



Board Corner

We on the Board are feeling very fortunate to have secured the services of a fully qualified minister and delighted in every way with the reality of her, the Reverend Edith A. Love.

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From the minister...

Reverend Edith A. Love



Beloveds,

It is my great joy to be among you. I am the newly hired minister for UUFBR.

I had a very full week in my first days on the ground here in South Florida. I met quite a few of you and I look forward to meeting more.

I will get right to the point....there are things happening in the wider world that may have some of us feeling sad, angry, confused, scared, or worried. At the same time, there may be some among us who are holding joy or happiness, celebrating positive events in our personal lives.

It is okay to feel whatever you feel, feelings are information. Research has shown that avoiding our feelings prolongs any unpleasantness by minutes, hours, weeks, days, or even years. Most feelings are like waves, they hit us and crash into us and if we can remain steady, they pass through us and recede again after about 90 seconds. Of course they may return, always know that feelings do come and go. Acceptance is key.

Whatever you may be feeling, I believe what is most important is being self-compassionate, caring for our bodies in the process, and then choosing how we might express our Unitarian Universalist values through our words and actions.

In the coming days we will be getting to know each other better, and seeing how we as a congregation may wish to respond to the call of conscience within ourselves, the congregation, and the larger world.

In the meantime, I am always available if you have an urgent pastoral care need.

The pastoral care team has my phone number, and you all shall have it as well.

I am here for you, I love you, we are all in this together.

Reverend Edith A. Love

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Boca Raton

UUFBR MINISTER

Reverend Edith A. Love



Reverend Edith A. Love was born in Memphis, Tennessee, graduated summa cum laude from the University of Memphis with a Bachelor's degree in Social Justice, and attended Starr King School for the Ministry as well as Memphis Theological Seminary, attaining fellowship with the UUA in December 2017, ordained in 2019. She has worked in remote and commuting ministry with the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fargo-Moorhead. She was formerly the community minister, now the commuting and remote quarter time minister for the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Tupelo, Mississippi.

Her previous experience includes street ministry with people experiencing homelessness and poverty, working with hospice patients, leading a branch of a temporary shelter program in the winter months for three years, assisting survivors of intimate partner violence, leading the Poor People's Campaign as the clergy chair, and attending Standing Rock as a chaplain. She has been on the board of her local Pride, served on the board of her home church, and offered freelance pastoral counseling, uncluttering assistance, and officiated many funerals as well as weddings.

Though her children are mostly grown, her youngest child is nine years old, and she should be accompanying Reverend Edith to visit us at Easter. If you'd like to meet her in person, she will be in town again March 30th to February 6th. If you want to reach her by email, her address is minister@uufbr.org, and her cell is **901-598-3343**.



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The hard work of a number of people culminated in the successful signing of a year-long contract with Rev. Lov, at this time, much sooner than we dared to hope we would be so fortunate. Rev. Edith will be relocating here half-time and working from her home in Memphis, TN, the other quarter of her three-quarter-time position with us. We'll be seeing her in the pulpit regularly. Rev Edith believes all people are her people, the streets are her parish, and everywhere, we are on holy ground.

This big event comes as our annual stewardship drive is in full swing, under the able leadership of Treasurer Bill Jensen and carried out by many willing volunteers. The Board is also grappling with decisions regarding the renovation of the bathrooms, as made possible by the bequest of Louise Malusis. At last report, there were still volunteer opportunities in the bathroom remodeling projects. If you're interested and willing, talk to Patrick Larson, our VP for buildings and grounds.

Yet another frontier on which we are forging ahead is our vision and mission work. Under the able leadership of Ron Roth, we are grappling with the difficult but vital work of finding the words around which we will shape our future. We are indeed facing many firsts and much newness here at UUFBR. ranging from changes of substance such as welcoming a new minister and doing vision/mission work to more cosmetic changes, such as the bathroom renovations (coming soon). I hope you are actively participating in getting to know Rev. Edith, in making a thoughtful, optimistic pledge, and in engaging actively in forging the path to our future by joining in the vision and mission work.

In Loving Memory of Hollie Albert

With sadness we share the news that a former member of UUFBR, Hollie Albert (also known as Hollie Torres and Jersey Hollie Sabah) passed away suddenly in September of 2024 at her current home in Ohio.



Families with children who grew up at UUFBR will remember Hollie as a kind, caring and fun-loving person who was very active with our Religious Education program in the 2010's. As Teen Group adult supervisor, she managed the 2012 Coming of Age program, and loved being with the kids, whether fundraising for the COA trip to Boston, or just hanging out at ice cream parties and taco-making get-togethers. She was an avid cat lover. She was also an activist, involved with Bernie Sanders' 2016 presidential campaign. She considered UUFBR her spiritual home, and was married by Rev. Harris in our Sanctuary. She will be deeply missed.

