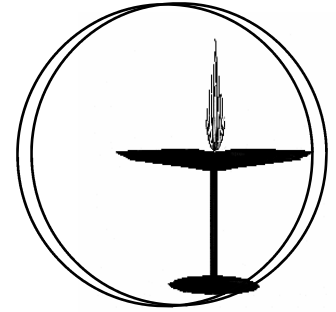


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CELEBRATING OUR HIGHEST VALUES

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Celebrating Christmas is one way that we acknowledge the hope that is born with the birth of each new baby, and the possibility for peace that is within each one of us. For some, the story of the birth of one particular child over 2,000 years ago rekindles hope and inspires peace. For others, this story is fraught with questions, doubts and for others it holds no meaning at all. What then do we celebrate at this time of year? This year, like every year, I know I won't live up to my own expectations to send cards, bake cookies, mail gifts early, and have the house all decorated just so. Knowing I will disappoint myself, I take a deep breath, and seek ways to feel the spirit of the season without feeling the stress of the season.

In the book "Unplug the Christmas Machine" authors Jo Robinson and Jean Coppock Staeheli offer stories and exercises to guide us in putting love and joy back in the season. In one exercise they ask, "What are you celebrating?" They acknowledge that "people ask Christmas to do too many things for them. They want it to strengthen their family bonds, give their spirits a lift in the dark days of winter, stimulate their compassion and generosity, help them keep tabs on far-flung friends, confirm their deepest religious beliefs, show off their skills as hosts and hostesses, establish their rank in the social order ... the list goes on and on."

I invite you to take part in their values clarification exercise. To do so, read through the

following ten value statements, cross off those that have no importance, and add any equally important ones that are not included. After ranking the values consider ways to celebrate the season that honor your most important values.

Christmas is a time...

- ... to be a peacemaker, within my family and in the world at large.
- ... to enjoy being with my immediate family.
- ... to create a beautiful home environment.
- ... to celebrate the birth of Christ [or the inherent worth & dignity of each person]
- ... to exchange gifts with my family and friends.
- ... for parties, entertaining, and visits with friends.
- ... to help those who are less fortunate.
- ... to strengthen bonds with my relatives.
- ... to strengthen my church community.
- ... to be relaxed and renewed.

Christmas is a time to _____.

One card received this year says, "A Christmas wish -- peace that lasts, hope that guides, and love that lives always in our hearts." So this year I will strive to keep these wishes at the top of my Christmas list, seek ways to celebrate that keep hope, peace and love alive. Then, if the baking gets done, well, that will just be icing on the Christmas Cookies!

May yours be a season of peace, and a joyful new year.

HOLIDAY SERVICES:
DECEMBER 21 SOLSTICE: 7:30 PM
DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE: 5:00 AND 7:30 PM

The dates of our *Ring in the Future* budget drive this year are January 31 through February 22. You will receive a *Ring in the Future* brochure in your mailbox in early January. To help you prepare for the drive, we'd like you to begin thinking about what kind of financial commitment you will make this year to the Fellowship. We encourage you to use the UUA's Fair Share Giving Guide as a way to match your financial commitment to your commitment to UUFBR. Before you can use the guide, however, you must first determine your available income. Below you will find a worksheet which will help you do just that. ~ Annual Budget Drive Committee

