. Slate of Candidates
10. Election of Candidates
11. The Year Ahead
12. Adjournment

The Florida District of the UUA is presenting a 4-hour workshop on **Saturday March 5**, called **Empowering Lay Ministry: Power from the Pews** -- Presenting a model for UU Congregations. Taking place at the River of Grass UU Congregation in Davie, advance registration is required. Cost: \$15 per person or \$35 for a 3-person congregation team (includes lunch). If you are interested, please go to www.FloridaDistrict.org

COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATE

Since 2007 we have shared our collection plate 50/50 with nonprofits which were suggested by our members, who most often are directly involved with these charities. Since the Share-the-Plate program began, we have given over \$22,000 to organizations that are close to our hearts. Recipients of our \$1000 checks include Children's Project for Haiti, Family Promise, P.E.A.C.E., Caridad Health Clinic Pediatric Care Program -- just to name a few. To receive a complete list, contact Marybeth Kugler.

Our Community Service Team is always happy to review suggestions, so if you have an idea, please find suggestion forms and a drop box on our foyer table.

Evening Connections: Wednesday, March 9, 6:30 pm—8:30 pm—In Rockberger Learning Center.

A potluck dinner and stimulating conversation. All members and friends welcome.

MARCH SUNDAY SERVICES

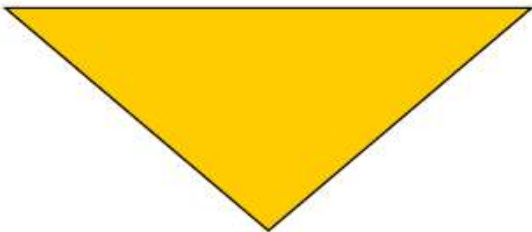
Sunday, March 6: Music Sunday—Amy Carol Webb preaching

Sunday, March 13: *The Great Reset* The Reverend Harris Riordan preaching

Sunday, March 20: 50th Anniversary Celebrations The Reverend Randy Becker of the Key West Unitarian Universalist Fellowship will be preaching. Three Choirs will sing. A potluck lunch follows the service. Please bring a dish to share.

Sunday, March 27: *Principles with a Heart*. The Reverend Harris Riordan preaching. Congregational Budget Meeting after the service.

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March 19 and 20

Come Celebrate Our Anniversary

Saturday, March 19th 8 PM

Sylvia Parker Concert

Yoonjung Han

\$18 in advance

\$20 at the door



Sunday March 20th, 10:30 am



The Reverend Randy Becker, preaching

Of The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Key West
and Florida District Lifespan Consultant

3 Choirs Singing

Pot Luck Lunch To Follow

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Boca Raton
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The Sylvia Parker Memorial Concert



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"Technically impressive. I was even more taken with her quiet, sensitive way of playing."

New York Concert Review

"A simply phenomenal player! Absolutely stunning! Her magnificent juicy sound filled up the whole Finlandia Hall."

Helsinki Post

"Look for Yoonjung Han to become one of the premiere young pianists of the new decade."

B C Blogcritics Music

It seemed as though Han was one with her instrument, with flowing tones, poetic phrasing and heavenly singing melodies. This young pianist has put flawless technique, musical artistry, and maturity far beyond her years together into a terrific package."

Cincinnati Enquirer

Tickets:

In Advance ~ \$18;

At the Door ~ \$20

**Groups of 10 or more, students,
and under age 15 ~ \$15**

**Tickets available at UUFBR on
Sunday mornings, or call Ralph at
561-451-4212**

Yoonjung Han, Piano

**Worldwide award winning pianist in a program of music which
includes selections from Liszt, Granados, Haydn and Bach**

8:00 p.m., March 19, 2011

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Boca Raton presents this 7th concert in the Sylvia Parker Memorial Concert Series in cooperation with the London-based Keyboard Charitable Trust as part of the Keyboard Trust-Gala Career Development Prize awarded to Yoonjung Han at the Santa Caterina International Piano Competition in Brazil last year.

**2601 St. Andrews Blvd.
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SUNDAY COFFEE

Coffee Hour is ongoing throughout the year. The schedule for bringing cookies/snacks for coffee hour is as follows:

Date:	Names beginning with
February 27	K—O
March 6	P - Z
March 13	A—C
March 20	D—J
March 27	K—O



CALLING ALL PERFORMERS!

Do you play an instrument, read poetry, do stand-up comedy, or any other form of entertainment? Then sign up for Candlelight Coffeehouse, to be held later this Spring. Share your talent with our community. Contact Helen Schulman, Joe Esty, Ralph Savini .



Volunteers will be needed to help with setting-up, refreshments, etc., and your help will be greatly appreciated.

UUFBR GOODS AND SERVICES AUCTION



The auction is in its final week -- Next Sunday (March 6) the top bidders will win their rewards. There are still parties, a 3-wheel bicycle, parking spaces at our Fellowship, and look for NEW items and parties!

