



Board Corner

Well, it's official, the new church year has begun, and early indications are that it will be a good and fruitful one. The Board of Trustees kicked off the year with its annual spring retreat. Each year in the Spring the Board meets to welcome new members, review and renew our covenant, and make a broad outline of the upcoming year.

[Cont. on pg. 3](#)



From the Minister

Pondering Gender, an excerpt from
Co-Creating With The Divine

I'd like to ask you to imagine something, consider this a small thought experiment.

[Cont. on pg. 2](#)

What else is inside?

[Upcoming Services & Share the Plate Recipient](#)

[Featured Article](#)

[Featured Events for April](#)

[April Birthdays & Anniversaries](#)

[Calendar](#)

From the minister...

Reverend Edith A. Love



Pondering Gender, an excerpt from Co-Creating With The Divine Cont.

When you were little and you were growing up, thinking of traditional gender roles, what did you see reflected on television, in movies, on billboards and magazines, and the people around you? It is likely you saw Ozzie and Harriet sorts of things. You saw people getting married wearing a white dress, and a suit, with traditional gender roles. According to societal ideas of masculine and feminine, a man should be strong, a man should be in charge, a man should never be soft, never cry, never do anything to hint at any sort of vulnerability. Whereas a woman should be beautiful, fragile, gentle, submissive and in need of protection. She should cry easily, she should care for children and animals, she should love to keep her home tidy. She should at no point be tough or confrontational. She should not make a lot of money. A man should be in control of himself and those around him, he should care about tools or cars, perhaps about mowing the lawn. These are gender stereotypes.

I believe they constrain everyone. You are locked into a stereotype if you don't feel like you can be a man who is vulnerable and tender or a woman who is decisive and in charge. Such rigid roles limit who you are, and who you can be. They limit how you see yourself.

In this congregation, I know we have some very wise, businesslike women and we have some sweet, infinitely kind, gentle men. I wonder, perhaps if we also have people who are a blend of those things, as all human beings are and can be. And so I ask you, do we let those parts of ourselves show? Do we allow who we really are to eclipse who society says we should be? Those fortunate enough to be transgender or gender variant get to create themselves. From the ground up, they get to decide what fits and what doesn't. They keep aspects of gender that they like, they discard what they don't. I am not talking about physical bodies, although changes to your body can sometimes happen. To be trans or gender variant is to embrace your own inner knowing, of articulating who you are and who you know yourself to be, then sharing that with the world.



Click [here](#) to view Board Minutes. You must be a Member and sign in.

Board of Trustees

Rajeev Arora

Claire Smith

Co-Presidents

Patrick Larson, VP, Facilities

Judy Keiser, Secretary

Howard Prentice - Treasurer

Trustees

Rajeev Arora / Patrick Larson

Carole Stephens/ Claire Smith/ Nader Tavakoli

Howard Prentice/ Lynn Smith/ Bill Jensen

trustees@uufbr.org

<https://groups.google.com/uufbr-board>

This time, the Board was pleased that three of its members who were due to cycle off the Board announced their willingness to stay on and serve again. These individuals are Bill Jensen, Lynn Smith, and Carole Stephens. Having the continuity of three high-profile, active participants like this lends a depth of experience to ongoing issues and operations. We are fortunate to have inspired such dedication. We also welcome a new face to the Board, Nader Tavakoli. Nader and his family have been attending UUFBR for several years now, and while experience has its place, so do new faces and fresh outlooks. We're happy to welcome Nader to the team.

The month of March saw the Board gathering often, as weekly adaptive/strategic meetings continued. These frequent, regular meetings give the Board opportunities to discuss issues and topics more fully and in greater detail than would otherwise be possible. While productive, this schedule of weekly meetings proved difficult to sustain, and it was ultimately decided to meet bi-weekly.

Looking to the upcoming year, Rajeev shared his ideas for five areas of priority efforts: with input from Rev. Edith, finalize development of our mission and vision; begin, as a congregation, to live into our mission and vision with leadership from social justice and Rev. Edith; create an engine of growth with the RE building centered around our mission and vision – a homeschool group, an LGBTQQ support center, or other such entity; grow our membership through greater involvement with mission-driven activities; and finally, discover the leaders of tomorrow from among our newer members. All of this while keeping LOVE at the center! It's easy to see, we have our work cut out for us! Welcome aboard for the next year of spirituality, growth, and rewarding engagement.

Claire Smith,

Co-president, UUFBR Board of Trustees

April Worship Service Schedule

4/6 Wear Your Robes Day; Soul Matters: Joy - Myra Terry, Danielle Smith, Betty Tilton, Ron Roth

Join us for a powerful service exploring the spiritual and communal joy of activism. We will share personal journeys—stories of courage, persistence, and unexpected joy. We'll reflect on how taking action for justice connects us, strengthens us, and deepens our faith.