February Worship Service Schedule

2/2 Joy is Resistance

Reverend Kiya Heartwood leads us in a UU celebration of thriving, community, and joy as resistance. Prepare to be energized!

Rev. Kiya is a Unitarian Universalist minister and a professional and award-winning roots rock, and folk singer-songwriter and composer. Since 1983, Rev. Kiya has performed as a professional musician and award-winning singer-songwriter in the bands Wishing Chair and Stealin Horses and also as a solo performer. With twenty recordings, performing highlights include MTV, Farm Aid, South by Southwest, Philadelphia Folk Festival, The Kennedy Center and the Edinburgh Fringe. Rev. Kiya makes her happy home in Bryan, Texas with her wife, Rev. Meg Barnhouse.

2/9 A Long Handled Spoon for the Welcome Table

Rev. Margaret A. Beckman: "Sharing the table, is fundamental to our culture. It is also deeply embedded in most religious traditions – whether the Buddhist Tea Ceremony or the Christian Communion or the Jewish Passover Meal or the Muslim breaking of the Ramadan fast. Sharing the meal is an essential part of who we are and how we express our affection for each other. Now more than ever it is important that we expand our Welcome Table. There are powerful forces and people in our nation who are trying to figure out how to keep a great many people from being included at the table; the table they think they now control. We cannot, we must not, let this happen."

2/16 How Shall We Be Together?

Please join us on Feb. 16th as Reverend Love outlines how and when you can reach her, explores why relationships are so vital to our wellbeing, and shares her thoughts on being particularly thrilled to join the team at UUFBR in this exact time and place.

2/23 To be announced

Share the Plate Offering



EMA was founded in 1975 and is today the only abortion fund in Palm Beach County that assists people financially with pregnancy termination. EMA feels very strongly that every person should have access to safe, legal abortion care and that this access should not depend on someone's zip code or bank account. EMA is primarily dependent upon donations from individuals such as you to accomplish our mission.



Donate using link
<https://donorbox.org/support-uufbr> or QR code
"Please write Share the Plate in the comment section when you make your online gift."

Love's Symphony: A Musical Journey Through the Heart

Have you ever wondered how music can capture the essence of love? This February, let's dive into the world of classical music and explore how composers have translated the most profound human emotion into unforgettable melodies.

Imagine love as a language, and music as its most eloquent speaker. From the whisper of a piano to the passionate sweep of a full orchestra, these compositions tell stories of love that words could never fully express.



Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata, composed in 1801 and dedicated to his young student Countess Giulietta Guicciardi, this piece breaks traditional musical forms just as love defies conventional expectations. Its first movement, inspired by moonlight on Lake Lucerne, captures love's complex emotional landscape. Close your eyes while listening, and you'll feel the quiet intensity of unspoken emotions.

Bach's Arioso offers a different perspective. Originally from a religious cantata, this piece represents love as divine consolation. Its smooth melody suggests emotional healing, like a musical embrace that soothes and comforts. Bach composed this during a period of personal loss, infusing the work with his own journey of emotional resilience.

If you are feeling nostalgic, Schumann's Träumerei will transport you to childhood memories of pure, innocent love. Composed during his dramatic courtship with Clara Wieck, it captures the tender, uncomplicated connection of early emotional experiences. It's like remembering the first time you felt truly connected to another person; delicate, tender, and wonderfully vulnerable.

And for those who cherish deeper, more enduring love, Dvořák's "Songs My Mother Taught Me" explores love's generational dimensions. Part of his Gypsy Songs cycle, the piece reflects how emotional lessons and connections transcend time, suggesting love as a continuous thread connecting generations.

This February, let classical music be your companion. These pieces aren't just notes on a page, they are emotional landscapes, inviting you to explore love in all its complexity, beauty, and raw human emotion.

So put on some headphones, close your eyes, and let the music speak to your heart.

Marina Machado
Music Director



Save the dates!

Healing Justice invites you to three upcoming events

Palm Beach Pride - We invite you to attend this event with us on **Saturday, March 29th**. The event is A LOT of fun and we plan to wear out UUFBR T-shirts to help spread the word about our Welcoming congregation. The event runs from 12:00 - 6:00 pm. More details to come.

On **Thursday, April 3rd at 7:00 pm** we'll show the film **Gratitude Revealed**, the featured film of Faith Climate Action Week 2025. The film aligns with this year's theme: "Communal Gratitude: Coming Together to Steward Sacred Earth." Faith Climate Action Week is sponsored by Interfaith Power and Light, a Religious Response to Global Warming. The film is not available for home viewing yet, but is available to congregations during the month of April. [Watch the trailer and I guarantee you won't want to miss this!!!](#)

On **Sunday, May 18th at 12:00 pm**, following the service, a speaker from **EMA**, Emergency Medical Assistance, will give a 30 minute talk about the current state of reproductive health care in Florida, followed by Q&A. EMA was founded in 1975 and is today the only abortion fund in Palm Beach County that assists people financially with pregnancy termination. EMA feels very strongly that every person should have access to safe, legal abortion care and that this access should not depend on someone's zip code or bank account.

