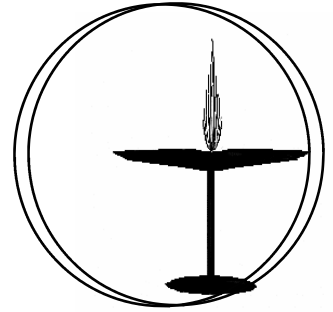


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WELCOME A GUEST AT YOUR TABLE

Welcome Your Guest - For 30 years now, UU communities have participated in the Guest at Your Table tradition. Each year, we come together to give thanks, celebrate UU values, and share our blessings to help change the world.

All you need to participate is a copy of *Stories of Hope*, a colorful gift box, and a desire to create social justice around the world.

Share Your Blessings - Place your Guest at Your Table gift box where you have your meals and keep it there for several weeks. When sharing meals with your family and friends, read a story or two from *Stories of Hope*. These stories will connect you to real people whose lives have been changed by UUSC's human-rights work. Sharing their hopes and dreams through storytelling is a fun way to invite these special guests into your home.

At each meal, insert coins or bills into your colorful gift box, as if sharing with your guests. On the closing date announced by your congregation, return your box to your local organizer. If your final gift totals \$100 or more, it will be eligible to be matched dollar for dollar through a matching grant from the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock, in Manhasset, NY.

Join the Struggle - UU principles call on us to honor our part in the interdependent web of existence and raise our voices together to defend justice and human rights. Continuing the Guest at Your Table tradition is a great way to involve UUs of all ages in the enduring struggle for social justice and human rights.

Sunday, November 9 at coffee/social hour we'll begin our Guest at Your Table Program. You and your family can start the holiday season by celebrating our UU faith in action. This year we are also celebrating the 60th anniversary of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* (December 10, 1948). All you need to participate is a copy of *Stories of Hope*, a colorful donation box, a generous spirit, and a desire to create social justice around the world. Get your free copy of *Stories of Hope* in Osias Hall during coffee/social hour. More to come next Sunday!

~ Gail Larkin

TERRIFIC TUESDAYS

NOV. 11, 18, 25, DEC. 2

- 4:30 - 5:30** **The Writing Group**
Leader: Margaret McElrath
- 7:00 - 8:30** **Non-Violent Communication**
Registration \$60.00*
Leader: Carla VonWalsum
- 7:00 - 8:30** **Exploring Race**
Leader: Jan Taddeo
- 7:00 - 8:30** **Religious Literacy 101 --**
The Old Testament
Leader: Harris Riordan

Registration: \$10.00 per 4-week course/except where indicated*

Dinner: 5:30 - 6:30, Adults \$6.00

"Gadding About": 6:15 - 7:00

No Charge For Child Care

VISIONING OUR FUTURE

Your voice is needed to develop the vision for UUFBR's future! It's not too late to sign up for a coffee conversation. The coffee conversations are an opportunity for you to reflect on UUFBR and to connect with others. They are small gatherings, designed so people can really talk. They are the first step in our all-congregation visioning process, and we very much want YOU to participate! Please sign up for a coffee conversation on the sheets which are posted on the windows of Osias hall on Sunday, or call the office to sign up. Several dates, times and locations are available.

Also, please mark your calendars for the morning of Saturday, November 15th for our congregation-wide Visioning Workshop, which will be held at UUFBR and will be led by Rev. Naomi King from the River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

~ Your Stewardship Committee: Susan and David Dubbin, Bill Bode, Aaron Venable, Rev. Harris Riordan, and Jennifer Ligeti, Chair.

UUA SOCIAL JUSTICE PROJECTS

In order to keep us all a little more informed about the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations advocacy programs, from time to time, the Unicorn will carry information relating to the UUA Social Justice Calendar. Information is from www.uua.org/socialjustice where more information can be obtained.

~Anna Marie King

November 20 – 10th Annual Transgender Day of Remembrance

(From www.gender.org/remember/day/)

"The Transgender Day of Remembrance" was set aside to memorialize those who were killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice. The event is held in November to honor Rita Hester, whose murder in 1998 kicked off the "Remembering Our Dead" web project and a San Francisco candlelight vigil in 1999. Since then, the event has grown to encompass memorials in dozens of cities across the world.

