

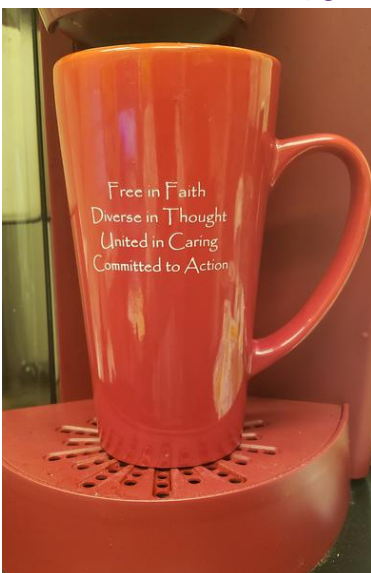


Board Corner

Turning Vision into Action: Our Next Chapter Begins

Over the past eighteen months, UUFBR has been on a thoughtful and determined journey - reimagining and rewriting our **mission and vision** to meet the spiritual and social challenges of our changing world.

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From the Minister

It's June, Pride month, where we honor our LGBTQ+ siblings, and their fight for being treated fairly under the law.

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From the minister...

Reverend Edith A. Love



Our Unitarian Universalist General Assembly is about to commence, this year in Baltimore, Maryland. I am very excited to be there, representing our congregation. At the end of this month, I will be leading us as we finalize our mission and vision process, in a special event on June 29th. It is an honor to be a part of the process. June is also the month we celebrate fathers and fatherhood.

I'll be preaching next on the topic of Bluey's Dad. Have you heard of Bluey?

Bluey is an animated tv series, originating in Australia. It follows the lives of a family of blue heeler dogs who behave like human beings. We have a mom, Chili, a dad, Bandit, and two little girls, Bluey, age six, and Bingo, age four. Both parents are gentle, kind, and supportive of their kids. They often engage in elaborate and creative play, all together as a family. My nine year old daughter and I watch the show together regularly.

I hope you will join us on June 15th as we take a look at how Bluey's dad interacts with his kids, and we will also be hearing from some dads in our congregation.

It is such a joy to be with you, every single time. May you have a peaceful and joy-filled June!



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This work has not been abstract. It has been deeply personal, collaborative, and fueled by countless hours of care, thought, and conversation.

Two dedicated teams have brought us to this moment. Under the initial leadership of Claire Smith, and later Ron Roth, members including Sharon Drew, Diane Garland, Patricia Rogers, Rona Solomon, Betty Tilton, Rick Troiano, and Rajeev Arora committed themselves to shaping statements that reflect who we are and strive to be. Their devotion is a gift to our congregation.

DRAFT Vision Statement

We are creating a Beloved Community of truth seekers and spiritual explorers. We welcome all people and work together towards greater justice in the world. We promote the UU values of love, inclusion, compassion, and justice.

DRAFT Mission Statement

Our mission is to

- Nurture spiritual growth and connection
- Build inclusive community
- Work towards justice and equity
- Heal the world one friendship at a time.

And now, with the arrival of Reverend Edith—a ministerial partner who brings experience, compassion, and energy—we are ready for the final, essential phase: bringing these words to life.

So, what's next?

You. You're what's next. If your name isn't part of the teams listed above, now's your moment to step in. We are inviting **every member and friend of UUFBR** to participate in finalizing and adopting our new mission and vision. A special all-congregation meeting will soon be announced. It will be as accessible as possible—whether you join in person or online. This is your opportunity to reflect on the statements, offer edits or affirmations, and help shape the values that will guide UUFBR's future.

Why does this matter? Because we're not a coffee club or a place to merely commiserate about the world. We are a spiritual home rooted in **welcoming, inclusivity, and justice**—a place where elders and newcomers, snowbirds and locals, come together to build something bigger than ourselves. Our new mission and vision give us the clarity to act with purpose—and give our leaders the guidance they need to make decisions about programs, outreach, and budget priorities.

We've also set **SMART** (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound) **goals** to move this vision forward. These include growing our membership by 20%, launching programs for members over 70, engaging more families and young people, and strengthening our justice efforts in the wider community. Rev. Edith will play a key role, but ultimately our success depends on **all of us** showing up, engaging fully, and committing to this shared future.