After the service, stay for a post-service discussion on activism and learn how you can take part in meaningful action, including the upcoming Nehemiah Action on April 7th.

4/13 Did Ancient Jewish History Get It Wrong?- Robyn Stuart

Biblical scholarship and archeology

4/20 Easter Sunday- Rev. Edith Love

4/27 To be announced- Rev. Edith Love

Share the Plate Offering



Today we share our plate with Pathways to Prosperity, a local nonprofit dedicated to strengthening the community by improving the social, mental, spiritual, economic and emotional well-being of children and families through education and social services.



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."



Music lovers - Enjoy a live concert AND support UUFBR's Music Fund at the same time!!! Here's a great option for a group event or meet up!

A member of UUFBR is donating \$40 for each adult ticket purchased for "American Voices" by the UUFBR community (up to 15 total) to support UUFBR's Music Fund.

"American Voices" – Master Chorale of South Florida (MCSF)

- Friday, May 9, 2025 - 8:00 pm All Saints Episcopal Church - Fort Lauderdale
- Saturday, May 10, 2025 - 4:00 pm – St. Gregory's Episcopal Church - Boca Raton

To qualify, please purchase your adult tickets directly online at

www.masterchoraleofsouthflorida.org for either date/location and then let the UUFBR office (email or call) no later than May 1 the number of tickets you have purchased (honor system). The donor will match up to \$600 to UUFBR's Music Fund. Note Students with ID may attend these events for free, if same-day seating is available.

Experience the melting pot of music featuring choral works by U. S. composers whose roots span the globe, highlighting the cultural diversity that defines our "American Voices." You will hear the music of more than a dozen contemporary composers ranging from bluegrass to spirituals, a counter-tenor soloist and instrumentalists. This MCSF "Concert for a Cause" will also benefit Nat King Cole Generation Hope in bringing the gift of music education to underprivileged children. MCSF is a select, auditioned ensemble of >100 singers from south Florida. MCSF has collaborated with the New World Symphony, the Cleveland Orchestra, Russian National Orchestra, Andrea Bocelli, and Itzhak Perlman among many others.

All are welcome to join UUFBR's Healing Justice group. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm on Zoom. See the eblast for the zoom link.

You can make your voice heard now on issues important to you, including defending democracy. Visit this site and download this app: 5 Calls

We're focusing on four areas:

- ✦ Racial Justice
- ✦ LGBTQ Justice
- ✦ Reproductive Justice
- ✦ P.E.A.C.E. (People Engaged in Active Community Efforts)

✦ Upcoming Events ✦

Nehemiah Action



P.E.A.C.E. - People Engaged in Active Community Efforts

Join us at the [Nehemiah Action](#) on Monday, April 7th 7:00 – 8:30 pm in Jupiter, FL

This is the largest and most important meeting of the year.

This is when we ask our public officials to make specific commitments for action

Transportation by bus from Boynton Beach to Jupiter will be provided. Bus leaves Boynton at 6:10 pm sharp.

Please Contact Betty Tilton to RSVP for the bus.

Please contact [Jennifer Ligeti](#) to request a ride from UUFBR to Boynton Beach. You must be at UUFBR by 5:20 pm.

A talk with Jessica Hatem of



Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 18th after the service for our special guest speaker from EMA EMA helps women in Florida with few resources access reproductive healthcare.

- Plan to invite your friends to this talk and Q&A session!
- Every contribution given to EMA in March, April and May will be matched by their national organization

During the month of May, UUFBR will be collecting travel kit items for women who need to leave the state to access care. There will be a packing party in June. More details to come!





“Rules” about coffee ☕

If you *drink* our coffee, then you have to *make* our coffee. Here's how: Sign up with Rona to be a Snack Angel. **Volunteer to brew and service.** Or bring coffee or snacks to share at coffee hour.

"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."
- If you need a 6 digit code for Zoom sign in call Mary, Rajeev or Dave.

Thank you,
It Team



Committees & Elected Roles

ZOOM links & descriptions

Board of Trustees

1st Thursday at 7:00 pm
Rajeev Arora, Claire Smith
copresidents@uufbr.org

Use this link to join on Zoom:

[https://zoom.us/j/93768534897?](https://zoom.us/j/93768534897?pwd=WEFNODZBV21Bc25sQWVjUGlmRzdmdz09)

[pwd=WEFNODZBV21Bc25sQWVjUGlmRzdmdz09](https://zoom.us/j/93768534897?pwd=WEFNODZBV21Bc25sQWVjUGlmRzdmdz09)

Meeting ID: 937 6853 4897 Passcode: 114338

Endowment Committee

2nd Thursday at 7:00 pm
Group Contact: Mitch Major: mitchmajor@earthlink.net
The Endowment Fund: Sustaining the Legacy, the Continuity, and the
Future of UUFBR and our UU Principles.

