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FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

What makes people come to UUFBR? Not one thing, but many. Some come to sing in the choir, some come to listen to the music. Some come for a bit of quiet, to watch the trees dance outside the window and be alone with their thoughts. Some come looking for new thoughts. Some come to catch up with old friends. Some are looking for new friends. Some come to get things done, to change the world. Some come for shelter from a week day world that moves too fast. Some come looking for that village to help raise their kids. Some come for conversations over coffee. Most come looking for that something that will make our day, our week, our lives just a little bit lighter, our spirits a bit richer - that something that will fill up our souls.

This year we are making changes to keep that need in the forefront. On September 25th we begin a new program called Second Hour. Meeting every other Sunday 'til December 4th Second Hour will be the time to fill up on the "good stuff" of UUFBR. There will be lunch following the service. There will be classes to challenge the mind. I will teach a class on UU Theology, Paul Chasse will teach a class called The Big Picture. The Ladies Sewing Circle and Terrorist Society (gents invited) will meet to craft and talk. There will be child care for our youngest ones, an activity for the middlers and the teen group will meet. On Second Hour Sundays no meetings will be held - no business will have to get done. And thanks to an endowment grant, our visitors will be encouraged to join us by being invited to lunch for free!

It was the RE Council that provided the inspiration for this change. Last spring, they began planning a different program. Expanding their mission from nurturing our children to caring for our families, Council chose to hire Sunday School teachers for this year. Even though our DRE Vada Mossavat has begun her graduate studies in Maryland, the teachers are on board. They will be teaching a UUA curriculum, Tapestry of Faith, and for the time being at least, I will be their supervisor. Parents are no longer required to come to the Fellowship to work. They too can take Sunday mornings to nurture themselves; attending services, singing in the choir, or if they want, helping out in RE.

The world outside our doors will probably stay on it's unpredictable path, but here at UUFBR one thing is sure. We've got a good thing going, and this year we are making more time to fill each other up.

Rev Harris

Second Hour Sunday dates for 2011: Sept. 25, Oct. 9 & 23. Nov 6 & 20, Dec 4 .
Check the web-site for details on classes.

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION



NOTES FROM RE

- Families: Grab a towel, bring some eats, and head over to the Van Camps after service on **Sept. 11 for our Annual Welcome Back Pool Party**. See Lynn or Dave for details.
- **Our Fall Religious Education Program begins Sunday, September 18**. Make sure you are a part of the fun! Go to www.uufbr.org/for-parents2.html and click the registration link at the right to register your child.
- Our next **Family Promise hosting dates are October 2 through Oct 9**. Please look for the new sign up chart in Osias Hall and commit to help with meal prep, set up or take down, hosting the children, doing laundry or serving as overnight hosts. Thanks for all you do to help families in need!

SECOND HOUR

It's important to begin a search on a full stomach.
Henry Bromel, *Northern Exposure, The Big Kiss, 1991*

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Dates for 2nd Hour

Sept 25

Oct 9 & 23

Nov 6 & 20,

Dec 4,

Jan 8, & 22

Feb 5 & 19,

March 4 & 18,

April 1 , 15 & 29

Starting in 2nd Hour:

Ladies Sewing Circle & Terrorist Society

Radical ladies (and crafty gents) eat your lunch, grab your current craft project, and join us to discuss sewing, politics, small armaments or whatever seems appropriate. Right now we're working on wire wrapping, but subversive plots are welcome.



2ND HOUR LUNCHEONS



If the divine creator has taken pains to give us delicious and exquisite things to eat, the least we can do is prepare them well and serve them with ceremony. Fernand Point

Food service is our prayer! We are looking for a few food lovers to help with preparing, serving, cashiering or clean up for luncheons during 2nd Hour. Please let Robert Duchemin or Alexis Moore know if you can help.