We've come too far to let this moment stall. The energy is here. The leadership is in place. What remains is full congregational participation—to turn these beautifully crafted words into meaningful action.

Let's show up. Let's speak up. Let's build the community we all believe in.

June Worship Service Schedule

6/1 “Freedom By Becoming”

Freedom isn’t escape—it’s the power to return transformed. Join us as we explore the Spiral of Becoming, a sacred path of presence, memory, and growth through the value of transformation. Together, we’ll ask: What does it mean to be free not by leaving the past behind, but by spiraling back to it—wiser, more whole, and still becoming?

6/8 “The Revolutionary Jesus” with Brother Guy Sanders

So many of those who claim Christianity today seem to have a skewed view of what Jesus stood for. Rather than go along with the status quo or seek acceptance from the religious leaders and prominent ones of his day, he spent his time with those who others had rejected and despised. He bucked the system and prepared those who followed him to do so as well. In this way Jesus was a revolutionary. Join Brother Guy Sanders and he shows in what ways Jesus was revolutionary and why we should follow his example.

6/15 “Being Like Bluey’s Dad” with Rev. Edith A. Love

Bluey is a wildly popular tv show, starring an anthropomorphic dog family. What lessons can we learn from how Bluey’s family interacts? Reverend Love will begin and end our time with her comments, and in-between we will hear a few thoughts from Dads among us.

6/22 UUA Annual General Assembly Watch Party

Embrace the electrifying spirit of the year’s largest UU gathering, where we come together in unity for an awe-inspiring Sunday worship celebration like no other! It’s a vibrant, communal worship experience that promises to uplift your soul and ignite your passion. And here’s the thrilling part – everyone is invited to be a part of this event through a live stream accessible to the public. Don’t miss out on this extraordinary gathering of hearts and minds!

6/29 “Where Are We Going?” with Rev. Edith Love

We have been on a long journey to find our mission and our vision as a congregation. Today, we discuss who we were, and where we are going. Then, we go directly into a special meeting after the service to finalize the mission and vision statements. It will be a very exciting day!



Share the Plate Offering

The Institute for Regional Conservation (IRC) is headquartered in Delray Beach and is dedicated to the protection, restoration, and long-term management of biodiversity on a regional basis, and to the prevention of local extinctions of rare plants, animals and ecosystems.

Founded in 1984, IRC promotes an innovative approach to conservation. They seek to protect - and restore - viable populations of all native plant and animal species within key regions by designing conservation strategies powered by rich, geographically-distributed data.

They have several current initiatives, and they sponsor local volunteer clean-up efforts. They aim to "restore the link between people and nature."

To learn more please go to their website the [Institute for Regional Conservation](https://www.instituteforregionalconservation.org/).



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Sounds of June

June! Summer, bright colors, longer days... There is something almost magical about how the season shifts our relationship with the world, and with music. The longer evenings and more relaxed pace of life create natural opportunities for deeper listening, both in our worship services and in our daily lives.

June has given the world some truly extraordinary composers whose music transcends time and continues to move us today. One of them, Igor Stravinsky, born June 17, 1882, reminds us that music has always possessed the power to challenge and transform. When

"The Rite of Spring" premiered in 1913, it sparked such controversy that audiences literally rioted. Yet this bold artistic vision ultimately expanded our understanding of what music could be and do. This courage in artistic expression keeps inspiring composers and performers today.

As we observe Pride Month this June, it feels especially important to acknowledge the profound contributions of LGBTQ+ musicians to our cultural landscape. Benjamin Britten's compositions, many created with his life partner tenor Peter Pears, explored themes of love, identity, and human connection with incredible sensitivity. Their artistic collaboration demonstrated how personal relationships can deepen and enrich creative expression.

Contemporary artists like Brandi Carlile, Sam Smith, and Lady Gaga carry forward this tradition of authenticity and courage in their music. Their work speaks to experiences of love, struggle, and triumph that resonate far beyond any single community, and remind us that creativity often thrives when people can be fully themselves.