Use this link to join on Zoom:

[https://zoom.us/j/92039364170?](https://zoom.us/j/92039364170?pwd=RzRmdjVWOGITMEJjVDU2V0JFTFJQdz09)

[pwd=RzRmdjVWOGITMEJjVDU2V0JFTFJQdz09](https://zoom.us/j/92039364170?pwd=RzRmdjVWOGITMEJjVDU2V0JFTFJQdz09)

Meeting ID: 920 3936 4170[1] Passcode: 361129 One tap mobile:
+19292056099,,92039364170# US (New York)

Landscape Committee

First Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Group contact: Celia Hirsch 561-870-3577

Use this link to join on Zoom:

[https://zoom.us/j/95](https://zoom.us/j/95432721616?pwd=dWNySFF5bTdoN3JSYi9JT1hBTEs0Zz09)

[432721616?pwd=dWNySFF5bTdoN3JSYi9JT1hBTEs0Zz09](https://zoom.us/j/95432721616?pwd=dWNySFF5bTdoN3JSYi9JT1hBTEs0Zz09)

Meeting ID: 954 3272 1616 Passcode: 575795

The Legacy Group

Third Sunday at 1 pm
Group contact: Judy Keiser Zoom Host: itteam@uufbr.org

Use this link to join on Zoom:

[https://zoom.us/j/98795244584?](https://zoom.us/j/98795244584?pwd=d1NuVzZnM05ycDkwVWtQQnJyUm1PQT09)

[pwd=d1NuVzZnM05ycDkwVWtQQnJyUm1PQT09](https://zoom.us/j/98795244584?pwd=d1NuVzZnM05ycDkwVWtQQnJyUm1PQT09)

Meeting ID: 987 9524 4584 Passcode: 388278

IT Team

Meets as needed
Group contact:
Mary Wickensheimer, tech1@uufbr.org

Use this link to join on Zoom:

[https://zoom.us/j/95229659211?](https://zoom.us/j/95229659211?pwd=SVJUdU93WXJLbEVhSWxuR0duNE9aQT09)

[pwd=SVJUdU93WXJLbEVhSWxuR0duNE9aQT09](https://zoom.us/j/95229659211?pwd=SVJUdU93WXJLbEVhSWxuR0duNE9aQT09)

Meeting ID: 952 2965 9211 Passcode: 023036

Membership Committee

Fourth Wednesday at 3:00 pm
Group contact: Sharon Drew

Use this link to join on Zoom:

[https://zoom.us/j/93534994263?](https://zoom.us/j/93534994263?pwd=WEwwVE0wMHQzZVg2bC9TeU5NMGdwdz09)

[pwd=WEwwVE0wMHQzZVg2bC9TeU5NMGdwdz09](https://zoom.us/j/93534994263?pwd=WEwwVE0wMHQzZVg2bC9TeU5NMGdwdz09)

Meeting ID: 935 3499 4263 Passcode: 232167

Worship Team Meeting

Weekly on Wednesday at 5:00 pm
Group contact: Bill Jensen wmjensen44@gmail.com
Zoom Host: itteam@uufbr.org

Use this link to join on Zoom:

[https://zoom.us/j/94556595523?](https://zoom.us/j/94556595523?pwd=cDE3VkwvMUNSVXo2N3pra0drV25UZz09)

[pwd=cDE3VkwvMUNSVXo2N3pra0drV25UZz09](https://zoom.us/j/94556595523?pwd=cDE3VkwvMUNSVXo2N3pra0drV25UZz09)

Meeting ID: 945 5659 5523 Passcode: 540050 One tap
mobile +13052241968,,94556595523# US

Religious Education Council (RE Council)

RE Council is taking a hiatus until further notice
RECouncil@uufbr.org
This group organizes activities for families with children and
promotes religious education for all ages.

Endowment Committee: Elected

Mitch Major, Treasurer
Jacqueline Velazquez, Chair
Wendy Aron
Emil Kessler
Rona Solomon

Nominating Committee: Elected

Danielle Smith
Terry Jordan
Barb Jensen

Board of Trustees

Rajeev Arora

Claire Smith

Co-Presidents

Patrick Larson, VP, Facilities

Judy Keiser, Secretary

Howard Prentice - Treasurer

Trustees

Rajeev Arora / Patrick Larson

Carole Stephens/ Claire Smith/ Nader Tavakoli

Howard Prentice/ Lynn Smith/ Bill Jensen

trustees@uufbr.org

<https://groups.google.com/uufbr-board>



**Robert Duchemin,
April 21**

Best wishes to you on your birthday!