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

Sept. 11 *Filling Up and Spilling Over*
Water Communion. The Reverend Harris Riordan

6:00 pm: An Interfaith Service of Memory and Hope. The Reverends Harris Riordan and Amy Carol Webb.

Sept. 18 *Spiritual Democracy*
Making it work to change the world.
The Reverend Harris Riordan

Sept. 25 *The Brain, Evolution, and Faith*
Remembering the Names
The Reverend Harris Riordan

Oct. 2 *Turn and Awake*
High Holy Days. The Reverend Harris Riordan

Oct. 9 *If Only I'd Known Then.....*
New Member Sunday.
The Reverend Harris Riordan

WOMENSPIRIT

**Monday Sept. 12, 7:30pm,
Hartley Room**

“Bringing Back the Spirit”.



UUFBR women and friends are invited to reconnect with old friends or make new ones as WomenSpirit meets again in circle.

Enjoy a leaderless discussion of “your” own concept of “Spirit” or “Spirituality.” What does “Spirituality” mean? What is it to you? Is it important? There will also be a discussion of where our WomenSpirit circle will take us and what it should “look” like.

For more information contact Anna Marie King at k4ever39@aol.com.



WomenSpirit Gathering

“Our Many Faces” April 27, 28, 29, 2012

at Dayspring Episcopal Conference Center, Ellenton Florida. A wooded setting on a cove of the Manatee River.

UU Women join together in a setting which offers opportunities for conversation, laughter and music. Nature trails, rocking chairs, screened porches and good food create a place for memorable experiences, shared conversation, and laughter. Eight women share a cottage with four semi-private rooms, a communal area and screened porch, and cottages are assigned on a first come, first served basis. Registration due by Sept. 1, 2011. Registration forms available from the office. \$200 for a semi-private room includes six meals and all fees.

Congregational Meeting ~ Sept. 18

There will be two items on the Agenda:

- A Congregational vote on the Congregational Study Action Issue Proposal (CSAI) described in the document sent out to all members.
- An informational update on the financial status of UUFBR.



**Interfaith Family Day at
Patch Reef Park**

Sunday, September 11, 2011, 1- 4 PM

Patch Reef Park, pavilions 1, 2, 3

**(Yamato Road just west of Military Trail in
Boca Raton)**

Bring your family, bring your friends, bring your musical instruments. Bring your favorite picnic food to share. Iced tea and lemonade provided

The organizing committee includes Jewish, Methodist, Catholic, Bahai, Buddhist, Muslim and Unitarian Universalist leaders. The idea for a 9-11 family day was hatched at a meeting of the local chapter for the Network of Spiritual Progressives

A “continuous picnic” at the event will feature vegetarian hot dogs and hamburgers, along with lemonade and iced tea. Sports will include soccer, basketball, tennis, volleyball, kickball and frisbee throwing. Other events will include a bean bag toss tournament and kite making and flying.

The day won’t be all fun and games. During an “Interfaith Interlude” at 3 p.m., leaders of the various sponsoring religions will offer their beliefs and reflections on the day. Attendees will also be invited to sing together.

A time of silent meditation will be offered by the Southern Palm Zen Group. Children will use paper, markers, scissors and paste to assemble a poster of the "human family."

America was attacked on September 11, 2001 by those who believed that religion should be used to spread intolerance and violence.

Join us on the 10th anniversary of this tragedy and help us show that in America religions can serve as a source of peace and harmony.

FALL P.E.A.C.E. ACTIVITIES

This fall will be full of activities. We will be pushing forward on our Wage Theft agenda. We have very good data comparing Dade County's program (the basis for our initiative) and Palm Beach Co.'s current failed program. We will be asking all who can, to come to our Commissioner's meeting and push for immediate action on our proposal. We will have a date soon.

Now that we have a new Mayor in West Palm Beach who supports P.E.A.C.E's juvenile crime initiative, we will work to see it enacted.