I encourage you to embrace opportunities for intentional listening this summer. Whether you are driving, gardening, or simply relaxing at home, consider revisiting a composer whose work once moved you, or exploring an artist whose story intrigues you. Music has a unique ability to meet us exactly where we are while opening doorways to new understanding.

If you discover something that particularly resonates with you, that piece that evokes strong emotion, a performance that surprises you, or a melody that brings meaningful memories, I want to hear about it! Our musical life at UUFBR is enriched by the diverse experiences and insights of our entire community.

May this summer bring you moments of musical discovery, quiet reflection, and joyful celebration.

Marina Machado
Music Director





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](#).

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

- Our congregation will begin in June reading and discussing the book, 'Widening the Circle of Concern.' [Widening the Circle of Concern UUA Bookstore](#)
- Please join us this August as we collaborate with the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fort Lauderdale, the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Palm Beaches, and our congregation, sharing a film series entitled Race: The Power of An Illusion. <https://www.racepowerofanillusion.org>
- [Juneteenth Celebration in Boca Raton](#) - Saturday, June 14th 12:00 - 4:00
Come join us for a day filled with free music, food, and fun at Hughes Park! Celebrate Juneteenth with the community as we reflect on the past and look towards a brighter future. Enjoy live performances, delicious food, community partners vendors, and activities for all ages. Don't miss out on this opportunity to come together and celebrate freedom and unity. See you there!

LGBTQ Justice

- [Delray Pride Festival and Concert](#) - Saturday, June 14th 4:00 - 7:00 pm Festival and 7:30 pm Concert. The festival will feature vendors, food, live entertainment and more.
- [Pride Music Bingo at UUFBR](#) - Saturday, June 28th 7:00 pm



Reproductive Justice

Collecting Comfort Items: We are continuing our collection of comfort items into June! We will bundle these into travel kits for women leaving the state to obtain reproductive health care at a packing party tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 29th after the service. Please look for the bin on Sunday morning and drop off any items you would like to donate.

Motion sickness meds

Hand sanitizer

Ginger candy

Ibuprofen

Tooth brush

Tooth paste

Lotion

Comb

Maxi Pads

Heating pad

Non caffeinated tea

Wet wipes

A nice note/card

A journal

\$20 Visa cards



P.E.A.C.E. (People Engaged in Active Community Efforts)

Please note: There are two events on Saturday, June 14th. Healing Justice will have a booth at both of these events. We will be at Boca's Juneteenth celebration from 12:00 - 2:30 pm and then go set up in Delray for the Pride Festival.

UUA Justice Work:

The [UUA Side With Love](#) initiative provides a weekly update on several justice action areas. Here is the link: [UUA Side With Love Action Updates](#)

"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

Wish you all the best

Happy Birthday

Cindy Malaney ,
June 6



Featured Fellowship Events



Game Night

Friday Night, June 6 at 7:00 pm

Get ready for a night packed with laughs, friendly competition, and all the good vibes. Join us for an epic Game Night featuring delicious pizza and ice-cold bottled water to keep your game face fresh. Want to bring your favorite drink along? Go for it—just don't forget your winning strategy! Spots (and slices) are limited, so claim yours now by emailing Deliver2trish@gmail.com. Let the games—and the good times—begin!

Wednesday, June 11
at 10:00 am
Parker Room

BANNED **BOOK CLUB**

Explore the books they tried to silence

**EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY
OF THE MONTH**

STARTING ON JUNE 11

*First book is **The Bluest Eye**
by Toni Morrison*

Join us for thoughtful discussions, bold ideas, and the freedom to read what matters. Each month we dive into a different banned or challenged book to uncover its power and purpose

**ALL WELCOME. BRING
YOUR CURIOSITY!**



UUFBR – UNITARIAN
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Thursday, June 12 at 7:00 pm
Sanctuary




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A SANCTUARY OF
HEALING AND CONNECTION
Thursday, June 12, 2025 | 7:00 PM
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Boca Raton
2601 St. Andrews Blvd., Boca Raton, FL 33434
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"STORIES WITH SOUL" HOSTED
BY ROBYN STUART

Thursday , June 12 at 7:00 pm
Parker Room

Book club has been dissolved (perhaps temporarily) and a short story group has been created like the one she did for All Souls NYC.