Featured Fellowship Events



Game Night

Friday Night, April 4 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!



Sunday, April 6 at 11:45 am

For new visitors and those who have been attending for a while, we invite you to join the Welcome Team in an informal conversation about our faith tradition, the life of the Fellowship and how to get further connected with people and activities. Please reach out to Welcome@UUFBR.org with questions. We look forward to getting to know you better!



Attention Folks: Please join our team,
This month we've got a park clean! 🗑️
Let U.U. Fellowship be Boca's guide:
Together we'll share community pride,
With gloves and gear to clear the ground;
A trash-free place spreads joy all around!

PARK & PLAYGROUND CLEANUP:

SUNDAY, APRIL 06th 12 noon-2 PM

Join UUs in the Great American Cleanup and make Boca beautiful. On Sunday, April 6, 2025 at 12 PM help pick up litter and loose trash in University Woodlands Park and the area surrounding the UU Fellowship grounds.

In partnership with Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful, we will provide trash bags, buckets, grabbers and gloves. Registration will take place during coffee service at UUFBR. Or pre-register by requesting the Volunteer Registration Forms via email to Tech2@uufbr.org

LOVE • GENEROSITY • TRANSFORMATION • EQUITY

THURSDAY APRIL 17
7:00 - 8:30 PM

CREATIVITY MATTERS

Note change of day -
now Third Thursdays.

- ★ Live open mic for spoken word, poetry, readings, songs, etc.
- ★ Music, dancing, skits
- ★ Tables and easels for live visual art
- ★ Shared goodies

Open to all creative souls of whatever kind.
Signup sheet for the open mic.
Some art materials provided - best to bring your own.
This event is co-created by our beloved community.
Your contribution is welcome.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Boca Raton
2601 St. Andrews Blvd
Boca Raton FL

DEMOCRACY • PEACE AND JUSTICE • ECOLOGY

DIGNITY • COMPASSION • SPIRIT • TRUTH

INTERDEPENDENCE • PLURALISM • JUSTICE

External Events

INTERFAITH FAMILY PICNIC
JAM & ALL Interfaith Collaborative Event

SAVE THE DATE
Sunday, April 27, 2025
1:00-5:00pm

Islamic Foundation of So. Florida
5455 NW 108 Avenue, Sunrise, FL 33351

Food, Fun & Games

REGISTER TODAY
<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/free-interfaith-family-picnic>



Host Planning Committee:
Aneela Abad Islamic Foundation of So Florida-IFS 954-643-8510;
Sofiya Deen Masjid Jamaat Al Mumineen-MJAM/JAM 954-600-6848;
Rebekah Dickinson Temple Adath Orr-TAO 404-217-4331;
Kathy Leonard JAM and ALL Interfaith-JAM 561-289-4621;
Mark Robbins Unity of Broward 570-592-3246
<https://www.jamandallinterfaith.org/>



JAM & ALL Interfaith

FREE INTERFAITH FAMILY PICNIC

www.jamandallinterfaith.org



WHO ARE WE ?

"JAM" (Jews and Muslims) After "9/11," South FL Jews and Muslims convened to form a lasting fellowship (now over 23 years).
"ALL Interfaith" stands for the many varied faiths and organizations who, inspired by our fellowship, have become members and partners.

- + Eclectic and ethnic specific foods
- + Gourmet coffee and tea
- + Pony rides, Bounce House, and more
- + Warm fellowship (goal of 300 plus)

* Plans subject to change as event nears

APRIL INTERFAITH PINIC
Sunday April 27 1-5 pm
5455 NW 108 Ave, Sunrise
FL Islamic Foundation of South Florida
REGISTER FOR FREE PICNIC



Host Planning Committee
Aneela Abad (954) 643-8510
Kathy Leonard (561) 289-4621
Sofiya Deen (954) 600-6848
Rebekah Dickinson (404) 217-4331
Mark Robbins (570) 592-3246 (registration info)



www.jamandallinterfaith.org (go to "Events")
Want to become a **member or partner**?
Please join through our site.
Questions? Contact Mark Robbins.
markrobbins3000@gmail.com
or text (570) 592 3246

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Everyone is welcome!