The Jobs Committee will review all the interviews held to date, and see that the County hires County qualified residences first, whenever the hiring is done by anyone on a County contract or subsidized by the County.

Jan Booher, Jim Giovanazzo, and Dave Hyde will be inviting members to attend a house meeting in the last couple of weeks of September to discuss more about how we can play a more active role in PEACE. We will soon have dates. We don't want anyone interested in the PEACE network to be left out so if you haven't heard from us before the house meetings let us know. All are invited. Stay tuned.

In PEACE we go,
Your PEACE Board



Dates for the coming year: October 2—9; January 1—8, 2012; June 10—17; August 26—September 2; November 4—11.

Get out your calendars and save the dates!

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to the contributors to the Minister's in Residence Fund: Marybeth Kugler, Brenda Richey, Mary Anne Germain, Pam Angel and Gloria Chiodo.

This fund will pay for our "Ministers in Residence" during the weeks of Rev. Harris's sabbatical in the fall of 2011 and spring of 2012. Donations total \$1020 to date. The cost for Ministers for sabbatical is projected at \$5000.00. Matching funds of \$2500 are available.

UUSC LAUNCHES RELIEF FUND FOR EAST AFRICA FAMINE



The United Nations has declared a famine in southern Somalia that is expected to spread in the next two months. With 3.2 million people - half of the Somali population - needing immediate lifesaving assistance, this is the world's worst food security crisis in the last 20 years.

In light of this dire crisis, Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) has opened the Somalia and East Africa Relief Fund.

To address the crisis and support survivors, UUSC will put a three-pronged response into action. First, working with partners on the ground, UUSC will provide immediate relief for Somalis affected by the famine. UUSC will also support communities in Ethiopia and Kenya that are hosting Somali refugees, to prevent their falling into famine conditions. Finally, UUSC will assist existing grassroots partners in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda in mitigating the effects of the disastrous lack of rain and extreme strain on food sources.

Those wishing to support the UUSC Somalia and East Africa Relief Fund may contribute online at .

For more information about UUSC's relief work, visit .



The Leaders Roundtable

Designing a Transformative, Vital, Healthy
Unitarian Universalist Congregation
Saturday, September 17 10:00 am — 3:00 pm
At UUFBR

The purpose of this gathering is to reflect on the opportunities of congregational leadership and to support each other around shared challenges. The format includes theory, case study, and the sharing of your wisdom. Registration at:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=odjxbbcab@oeidk=a07e4g8uvl0bf91234d>



FROM THE SAVE DARFUR COALITION

To all at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Phyllis Atler and I recently mailed a check for approximately \$10,400 to the Stop Genocide Now organization. It is the last installment of money, taken from the Save Darfur Coalition account.

Stop Genocide Now is headed by an individual whom Andrea Schuver and I met in Washington D.C., while attending a Save Darfur Conference several years ago. He has made many trips to the Darfur region, and his group is one of the few that has remained in position, continuously disbursing humanitarian aid to the million plus refugees along the Chad border.

In total, our group has been responsible for sending almost \$50,000 in aid to victims of the Sudanese Genocide. Although some of us are frustrated by not bringing a more immediate end to the violence, we can be proud of making this contribution, which helped to build schools, and supply nutrition, medicines and cooking utensils to those very much in need.

I want to personally thank your organization for providing us with a welcoming meeting place and for your unwavering continued support throughout this mission. It is with your help and those of the other Coalition members that we sold our tee shirts; conducted inter-faith services; applied pressure on our political leaders; spread awareness; and raised funds throughout our community.

Thank you for helping us to help,

Fran Steinmark, Co-Chair, Save Darfur Coalition of Palm Beach County.

UUFBR POLICIES

The Board of Trustees have reviewed and updated the UUFBR Policies. You may review this document online at [www.uufbr.org/Microsoft Word - UUFBR Policies and Procedures May 2011 2 .pdf](http://www.uufbr.org/Microsoft%20Word%20-%20UUFBR%20Policies%20and%20Procedures%20May%202011%20.pdf) or by requesting a copy from the office at uufbr@bellsouth.net. Should you have any comments, please direct them to Sharon Drew either via e-mail or in written form that you can deliver to her.