Briefly, there is a reader and an audience, who perhaps have never read the story. The group will meet in the Parker Room one to two Thursday evenings a month at 7:00 p.m. to enjoy a "Story with Soul". You do not have to have read the story to enjoy it. A reader will read for about 20 minutes and then the group will discuss the short story. The group will meet for about an hour or so. There is no obligation on the part of the listener. It's like a bedtime story for UU adults. Initially Robyn will pick the stories and read. She is hoping that others will find stories to bring to the group. You can read yourself or you can have someone else read it.

If you know someone with an especially good voice, member or not, invite them to the group. If you know any retired disc jockeys, announcers or any actors that would be wonderful. Let know Robyn Stuart know.

First meeting will be Thursday May 1. at 7:00 pm in the Parker room. Bring your own beverage of choice and a non messy snack if you want.



External Events



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Everyone is welcome!



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 The Spiral of Becoming 9-part series 9am, Zoom Admin in Office 9 -12 pm Worship Service 10:30 am (Zoom also) Newcomer Welcome, 11:45 am, In person	2 Cleaning service 8am Office closed Worship Team 7pm, Zoom	3 Admin in office 10-3pm Program Planning Group meeting, Zoom Landscape Committee meeting 7pm, Zoom	4 Admin in office 10-3pm Grounds Maint. 9:30am Choir rehearsal 7pm, In person Midweek Meditation 8pm, Zoom	5	6 Admin in Office 10 -3pm Friday Night Happy Hour 5pm, Zoom Game night 7pm	7 Movie Discussion Group 4pm
8 The Spiral of Becoming 9-part series 9am, Zoom Admin in Office 9 -12pm Worship Service 10:30 am (Zoom also)	9 Office closed Worship Team 7pm, Zoom Death Cafe 7:30pm, Zoom	10 Admin in office 10-3pm Membership meeting 4pm, Zoom	11 Admin in office 10-3pm Grounds Maint. 9:30am Banned Books Club, 10am Board Meeting- Adaptive/strategic 5:30pm, Zoom Choir rehearsal 7pm, In person Midweek Meditation 8pm, Zoom	12 Non-violent Communication Practice 12:30 pm, Zoom Outreach Team Meeting 4pm, Zoom Stories with Soul 7pm Reiki, 7pm	13 Admin in Office 10 -3pm Friday Night Happy Hour 5pm, Zoom	14
15 Admin in Office 9 -12 pm Worship Service 10:30 am (Zoom also) Program Planning meeting, 12pm Legacy group 1pm, Zoom	16 Office closed Cleaning service 8am Worship Team 7pm, Zoom	17 Admin in office 10-3pm	18 Admin in office 10-3pm Grounds Maint. 9:30am Choir rehearsal 7pm, In person Midweek Meditation 8pm, Zoom	19	20 Admin in Office 10 -3pm Friday Night Happy Hour 5pm, Zoom	21
22 The Spiral of Becoming 9-part series 9am, Zoom Admin in Office 9 -12pm Worship Service, 10:30 am (Zoom also)	23 Office closed Cleaning service 8am Worship Team 7pm, Zoom	24 Admin in office 10-3pm Care Team meeting, 1pm, Zoom Healing Justice 7pm, Zoom	25 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	26 Outreach Team Meeting 4pm, Zoom New Member Dinner, 6:30 pm	27 Admin in Office 10 -3pm Friday Night Happy Hour 5pm, Zoom	28 Music Bingo, 7pm
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Intergenerational Camp July 20th - 25th

A Summer Camp for everyone! Are you age 0 to 100+? It's for you! Are you a family looking for a fun summer experience? It's for you! Are you a group of friends wanting to explore nature? It's for you too! Everyone is invited to come together for crafts, hiking, campfires, and more. It's a great way for family and friends of all ages to enjoy the summer together in an amazing mountain setting! Registration closes July 6.

<https://www.themountainrlc.org/event/intergenerational-camp/>