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 1:00 PM:

ILIR presents TV News Anchor Jim Sackett in a talk "Behind the Scenes in a TV Newsroom." He will give us insights into how what's happening all over gets through the newsroom and onto your TV sets.



In the Sanctuary at UUFBR. Everyone welcome.

FAMILY PROMISE AT UUFBR

MARCH 27—APRIL 3.

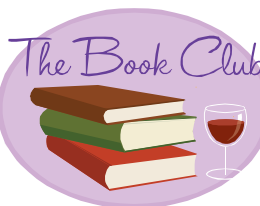
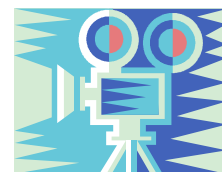
Family Promise is the faith community's unique response to homeless families. A network of area congregations open their doors to families in need. Families receive hospitality at each congregation for a week at a time, with each family sleeping in their own private area at the congregation facilities. 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.

If you are interested in volunteering for this wonderful program please contact Melissa Livingston.

REEL ART

March 12, 7:00 pm.

Did you ever flip a coin? Maybe you avoided stepping on a crack in the sidewalk, or felt uncomfortable stepping off an elevator on the 13th floor. Maybe, like most people, you're just a little superstitious. Jane Campion (*The Piano*) weaves an intriguing psychological profile based on her insight and artistic vision. Join us for her first feature film (1989) "Sweetie."



BOOK CLUB,

March 16, 10:30 am

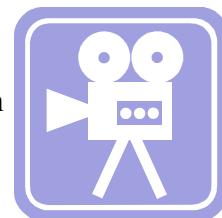
Please read Thomas Hardy's "The Return of the Native" for this meeting.

We have outgrown our space in the Living Room at UUFBR and will now meet in Smith Room. Joe Esty joins us to sing a song related to the book we are reading

MOVIE GROUP

Thursday, March 10, 10:30am:

See the movie "Black Swan, then join the Movie Group for a rousing discussion of the movie. Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month.



THE FINAL EXIT NETWORK

Thursday, March 24, 2:00—4:00 p.m.

This meeting will offer pertinent information on the right-to-die movement including discussion on the use of Hospice and the Final Exit Network. There will be opportunities for attendees to share their stories and experiences. Sheila Cramer, a former board member of the Hemlock Society of the National Capital Area (DC) and current member of the Final Exit Network and the Hemlock Society of Florida will lead the discussion.

FLEA MARKET AT UUFBR

April 16, 2011

In England they call them car boot sales. Here they may be known as Attic Sales, Garage Sales, Rummage Sales, or Yard Sales. Whatever the name, UUFBR is having another one!

Now is the time to start your spring cleaning. Begin collecting all those items you have no more use or room for, and we'll turn them into cash for the fellowship. Plus, we'll have some fun doing it.

Volunteers are needed (as always). Call Barbara Jensen if you can help.



WORK DAY AT UUFBR



Many thanks to all who came to help at the Fellowship work day in February. A wonderful team of people cleaned windows in the Sanctuary and Osias Hall, the patio and all the furniture there was cleaned, and a big start made on the kitchen

cleaning and organizing. We're going to do another day—**March 12**, noon until If you couldn't make the first time, perhaps you can come for this afternoon. We hope to tackle washing the doors and cleaning the front entrance, as well as waxing floors in a few rooms and the hallway.

Let Bill Bode know if you can be there so we can plan supplies accordingly.

Kinfolk Connection Concert

with

Three Country Strong

Joe Esty, Gabi Aleksinko and Lee Kronick

Performing a country/folk concert

In the Sanctuary at UUFBR

April 30, 7:30 P.M. , 2011

Tickets: \$15 per person,
children 15 and under ~ \$5

Joe, Gabi and Lee perform songs reflecting aspects of family and personal relationships, illustrating issues, conflicts, love and support. These songs may elicit intense feelings, but are definitely G-rated. Children and young adults are encouraged to attend, at least for the first half.

Joe Esty is a UUFBR Chalice Choir member and soloist, who has performed country/folk music as open mic's and events at UUFBR and Michigan.

Gabi is a UUFBR Chalice Choir member and soloist. Audiences enjoy her crystal-clear voice, and the pop energy she brings to the performances.

Lee is a new UUFBR Chalice Choir member, adding strength to the bass section, and has recently discovered a dormant passion for country music.

Tickets available from any of the three, or from Ralph Savini on Sunday mornings at the Fellowship. They may also be purchased at the door.

Coffee, tea and dessert available during intermission

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING!

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

Connections: Meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 12:15 pm. in the Hartley Room. Enlightening group discussion about Unitarian Universalism.

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.

Terrific Tuesdays: Join us for evenings of shared conversation over a simple meal, followed by stimulating classes on a variety of topics. Call the UUFBR office to register or go to www.uufbr.org.

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.

Finance Committee Meeting: Wednesdays, 2nd week each month 7:00 pm at UUFBR.

Evening Connections: 2nd Wednesday, 6:30—8:30 pm in Rockberger Learning Center. Potluck dinner and stimulating conversation. All members and friends welcome. Please bring a cold or room-temperature dish to share.