Watch the eblasts for a new program coming soon with Rev. Edith - **Read & Reflect**. We'll read short essays on justice issues and then discuss (no homework - just show up and we'll read together)

"IT Team Monthly Reminders

- Have UUFBR-related technology issues or questions? Email the IT Team itteam@uufbr.org.
- Need to make a change to the website? Email the web team at website@uufbr.org.
- Need to find the online member directory? Go to the Empower Directory at <https://uufbr.empowerchms.com/Members/>.
- Need to login to the Members only portion of the UUFBR website? Click on the Member Login option under the menu in the top right corner. If you do not remember your password, click Lost your password? at the bottom of the page. If you find out that you do not have an account, please email the IT Team and we can create one for you.
- Need to know more about scheduling Zoom meetings? Check out the Google Document, "[Scheduling Zoom Meetings](#)" The IT Team can email you a link to this document upon request."

Thank you,
Louis



News from your Denominational Connections Team:

2025 UUA General Assembly (GA) is June 18-22, 2025. You can participate in person in Baltimore, MD, or virtually from the comfort of your home. UUFBR is entitled to send three delegates to GA.

- **To learn more about the Unitarian Universalist Association, click [here](#).**
- **For more information on the 2025 General Assembly click [here](#).**
- **To learn more about Delegates click [here](#).**

Delegates must be voting members of their congregations. If you are interested in being considered as a delegate, please let your Board of Trustees know before March 1.



HAPPY

Birthday



Kenneth Novikoff, January 19

Rona Solomon, February 17

Best wishes to you on your birthdays!



**Happy
Anniversary**

**TO A VERY
SPECIAL COUPLE**

**Bill & Barb
Jensen,
February 6**



Fellowship Events



Group

Every Saturday at 4:00 pm

The UUFBR movie group

All are welcomed. It's easy really. We vote on suggested films from Netflix to watch any time during the week.

Saturdays at FOUR we ZOOM together to share our thoughts and listen to each other. Just click on the Zoom link.

The first session will be a free for all discussion about Holiday Movies.

Contact Ellen Cormier if you have any questions. The more the merrier

Use this link to join on Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/97402403939?pwd=NXM4dGhHbIVpeVN3Yyt5RXFIUXJudz09>

Meeting ID: 974 0240 3939 Passcode: 8FJTV2

One tap mobile: +13126266799,,97402403939# US



**Sunday, February 2, 2024
at 11:45 am**

UUFBR NETWORK

FEBRUARY
2ND AFTER
SERVICE

JOIN US TO LEARN UPDATES ON PEACE'S
CAMPAIGNS, AND TO PREPARE FOR OUR
NEHEMIAH ACTION!



MEETING

QUESTIONS??? CONTACT BETTY & JOHN TILTON



Sunday, February 2 at 11:45 AM

PEACE -- People Engaged in Active Community Efforts

UUFBR is one of 23 Synagogues, Churches, Fellowships in Palm Beach County ACTIVE in the PEACE NETWORK

Date/Time, Sunday, February 2 at 11:45 AM

Where: UUFBR Sanctuary

Please join Paige Shirtsleeves, Lead of the PBC PEACE ORGANIZATION
Listen and Learn what is new and ongoing with the three PEACE Initiatives:

1. Affordable Housing
2. Police Community Relations ID Cards
3. Mental Health

Questions: Please email tiltonbetty@gmail.com

See you on Sunday, February 2 at 11:45 AM in the Sanctuary



Game Night

Friday Night, February 7 at 7:00 pm

Ready for an unforgettable evening of fun, laughs and competition? Grab your friends and join us for **Game Night** with mouthwatering pizza and refreshing bottled water to keep you on top of your game.