Not every person represented during the Day of Remembrance was self-identified as transgendered — that is, as a transsexual, crossdresser, or otherwise gender.

We live in times more sensitive than ever to hatred based violence, especially since the events of September 11th. Yet even now, the deaths of those based on anti-transgender hatred or prejudice are largely ignored. **Over the last decade, more than one person per month has died due to transgender-based hate or prejudice**, regardless of any other factors in their lives. This trend shows no sign of abating.

The Transgender Day of Remembrance serves several purposes. It raises public awareness of hate crimes against transgendered people, an action that current media doesn't perform. Day of Remembrance publicly mourns and honors the lives of our brothers and sisters who might otherwise be forgotten. Through the vigil, we express love and respect for our people in the face of national indifference and hatred."

It is only appropriate that UUA highlight this observance as related to our First Principle "The inherent worth and dignity of every person" applies equally to people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

Several years ago, UUFBR completed a Welcoming Congregation study program in order to increase understanding and inclusiveness and to publicly make a statement of inclusion to all.

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING!

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

Food for Thought Film & Potluck: 1st Sunday of every month, 12:15 pm, Rockberger Hall. All are welcome! There will be **no meeting in November.**

First Sunday Vespers: at 7:00 pm. We gather in the sanctuary for music and quiet reflection. This is a time to share the diverse spirituality that sustains us.

Connections (hosted by the Membership Committee): 2nd Sunday of every month, 12:15 pm, Hartley Room. A potluck lunch and enlightening group discussion about Unitarian Universalism

Odyssey Group: (for 30-somethings, give or take 10 years), 3rd Sunday of every month, 6:30 pm, Minister's home. An evening of food, friendship and conversation. Bring something to put on the grill. Salads, beverages and desserts will be provided. Get directions at the Visitor's Desk. On Sunday afternoons call 561.279.4281. Open to all who are interested.

Community Service Team: 4th Sunday of every month at 9:15 am on the Patio. Works to aid local charitable organizations. All are welcome to share ideas and energy.

WomanSpirit (Woman's Spirituality): 2nd Monday of every month, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary. Open to all UUFBR women, members and friends. Gatherings center on special topics of interest often including ritual, meditation, music, and craft activities.

Women's Alliance: Tuesday, Nov. 18, 10:30 am, Osias Hall, provides friendship and sociability for its members and friends and to be of service to the fellowship. Everyone ~ men, women, and newcomers are welcome at the meetings. The WA Holiday Party will be held at Kerstin Kupfermann's home on December 16, at 10:30 am. There will be presentations, music and singing, pianist Brenda Parker. Eva Emmerish as St. Lucia will lead us into the lunch -- a feast created by all with our dishes to share! Beverages and dessert will be served.

Spirit in Practice: 1st Tuesday of every month, 7:00 pm, Gridley Howe Room. We explore UU Spirituality, with time for centering, a guided meditation or experience with a spiritual practice, and then spend time in deepening dialogue with one another on "things spiritual." All are welcome to attend.

Quilting Group: Every Wednesday, 10:30 am, Smith Room.

Tony's Team: Every Wednesday, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon,

everywhere, inside & out. Come and help with routine maintenance of our buildings and grounds (everything from changing light bulbs to sprinkler maintenance).

Social Justice Working Group: 2nd Wednesday of every month, 7:00 pm, Hartley Room, for individuals currently involved in social justice projects and those who are interested in starting one.

Journey Through Womanhood Support Group: 3rd Wednesday of every month, 7:00 pm, Living Room, a group experience where women will meet to "care and share" the issues that are relevant to all women of all ages. Ask for advice, be a friend, share your wisdom and experiences, or just come to listen and learn.

Denominational Connections: 4th Wednesday of every month, 7:00 pm, Living Room, get involved in the larger Unitarian Universalist worlds of the Southeast Cluster and the UU Association.

UUFBR Choir Rehearsals: Every Thursday, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary, join in the fun and sing. Everyone is welcome!