Movie Group: The Movie Group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month at 10:30 am at the fellowship. View and discuss movies of interest.

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 any friends. Membership to UUFBR is not required.

Choir: Thursday rehearsals at 7:30 pm. New choir members welcome—please contact our Music Director, Stephanie Nixdorf (email 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 new 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.

Meet the Rev: In the Living Room at UUFBR on the 4th Sunday of each month at 12:15 pm. A time to sit with one of our ministers and ask questions, large and small, about Unitarian Universalism.

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 plate is currently shared by giving half of the collection to a UUFBR Fund for Family Promise. Churches and synagogues in South Palm Beach County work together to provide temporary shelter, meals, and support services, with the goal to restore families to sustained independence. UUFBR hosts homeless families for 1 week every 3 months. (www.familypromisespb.org)

MARCH 2011 FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 • 5:00 pm Terrific Tuesdays	2 • 9:00 am Tony's Team	3 • 7:30 pm Chalice Choir rehearsal	4 • 7:00 pm: OWL class and OWL Parent Meeting	5
6 • 9:00 am Forum • 9:30 am—Auction • 10:30 am Service • 10:45 am: R E in Children's Chapel • 12:15 pm UUFBR Membership Commit- tee Meeting	7	8 City Elections in Rockberger Hall • 5:00 pm Terrific Tuesdays	9 • 9:00 am Tony's Team • 6:30 pm Evening Connections • 7:00 pm: Finance Committee	10 • 10:30 am: Movie Group • 3:30 pm: Internship Committee • 7:30 pm Chalice Choir rehearsal	11	12 • 7:00 pm: Reel Art <i>Daylight Savings Time begins—set clocks forward one hour</i>
13 • 9:00 am Forum • 10:30 am Service • 10:45 am: R E in Children's Chapel 11:45 am R E Council Meeting • 12:00 pm: Family Promise Meeting • 12:15 pm: Connections • 12:30 pm: Youth Group	14	15 • 7:30 pm: Chalice Choir rehearsal	16 • 9:00 am Tony's Team • 10:30 am: Book Club	17 • 7:30 pm Chalice Choir rehearsal 	18 • 7:00 pm OWL class	19 • 8—10 am: UUFBR Gardening Group 8:00 pm: Sylvia Parker Memorial Concert Yoonjung Han, piano
20 50th Anniversary Celebrations • 9:00 am Forum • 10:30am: Service • 10:45 am: RE • Pot Luck Lunch after the service • 6:30 pm—Odyssey Group	21	22 • 9:00 am Unicorn Deadline • 5:00 pm Terrific Tuesdays	23 • 9:00 am Tony's Team	24 • 10:30 am: Movie Group • 2:00 pm: Final Exit Network • 7:30 pm Chalice Choir	25 Circle Dinners	26 • 7:00 pm Reel Politique
27 Community Food Pantry Collection • 9:00 am: Forum • 10:30am: Service • 10:45 am RE in Chil- dren's Chapel • After the Service: Con- gregational Budget Meeting • Baked Potato Lunch Bar Fundraiser	28 • 7:00 pm UUFBR Board of Trustees meeting. All members welcome.	29 • 5:00 pm Terrific Tuesdays	30 • 9:00 am Tony's Team	31		

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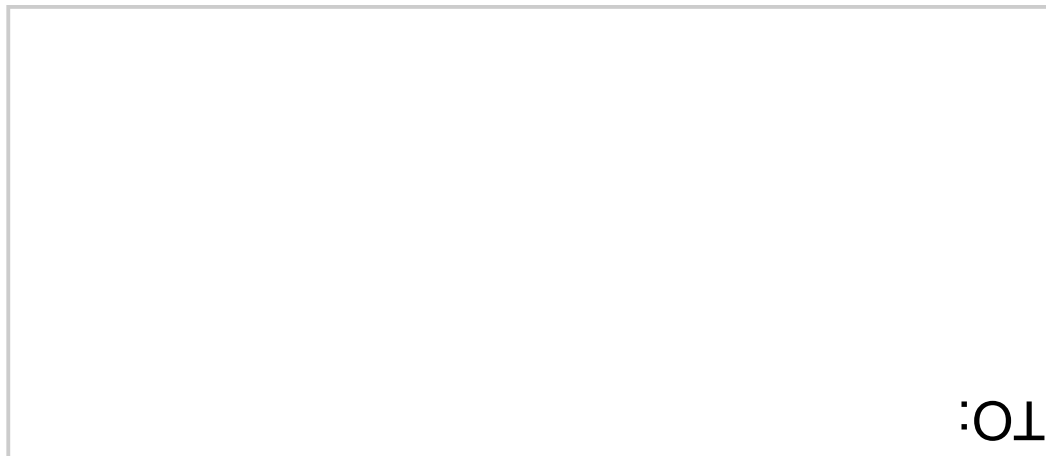
WE COVENANT TO AFFIRM AND PROMOTE

- 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

March 21, April 18



**Time Dated Material-Please Expedite
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