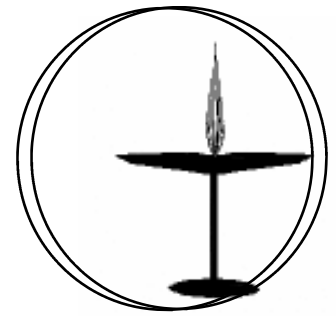


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UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2011

General Assembly (GA) 2011 in Charlotte will mark the 50th anniversary of the merger of the American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America.

Join thousands of fellow Unitarian Universalists from across the country as we remember the persons and events that brought into being the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) in May 1961, to reflect on our denomination's relevant achievements and struggles since then, and to chart new aspirations for the future we are determined to shape.

Experience wonderful and uplifting worship services—morning and night—led by some of our best worship leaders, with glorious music and inspiring messages. Participate in our democratic process. General Assembly is the way that our faith does business, bringing together the distinctive character of our individual congregations. Hear terrific speakers. There will be hundreds of dynamic, entertaining programs and informative workshops. Information and registration at www.uua.org.



AND COMING THIS FALL

Opening Sunday

September 11, 2011, 10:30 am : Water Communion. *The Waters of Life*
The Reverend Harris Riordan preaching. Bring a vial of water from your summer travels with you.

September 11, 6:00 pm : 9/11 Vespers *In Memory and With Hope*

2nd Hour Sundays

Can't get enough of a good thing? Well maybe now you can. 2nd Hour Sundays are a new program designed to give us all more time to enjoy what UUFBR has to offer.

There will be time for conversation and friendship over lunch. There will be classes for adults- taught by Vada Mossavat and The Reverend Harris Riordan and there will be childcare for the kids.

Mark you calendars now for Second Hour Sundays:

September 11 and 25, October 9 and 23, Nov 6 and 20, December 4

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION



UUS TAKE PART IN ECO-VILLAGE PROJECT TO PROVIDE HOMES FOR 40 HAITIAN FAMILIES

In response to last year's devastating earthquake in Haiti, the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) and Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) continue to work together to support recovery for all Haitians, especially those overlooked by mainstream aid. We are grateful and proud of Unitarian Universalists everywhere who have helped the people of Haiti rebuild their lives.

Our latest effort is happening now as the UUA and UUSC launch an experiential learning journey to Haiti's Central Plateau. This UUA-UUSC joint trip allows participants to be part of the UUSC's unique model of work – eye-to-eye partnerships – through a hands-on building project that will provide new homes for 40 Haitian families.

Ten Unitarian Universalist seminary students – thanks to the generosity of UUA donors – are on their way to Haiti. They will be providing meaningful service and assistance to UUSC's partner Papaye Peasant Movement (MPP), as part of UUSC's Haiti Volunteer Program. This reflects our conviction that all those preparing for our ministry should have experience in the developing world. MPP has planned an eco-village for families fleeing the destruction in Port-au-Prince, one that MPP's Executive Director Chavannes Jean-Baptiste says will provide not just shelter but a means of livelihood from cultivating the land.

Truly, this is faith in action. The seminary students chosen to take part in this program are building not just houses, but a multicultural understanding that is vital to their calling as ministers in the modern world. We are honored to join them, and to have the opportunity to meet with some of the UUSC's social justice partners in Haiti, as we continue to build a strong relationship between the UUA and UUSC for future social-justice collaborations.

We invite you to follow our on-the-ground updates

through the UUA and UUSC websites, where we and the students will reflect on how this transformative journey connects to the basic tenets of UU faith and ministry. The group will post on the UUA's Faith Without Borders blog and the UUSC's JustWorks blog.

Unitarian Universalism has always been a faith of action and compassion, working for justice, and this JustWorks experiential learning journey exemplifies those convictions. We urge you to take time to follow along as this story unfolds.

You can support the work of the UUSC by becoming a supporting member for just pennies a day. Check out the literature on the Social Justice Table in the foyer or go to www.uusc.org.

The UUSC relies on its members and supporters — people just like you — to fund programs. Anyone wishing to support human rights and social justice in the USA and abroad is welcome to join. UUSC is an associate member of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), but receives no general financial support from the UUA. Neither do they receive funding from federal or state governments or institutions, ensuring an independent voice.



SUMMER RE

We still have plenty of openings for teachers to lead our UU Sources classes in summer religious education. Please call Judy Keiser or sign up on Sunday if you are available any of the following days:

July 3 – prophets and visionaries

July 17- global religions

August 21 earth centered teachings

Materials and class lessons are provided – all you need to do is read the lesson beforehand and show up! We also need assistants to help our teachers all Sundays during the summer. Check the signup sheet in Osias, find the name of a friend who's teaching, and sign up to help him or her. Thanks!

♥ **CIRCLE OF FRIENDS** ♥

*In the sharing of joys and sorrows we lighten the burden in our hearts and make life sweeter.
In caring our friendship grows.*

We send healing thoughts and prayers to Ken Giordano Weintraub as he recovers from surgery.

Kerstin Kupfermann is scheduled for back surgery on June 14. We wish her a very speedy recovery. Your cards and notes may be sent to her home address.