Interweave, 2nd Friday Social: 2nd Friday of every month, 7:00 pm, Rockberger Hall, for all GLBT people, their friends and allies. Bring a snack, sweet or drink to share and join us as we unwind from the week.

Circle Dinners: Small, organized potluck dinners for six to twelve people at each other's homes. Everyone interested in participating must sign up in advance. See the sign up bulletin board in Osias Hall, Main Building.

United in Peace Rally: Every Saturday, 12:00 noon. Meet at the corner of Glades Road and St. Andrews Blvd. for a peaceful demonstration. Bring a sign. For more information contact Susan Caruso at 561-637-5768.

Reel Adventures: 2nd Saturday of every month, 7:00 pm, Rockberger Hall. Join us to watch interesting films from around the world, followed by stimulating discussion and light refreshments. (No meeting in November or December)

Gardener's Work Party: Various Saturday Mornings, 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. See Chalice Notes for the upcoming date.

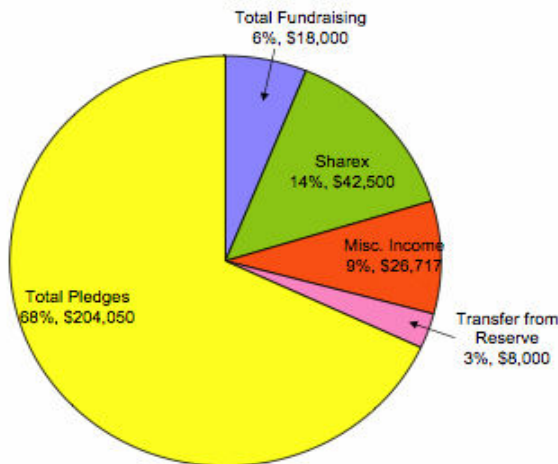
Meet the Rev: 4th Sunday of every month, 12:15, Main Building, Living Room.

Terrific Tuesdays: See Page 2 for details!

UUFBR FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

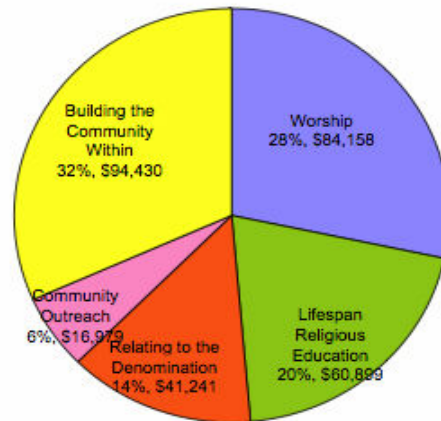
PREPARED BY DAVID DUBBIN

Where do our funds come from?
Here is our \$299,267 Revised Budget for 2008 - 09



- 6% Total FUNDRAISING INCOME
- 14% Sharex Income
- 9% Misc. Income
- 3% Transfer from Reserve
- 68% Total PLEDGES

What does it cost to run UUFBR
Here is our \$299,267 Revised Budget for 2008 - 09



- 28% Worship
- 20% Lifespan Religious Education
- 14% Relating to the Denomination
- 6% Reaching Out to the Community
- 32% Building the Community Within

As many of you may know, UUFBR is one of only seven congregations to be chosen as a pilot site for the Forward Through the Ages (FORTH) project. As described on the UUA Website, “In some of today's healthiest congregations, stewardship is an attitude that is reflected in the way we live our lives. While fund-raising emphasizes the need of the recipient, stewardship addresses our spiritual need to give. Stewardship must precede fund-raising.”

One of the goals of the FORTH project is education. The idea is that a thorough understanding of the needs of the congregation will help members make better decisions about their support. In support of that goal, we are publishing a breakdown of this year’s annual budget, both the sources and uses of our funds.

UUFBR Stewardship Committee

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunflower Creative Arts presents its 8th Annual Skit Night on Saturday, November 22 right here at UUFBR. All of our Sunflower Theatre students ages 4 to 16 will present an evening of short skits and scenes to delight and amuse you! Our youngest performers begin at 3:30pm, followed by a pot luck dinner at 5:00pm. Our Advanced Theatre Workshop and Shakespeare students perform at 6:00pm. Adults: \$7 and Children: \$4. Bring a dish for the community pot-luck dinner served at the 5:00pm intermission. Please join us!