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Admin in office 10-3pm Landscape Committee meeting 7pm, Zoom Program Planning Group meeting, Zoom	2 Admin in office 10-3pm Grounds Maint. 9:30am Board Meeting- Adaptive/ strategic 5:30pm, Zoom Choir rehearsal 7pm, In person Midweek Meditation 8pm, Zoom	3 Outreach Team Meeting 4pm, Zoom	4 Admin in Office 10 -3pm Friday Night Happy Hour 5pm, Zoom Game night 7pm	5 The Forum 10am, Zoom Movie Discussion Group 4pm
6 Admin in Office 9 -12 pm Worship Service 10:30 am (Zoom also) Newcomer Welcome, 11:45 am, In person	7 Office closed Cleaning service 8am Worship Team 5pm, Zoom P.E.A.C.E Org Meeting 7pm, Jupiter First Church, Meet at 5:20pm UUFBR	8 Admin in office 10-3pm Membership meeting 4pm, Zoom	9 Admin in office 10 -3pm Grounds Maint. 9:30am Ukulele Group 2pm, in person Board Meeting- Adaptive/ strategic 5:30pm, Zoom Choir rehearsal 7pm, In person Midweek Meditation 8pm, Zoom	10 Non-violent Communication Practice 12:30 pm, Zoom Stewardship Meeting 4pm, Zoom Endowment Committee 7pm, Zoom	11 Admin in Office 10 -3pm Friday Night Happy Hour 5pm, Zoom	12 The Forum 10am, Zoom Movie Discussion Group 4pm
13 Admin in Office 9 -12pm Worship Service 10:30 am (Zoom also)	14 Office closed Worship Team 5pm, Zoom Death Cafe 7:30pm, Zoom	15 Admin in office 10-3pm	16 Admin in office 10 -3pm Grounds Maint. 9:30am Board Meeting- Adaptive/ strategic 5:30pm, Zoom Book Group 7pm, Zoom Choir rehearsal 7pm, In person Midweek Meditation 8pm, Zoom	17 Outreach Team Meeting 4pm, Zoom Creativity Matters 7pm	18 Admin in Office 10 -3pm Friday Night Happy Hour 5pm, Zoom Good Friday Service 6pm	19 The Forum 10am, Zoom Movie Discussion Group 4pm
20 Admin in Office 9 -12 pm Worship Service 10:30 am (Zoom also) Program Planning meeting, 12pm Legacy group 1pm, Zoom	21 Office closed Cleaning service 8am Worship Team 5pm, Zoom	22 Admin in office 10-3pm Healing Justice 7:30pm, Zoom	23 Admin in office 10 -3pm Grounds Maint. 9:30am Board of Trustees Meeting 5:30 pm, Zoom Choir rehearsal 7pm, In person Midweek Meditation 8pm, Zoom	24 Stewardship Meeting 4pm, Zoom	25 Admin in Office 10 -3pm Friday Night Happy Hour 5pm, Zoom	26 The Forum 10am, Zoom P.E.A.C.E Org Meeting 10am Movie Discussion Group, 4pm
27 Admin in Office 9 -12pm Worship Service, 10:30 am (Zoom also) Becoming and Belonging 12pm	28 Office closed Cleaning service 8am Worship Team 5pm, Zoom	29 Admin in office 10-3pm	30 Admin in office 10 -3pm Grounds Maint. 9:30am Choir rehearsal 7pm, In person Midweek Meditation 8pm, Zoom			

Please follow us on

[UUFBR Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

Check out our website for more information at

UUFBR.org or scan the QR code below



Classifieds

Gayle and Paul Cross Gallery



Asma and the Birds, 2024, Silk and cotton fabric and beads on muslin, 30 x 44 inches

QUIMETTA PERLE

Protectors of the Women

February 28 – April 5, 2025

Opening Reception: February 27, 2024, 5 – 7 p.m.

RSVP: palmbeachculture.com/perle

601 Lake Avenue, Lake Worth Beach, FL 33460

Hours: Tuesday – Saturday, 12 – 5 p.m. • Free and open to the public
palmbeachculture.com/exhibitions

Quimetta Perle's work powerfully addresses women's rights and safety through the use of patterned silks, cottons, and seed beads adhered to rag paper. Her series, "Protectors of the Women," features guardians of different races and ages, standing as one body with domestic tools as their weapons, symbolizing resistance against the erosion of women's rights.



Arts. Sciences. History. Community.



Generously sponsored by:

HARNESS THE POWER OF MUSIC

Friction Farm - Kiya Heartwood - Matt Watroba

April 13-18, 2025
The Mountain,
Highlands NC



Improve Your Health & Well Being

Build and Strengthen Community

Create Change in Your World

<https://www.themountainrlc.org/event/music-week>