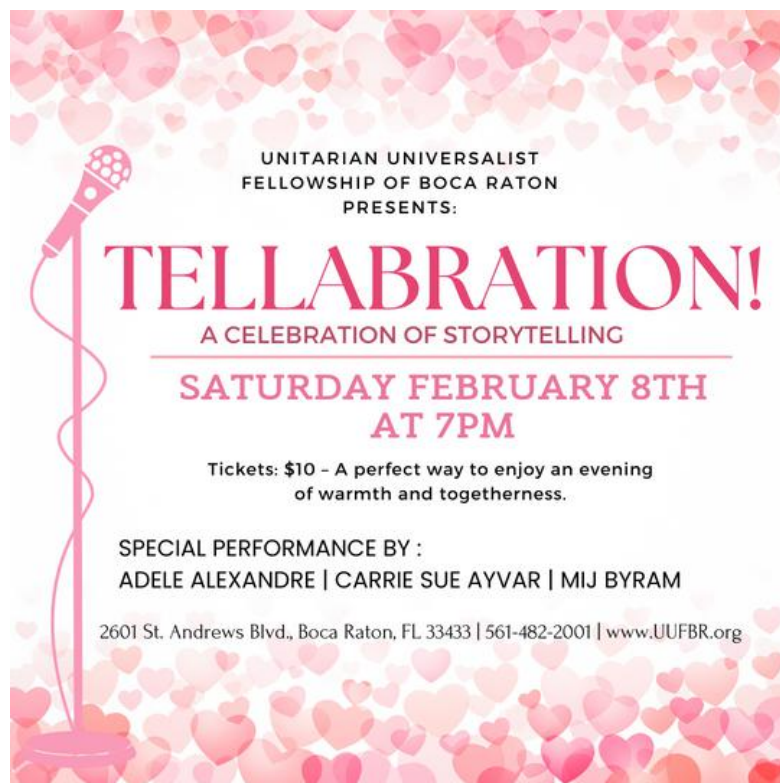
Feel free to bring your favorite drink to sip while you plot your next victory!

Don't let the fun pass you by—secure your spot and claim your slice by shooting an email to

Deliver2trish@gmail.com.

Let the games begin!

Tellabration
Saturday, February 8 at 7:00 pm



Sunday, February 9, 2025 at 12:00 pm

Super Bowl Sunday is coming up on Sunday, February 9, 2025. UUFBR is running a smashmouth offense to tackle hunger: the SUUPERBOWL! Here's how you can help!

1. Come to the SUUPERBOWL at UUFBR on Sunday, February 9th at 12 noon. Enjoy delicious soup and chili, cornbread and crackers after our Sunday service. All you care to sup at the SUUPERBOWL.

Suggested donation **\$10 in advance**, \$12 at the door.

Or buy a bowl for someone. Guests welcome!

Interested in being a chef in our chili cookoff? Bring a crockpot of chili, soup, or stew to share – and win a SUUPERBOWL ring!

Contact tech2@uufbr.org

to sign up.

2. Go #BeyondtheBowl. Bring a can of soup or \$1 every Sunday to UUFBR during the month of February. Be a linebacker and help line the labyrinth at UUFBR with non-perishable nutrition. See the sign in Osias Hall for details.
3. Consider donating to our SUUPERBOWL campaign online at GiveButter <https://givebutter.com/SUUPERBOWL2025>. Donations will be passed on to [Boca Helping Hands](#) to help #tacklehunger.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Everyone is welcome!



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 The Forum 10am, Zoom Movie Discussion Group, 4pm
2 Admin in Office 9 -12pm Worship Service 10:30 am (Zoom also) Newcomer Welcome 11:45 am, In person PEACE Meeting 11:45 am, Sanctuary	3 Office closed Cleaning service 8am Pagan Study Group 7pm, Zoom Vision Mission meeting, 7pm Zoom	4 Admin in office 10-3pm Landscape Committee meeting 7pm, Zoom	5 Admin in office 10 -3pm Ground Maint. 9:30am Worship Team 5pm, Zoom Midweek Meditation 8pm, Zoom	6 Outreach Team Meeting 4pm, Zoom Board Meeting- Adaptive/ strategic 5:30pm , Zoom	7 Admin in Office 10 -3pm Friday Night Happy Hour 5pm, Zoom Game night 7pm,	8 The Forum 10am, Zoom Vision Mission Workshop, 10am, Hybrid. Movie Discussion Group, 4pm Telebration 6:30 pm, In person
9 Admin in Office 9 -12 pm Worship Service 10:30am (Zoom also) Healing Conversations 12pm, In person Suuperbowl 12pm, In person	10 Office closed Men's group in person 10am Vision Mission meeting, 7pm Zoom Death Cafe 7:30pm, Zoom	11 Admin in office 10-3pm	12 Admin in office 10-3pm Ground Maint. 9:30am Ukulele Group 2pm, in person Worship Team 5pm, Zoom Choir rehearsal 6:30pm, In person Midweek Meditation 8pm, Zoom	13 Non-violent Communication Practice 12:30 pm, Zoom Stewardship Meeting 4pm, Zoom Board Meeting- Adaptive/ strategic 5:30pm , Zoom Endowment Committee 7pm, Zoom	14 Admin in Office 10 -3pm Friday Night Happy Hour 5pm, Zoom	15 The Forum 10am, Zoom Movie Discussion Group, 4pm
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