~Jennifer Ligeti



HELP IN THE NURSERY!

During the holidays our wonderful child-care coordinator, Rebecca Smith, will need extra help. Her classmates who usually help will be going home for the holidays and she will be alone -- and we need two adults to keep the nursery open. Please tell Jackie Savitsky, Judy Keiser, or Rebecca what holiday Sundays you will help out in the nursery. This includes before and after Thanksgiving, and before and after Christmas. In particular, Rebecca herself will be traveling on January 4th.

SOCIAL HOUR COMMITTEE FORMING

A committee is forming to be in charge of our after-service coffee hour. Starting in December, we need people to set up and clean up. This will not interfere with attendance at our Sunday service. If you are interested, please e-mail Noel Levin at jasperlev@yahoo.com



ARE YOU CERTIFIED IN CPR?

Please tell Judy Keiser or Linda Englander if you are trained or certified in CPR, First Aid, or AED. We would like to put a list up on our bulletin board outside the RE office so if there's ever an emergency, there's an easy reference for who to call. Thanks!

~Judy Keiser

THE 2008 PROGRAM FAIR

The 5th annual program fair is coming up - November 16, 2008, from 9:30 to 10:30 and 11:30 to 12:30. The Fair will give congregants an opportunity to meet the leaders of several of our communities, organizations and activities. They will be able to learn:

1. Who the leader of each group or activity is
2. What the group is all about
3. What is its mission, what are its goals
4. How new members join
5. When and where the group meets

.....and much more!

WOMANSPRIT

Monday, November 10, will honor the feminine with a **Sacred Hoop Ritual** led by Ministerial Intern, Jan Taddeo. The ritual starts at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. This Sacred Hoop Ritual honors the sacred feminine, our deep connection with the rhythms of the earth and moon, and our profound interconnectedness with one another and all of life. Please bring drums and rattles to share with others; a scarf that you are willing to gift to WomanSpirit for our circle; and simple, wholesome finger food to share. Call or e-mail Jan (uurev2bjet@earthlink.net), Ileen Carter, or Karen Sherman with any questions.

OUR BUILDING IS FOR RENT

For special occasions. The money we receive helps support the fellowship. If you know of anyone who might be interested, have them contact the Office Administrator for further details.

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**COME ON FOLKS, SEND ME ALL
THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO
PRINT!**

***JACKIE SAVITSKY
EDITOR
"THE UNICORN"***



NOVEMBER 2008 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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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am Forum • 10:30 am Service and RE • 12:00 pm Food for Thought Film • 1:00 pm Election Issues Lecture (lunch at 12:00 pm) • 7:00 pm Vespers 	<p style="text-align: center;">UNICORN DEADLINE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:00 pm FUMMA District Ministers 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am Tony's Team • 10:00 am Quilting Group • 7:00 pm Social Justice Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 pm Buddhist Exhibit • 7:00 pm OWL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 am Buddhist Exhibit
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am Forum • 9:30 am Program Fair • 10:30 am Service and RE • 12:00 pm Endowment • 12:00 pm Revs' Membership Workshop <p><i>Continued next box</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">UNICORN DEADLINE</p> <p>(Sunday 11/16 continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:00 pm Program Fair • 12:15 Membership Meeting • 6:30 Odyssey Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 am Womens Alliance • 4:00 pm Terrific Tuesdays 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am Tony's Team • 10:00 am Quilting Group • 7:00 pm Women's Support Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00 OWL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE Class DEC
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<p>BHH Collection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am Community Service Team • 9:00 am Forum • 9:30 & noon Program Fair • 10:30 am Service / RE • 12:00 pm Meet the Rev 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 pm UUFBR Board Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:00 pm Terrific Tuesdays 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am Tony's Team • 10:00 am Quilting Group • 7:00 pm Denominational Connections 	<p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> 	 <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>*****</p> <p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am Forum • 10:30 am Sunday Service (no RE Classes)
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Deadlines for the next 3 months for the Unicorn

Please plan ahead and get your information in on time!

Nov. 17, Dec. 1 and 15, 2008, and Jan. 5 and Jan 19, 2009

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