To Determine "Income" on the Giving Guide

Start with line 31 of IRS Form 1040, Adjusted Gross Income _____

ADD Tax exempt pensions and annuities _____

Tax free income, i.e. municipal bond interest _____

Depreciation, i.e. rental property, equipment _____

Total Additions + _____

DEDUCT Unreimbursed medical expenses _____

Cost of care for parent(s) _____

Cost of child care _____

Cost of higher education _____

Total Deductions - _____

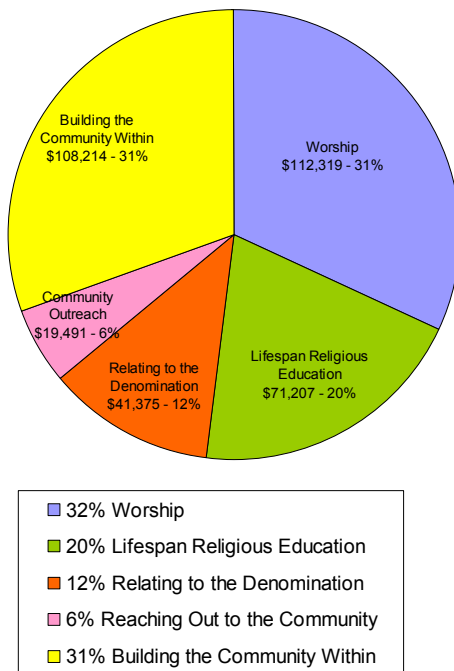
INCOME FOR SUGGESTED SHARE GUIDE _____

Suggested Fair Share Giving Guide

Adjusted Annual Income	Supporter The Church is a significant part of my life and promotes my spiritual growth.			Sustainer The Church is central to my identity and I am committed to sustaining our programs.			Visionary I am committed to both the present and future growth of my church.			Full Tithe I designate 10% of my income to the church as a way to live out my spiritual principles.		
	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Payment	Annual Payment	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Payment	Annual Payment	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Payment	Annual Payment	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Payment	Annual Payment
\$10,000	2%	\$16	\$200	2%	\$17	\$200	5%	\$42	\$500	10%	\$83	\$1,000
\$25,000	2%	\$42	\$500	3%	\$63	\$750	5%	\$104	\$1,250	10%	\$208	\$2,500
\$50,000	3%	\$125	\$1,500	4%	\$167	\$2,000	5%	\$208	\$2,500	10%	\$417	\$5,000
\$75,000	3%	\$188	\$2,250	4.5%	\$281	\$3,375	6%	\$375	\$4,500	10%	\$625	\$7,500
\$100,000	3.5%	\$292	\$3,500	5%	\$417	\$5,000	6.5%	\$542	\$6,500	10%	\$833	\$10,000
\$150,000	3.5%	\$438	\$5,250	5%	\$625	\$7,500	6.5%	\$813	\$9,750	10%	\$1,250	\$15,000
\$200,000	4%	\$667	\$8,000	5.5%	\$917	\$11,000	7%	\$1,167	\$14,000	10%	\$1,667	\$20,000
\$300,000	5%	\$1,250	\$15,000	6%	\$1,500	\$18,000	8%	\$2,000	\$24,000	10%	\$2,500	\$30,000
\$400,000	6%	\$2,000	\$24,000	7%	\$2,333	\$28,000	8%	\$2,833	\$34,000	10%	\$3,333	\$40,000
\$500,000	7%	\$2,917	\$35,000	8%	\$3,333	\$40,000	9%	\$3,750	\$45,000	10%	\$4,167	\$50,000

WHAT COMPRISES AN IDEAL BUDGET -- FROM YOUR ANNUAL BUDGET DRIVE COMMITTEE

It costs \$350,000 to Run UUFBR Properly



Worship

- 100% Music Director Salary, Music Supplies, Soloists, Performers
- 100% Coffee Hour Supplies
- 75% Administrative Assistant Salary and Benefits
- 32% Overhead Costs - Supplies, Loan, Facilities
- 25% Minister Salary and Benefits
- 10% RE Director Salary and Benefits

Lifespan Religious Education

- 100% RE Program, Teen Program, Terrific Tuesdays, Forum
- 90% RE Director Salary and Benefits
- 20% Minister Salary and Benefits
- 20% Overhead Costs - Supplies, Loan, Facilities

Relating to the Denomination

- 100% Dues to UUA, District, Cluster & UU Service Committee
- 12% Overhead Costs - Supplies, Loan, Facilities
- 10% Minister Salary and Benefits
- 3% Administrator and Admin Assistant Salaries and Benefits

Building the Community Within

- 100% Programs: Interweave, Odyssey, Caring Team, Membership
- 100% Leadership Development & Endowment Education
- 100% Board Discretionary Fund
- 92% Administrator Salary and Benefits
- 35% Minister Salary and Benefits
- 31% Overhead Costs - Supplies, Loan, Facilities
- 17% Administrative Assistant Salary and Benefits

Reaching Out to the Community

- 100% Communications, Publicity & Website
- 100% Welcoming Congregation & Social Justice
- 10% Minister Salary and Benefits
- 5% Administrator and Admin Assistant Salaries and Benefits
- 5% Overhead Costs - Supplies, Loan, Facilities

To run our fellowship properly, it takes \$350,000 in expenditures. For the past few years, we have been cutting corners, under-investing in maintaining our facility, and creating stress among our staff and volunteers. The fact that this institution exists gives members the opportunity to launch initiatives at very low incremental cost. When making your pledge this year, consider not only what UUFBR means to you, but also consider all the things we must pay for to make what you enjoy possible.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS COME TRUE

Led by Life Coach Cary Bayer, Sunday, January 4, 12:30 - 2:30 pm at UUFBR

(Suggested donation \$25)