♥ 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.*

For those of you who remember my daughter Heather Stewart, she now lives in Brisbane, Australia. We are all very excited that Heather's partner, Michelle Dicinoski has just had her book of poetry published by a real publisher, and Heather's mention and the Author's photo is on the back cover !

You can find her book, "Electricity for Beginners" on Amazon.com—search for Dicinoski.

Rosemary Stewart.

We are saddened to learn of the death of Steven Cirker of Lake Worth, FL who died on June 24, 2011. Steven had been a member of UUFBR since 1994.



REEL ART & REEL POLITIQUE RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

September 10, 7:00 pm: Reel Art. Join us for Francois Truffaut's 1970 *L'enfant Sauvage* (The Wild Child). What makes us human? Is morality innate? Can everyone be civilized? What does it mean to be "civilized?"

September 24, 7:00 pm: Reel Politique. Food, Inc. Are you eating food that is hazardous to your health? Are monopolies driving out independent farmers? Do agricultural laws favor corporations? Susan Caruso will lead the discussion following the viewing of the film. Join us for our 'must see' screening of Robert Kenner's 2008 film, "Food, Inc."

Suggested donation for films: \$5. Open to all.

DID YOU KNOW....

Printed copies of some sermons are available in Osias Hall?

CD recording of services are available to borrow (thank you Bill Bode) — also in Osias Hall on a table in the TV area. Sign CDs in and out on the clipboard there.

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 2nd Hour:** Sept 25, Oct 9 & 23, Nov 6 & 20, Dec 4, Jan 8, & 22, 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.

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

Evening Connections: A light pot-luck meal and stimulating conversation. Please bring a cold or room-temperature dish to share. Everyone welcome. The second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

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. We meet on Sept. 12 for "Bringing back the Spirit."

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. Today's plate is shared by giving half of the collection to PEACE.

SEPTEMBER 2011 FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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4	5 Labor Day UUFBR office closed	6	7	8	9	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am Forum • 10:30 am Service • 10:45 am: No RE Class today—nursery care only 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00pm UUFBR parent Open House • 7:30 pm Chalice Choir rehearsal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am Tony's Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 am: Movie Group 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 pm—Reel Art "L'enfant Sauvage"
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am Forum • 10:30 am Service Water Communion • 10:45 am: RE program • After the Service—R E Pool Party at the Van Camp home. • 6:00 PM—Vespers <i>An Interfaith Service of Memory and Hope</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30 pm WomenSpirit Gathering 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am Tony's Team • 6:30 pm: Evening Connections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30 pm Chalice Choir rehearsal 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 am: Gardeners Group • 10:00 am : Florida District Leadership Event at UUFBR
UUFBR Office Hours this week: 9 am — noon						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am Forum • 10:30am: Service • 10:45 am: RE • Noon: R E Council Meeting • After the Service: Congregational Meeting • 12:15 p: Endowment Committee • 6:30 pm: Odyssey Group 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am Tony's Team • 10:30 am: Book Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 am: Movie Group • 7:30 pm Chalice Choir rehearsal 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 pm: Reel Politique "Food, Inc."
25	26	27	28	29	30	UUFBR Office Hours
<p>Community Food Pantry Collection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am: Forum • 10:30am: Service • 10:45 am: RE • 12:30 pm: Youth Group Meeting • 12:30 pm: 2nd Hour • 6:30 pm: Young Adult Group—Minister's Home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 pm UUFBR Board of Trustees meeting. <p>All members welcome.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am Tony's Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30 pm Chalice Choir rehearsal 		<p>Monday — Thursday 9 am — 4 pm</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 deadline

October 17, 2011



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