SUNDAY COFFEE

Coffee Hour is ongoing throughout the year. The schedule for bringing cookies/snacks for coffee hour for the summer is as follows, but feel free to bring in goodies whenever you remember them:



July 3	A—C	July 10	D—J
July 17	K—O	July 24	P—Z
July 31	A—C	August 7	D—J
August 14	K—O	August 21	P—Z
August 28	A—C	September 4	D—J
September 11	K—O		

WELCOME NEW UUFBR MEMBERS

Ralph S. Robbins 4/24/2011
Harriet Schuman 5/1/11
David Hyde 5/7/11

Pick up some good reading at the **UUFBR BOOKSTORE**
Great selection, terrific prices
In the back hallway by the playground doors.



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

June 20—June 30	July 5—August 31
Monday—Thursday	Monday—Thursday
9 am—Noon	9:00 am—2:00 pm

**FLAMING CHALICE:
SYMBOL OF OUR FAITH**

A flame within a chalice (a cup with a stem and foot), represents the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) and is a symbol of the Unitarian Universalist faith.

"At the opening of Unitarian Universalist worship services, many congregations light a flame inside a chalice. This flaming chalice has become a well-known symbol of our denomination. It unites our members in worship and symbolizes the spirit of our work."

—Dan Hotchkiss

The lighting of the chalice is usually accompanied by a brief reading.

Hans Deutsch, an Austrian artist, first brought together the chalice and the flame as a Unitarian symbol during his work with the Unitarian Service Committee during World War II. To Deutsch, the image had connotations of sacrifice and love. Unitarian Universalists today have many different interpretations of the image.

The flaming chalice image has changed many times over the past 65 years. Modern chalice designs often incorporate two overlapping circles which, for many people, represent our Unitarian and Universalist heritages. Other images include additional elements, some of which are merely decorative and others which are very meaningful.

Our current official UUA logo was designed to offer a visual representation of a modern and dynamic faith. Unitarian Universalist congregations are free to use the UUA's logo in their congregational work, but they are not required to do so. Because of this, you may see many different styles of flaming chalices and other images used by Unitarian Universalist congregations.



UUFBR SUMMER SCHEDULE

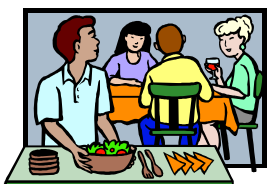
The Forum Discussion Group: Sundays at 9:00 am, Hartley Room, presentations and discussions on various topics of interest. Louis Willstein, coordinator.

Religious Education: Sunday mornings at 10:30 am: Please see schedule included in the newsletter.

Sunday Services: 10:30 am every Sunday morning. An exciting summer of classes on our UU Sources.

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.

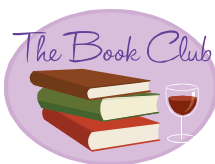
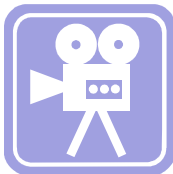
Finance Committee Meeting: Wednesdays, 2nd week each month 7:00 pm at UUFBR.



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

The next meeting postponed to June 15—All members and friends welcome.

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. Open to everyone. **June 23, 10:30 am: the movie to see is "Incendies."**



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. **The book for the next meeting, on June 15, is "Bel Canto" by Ann Patchett.**

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.



ONGOING SOCIAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS:

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.

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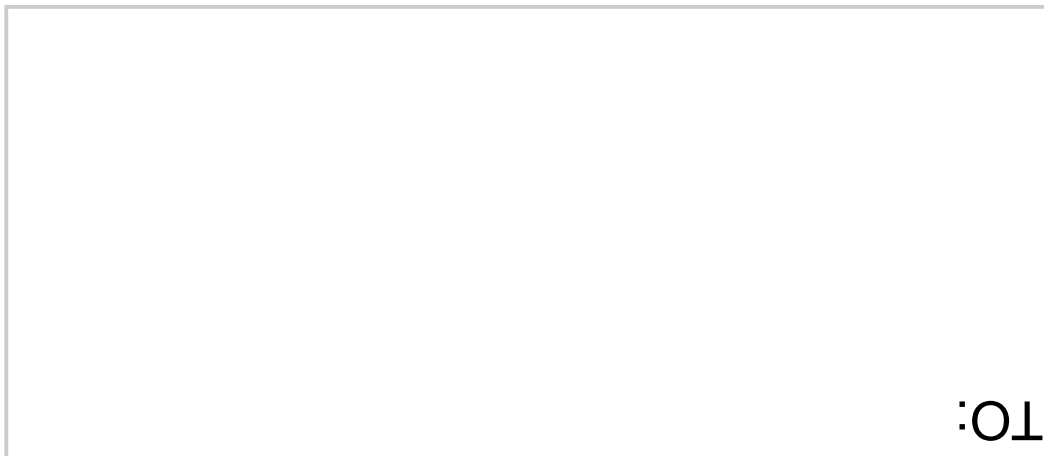
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WE COVENANT TO AFFIRM AND PROMOTE

- 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

August 15, September 12



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