YOU'LL LEARN: How to keep the pilot light of commitment lit all year; The New Year's Resolution Aerobics inner daily workout; How to replace disempowering old habits with new empowering ones

The first few days of January each year are the national days for bowls and goals, when some football team will become the number one gridiron program in college. January 1 is also the big day for fantasy, because without a commitment and a plan, the resolutions you make on that day--whether to lose a lot of weight or to make a lot of money--are really just pipe dreams. Many resolutions made by people on January 1 are forgotten by January 4. The habits that created the condition on January 1--the ones that you say you want changed--will still be alive and kicking on January 2. For some people, however, resolutions they make on January 1 become realities by March 1. The difference is in the commitment to make those dreams come true. Suppose your resolution is to double your income by year's end. Only a new seed yields a new crop. To double your income you must at least double your magnetism and your imagination. You must become a bigger person in the process. A similar principle applies to the manifestation of virtually any New Year's resolution. This workshop introduces the New Year's Resolution Aerobics, an inner workout that you can practice in 15 minutes per day to make sure that the pilot light of commitment is kept lit all year, and the goals that you set for yourself as the ball dropped over Times Square are alive in your consciousness throughout the year and, more importantly, become your realities before the next ball drops.

Cary Bayer is a Life Coach in New York and Florida, who's worked with Oscar-winner Alan Arkin, David Steinberg, and Quality Inns, and has helped people learn how to make dreams come true since the '70s when he became a teacher of Transcendental Meditation and then later in the late '80s when he became a life coach. He authored The Prosperity Aerobics; and a 5-part affirmation series on money, success, relationships, communications and the inner journey, among his two dozen-plus publications. His unique Breakthrough Coaching creates breakthroughs in one's sense of joy, purpose, relationships, money, career, and spiritual life.

SYLVIA PARKER MEMORIAL CONCERT

Saturday, January 17, 2009 at 8 pm. For the 4th concert in our Sylvia Parker Memorial Concert Series, we are proud to present Jessica Vanderhoof, Soprano; Eduardo Aladren, Tenor; and Roberto Berrocal, Piano. The evening will include selections by Strauss, Tosti, Puccini, Gounod, Ga-staldon, di Curtis, Floyd, Rossini, Mozart, Rachmaninoff and of course a few surprises!

Donation \$18 at door (advance \$15); light refreshments will be served. Please call Ralph at (561) 883-1226, or the UUFBR Office at (561)482-2001. (Net proceeds benefit UUFBR Operating Fund.)

THE SOCIAL JUSTICE WORKING

GROUP decided to suspend formal meetings that have been scheduled for the 2nd Wed. of the month in order to focus upon and support the P.E.A.C.E. (People Engaged in Active Community Efforts) events. P.E.A.C.E. is a community organizing group empowering social justice teams from 20+ different congregations to act together in confronting social justice issues which effect the citizens of Palm Beach County. The congregational membership in P.E.A.C.E. has been covered by the seed funds from the Endowment Committee to the Social Justice Group for 2007 and 2008. We have just about enough money left in the account to renew membership dues (around \$650) this Spring for 2009, but after that, the congregation will need to take on that responsibility for UUFBR's continued connection with this organization.

The Food for Thought program has a new person, David Hitchcock, who offered to take on organizing the pot luck/ social- justice- theme film program that has been scheduled for the 1st Sun. each month after the service in Rockberger Hall. Bill Bode will continue to help set up and operate the audio-visual equipment, and other volunteers will be needed to set up and cleanup.

The other groups/events which reflect UU values and social justice efforts in changing toward a culture of peace like The Network of Spiritual Progressives, FL for Single Payer Health Care, and environmental justice or other "green" groups can be posted on the community bulletin board and Chalice Notes. Note the NSP Peace Vigil Posting for 12/28 there.

The UUA Statement on Peacemaking falls under the Denominational Connections Committee, which meets on the 4th Wed. *(Submitted by Joe Rey & Judy Kraft, Social Justice Working Group.)*

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE CHANGES GRANT APPROVALS TO THREE TIMES PER YEAR, NEXT DATE FEB. 15

GRANT REQUESTS DUE BY FEB. 1

The UUFBR Endowment Committee has changed its consideration of grant requests to three times per fiscal year: June, October and February. The next meeting at which grant requests will be considered is Feb. 15. Grant requests must be received by the committee by Feb. 1. 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.

(Submitted by Ileen Carter, Endowment Committee.)

**THE UUFBR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
FROM DECEMBER 25 THROUGH JANUARY
1. WE WILL REOPEN ON JANUARY 2,
2009. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

ANNOUNCING "SMALL GROUP SUNDAYS"

Third Sunday of Each Month

January 18th Topic: Justice, Equity & Compassion in Human Relations

12:15 - 1:45 p.m.

Drop-in for a small group discussion on our second principle.

Members, friends and visitors welcome!

Light snacks and refreshments provided, and bringing a bag lunch is encouraged.

Child care and nursery care available.

IT'S HERE!

GOODS AND SERVICES AUCTION NEEDS YOUR DONATION!

Goods and Services Auction

January 11 to February 22, 2009

**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
of Boca Raton**

Auction Donation Form

Donor Name:

Business:

Phone:

Address:

Email:

I agree to donate the following item/event/service to the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Boca Raton for the Goods and Services Auction which will be conducted from January 11, 2009, to February 22, 2009.

Item/Event/Service Description:

Restrictions (if any):

Date (if event):

Item Value or Fee for Event/Service: \$

We will deliver our auction donation to the UUFBR office by January 4, 2009.

Please call me to arrange for gift delivery.

I am enclosing a tax-deductible contribution for UUFBR.

Signature (donor name):

Date:

Solicitor Name:

Phone:

Please return this form to:

Anna Marie King
UUFBR
2601 St. Andrews Blvd
Boca Raton, FL 33434

OR

send via email to: k4ever39@aol.com

(A tax receipt will be sent upon request.)

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!

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. (Will not meet in December)

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: 3rd Tuesdays, 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.

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. No meetings on 12/24 or 12/31.

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. No meetings on 12/24 and 12/31.

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.

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. Circle Dinner dates: 1/23/09, 2/27/09, 4/24/09 and 5/22/09.

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 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. Not meeting in December. See you on January 2, at 10:30 am -- bring the kids!

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



JANUARY TERRIFIC TUESDAYS

January 6, 13, 20 & 27. 7:00 to 9:00 pm -- Classes begin at 7 and run till 8:30. From 8:30 to 9 we will gather as one community for a time of meditation and Brownies (of course!).

Begin the New Year by Reflecting with the Revs on some of Life's Deep Fundamentals -- How we eat. How we hear. How we speak.

Don't forget -- all classes are \$5. Sign up at the first class or call 561.482.2001.

JANUARY 2009 FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
				1	2	3 • 8:30 am Gardening Group
4 • 9:00 am Forum • 10:30 am Service • 12:15 pm Food for Thought Film • 12:30 pm Bayer Workshop • 7:00 pm Vespers	5 • UNICORN DEADLINE	6	7 • 9:00 am Tony's Team • 10:00 am Quilting Group	8 • 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	9 • 7:00 pm Interweave 2nd Friday Social	10 • 7:30 pm Reel Adventures
11 • 9:00 am Forum • 9:00 am G & S Auction • 10:30 am Service • 12:15 pm PEACE Cong. Mtg. • 12:15 pm Connections	12 • 7:30 pm WomanSpirit	13	14 • 9:00 am Tony's Team • 10:00 am Quilting Group	15 • 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	16 • 7:00 pm OWL	17 • 8:30 am Gardening Group • 5:00 pm Sylvia Parker Concert
18 • 9:00 am Forum • 9:00 am G & S Auction • 10:30 am Service • 12:00 pm Endowment • 12:15 Membership	19 • UNICORN DEADLINE ***** (Jan. 18 continued) • 12:15 pm Small Group Sunday • 12:15 Council Mtg. • 6:30 pm Odyssey Grp.	20 • 10:30 am Womens Alliance	21 • 9:00 am Tony's Team • 10:00 am Quilting Group • 7:00 pm Women's Support Group	22 • 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	23 • 7:00 pm Circle Dinners • 7:00 pm OWL	24 • FLEA MARKET
25 BHH • 9:00 am Forum • 9:00 am G & S Auction • 10:30 am Service • 12:15 pm Meet the Rev	26 • 7:00 pm UUFBR Board Mtg. ***** (Jan. 25 Continued) • 5:00 pm Youth Ministry Planning	27	28 • 9:00 am Tony's Team • 10:00 am Quilting Group • 7:00 pm Denominational Connections 7	29 • 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	30	31 • 2:00 pm ABD Kickoff Dinner

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Deadlines for the next 3 months for the Unicorn

Please plan ahead and get your information in on time!

Jan. 5 and Jan 19, Feb. 2 and Feb. 16, March 2 and March 16

TO:

Time Dated Material—Please Expedite

Change Service
Requested

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