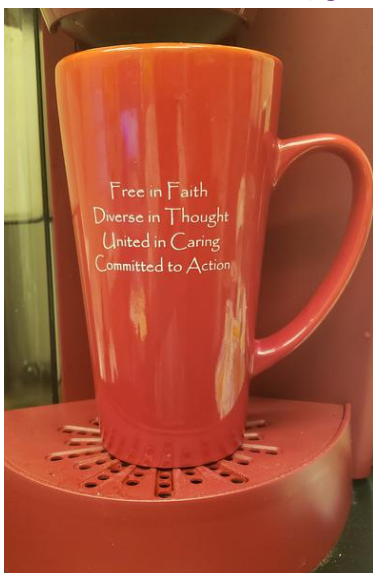




Board Corner

This summer the Board has juggled the demands of a busy season with the realities of scheduling events around seasonal absences. Summer in the life of a busy congregation knows no slowdown, and UUFBR is no exception.

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From the Minister

Greetings, beloveds,

I cannot believe it is September already! Much is happening here at our fellowship.

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From the minister...

Reverend Edith A. Love



From the minister cont.

We've had quite a few visitors lately, and many groups and activities are happening all the time, please check out our calendar on the UUFBF website.

I am particularly proud of what our Healing Justice Team is working on, like the racial justice film and discussion series. Our final session on September 14th will be the wrap up session, discussing where we go from here. You won't want to miss it! Carpooling and a zoom option will be available.

I have not yet had a chance to speak to every congregant or friend of the congregation.

I would love to meet with you! I am available every Tuesday and Wednesday for appointments, and by phone for urgent pastoral needs. Every member should have my cell number. If you don't, please reach out to me via email, minister@uufbr.org.

I'm planning to expand the Introvert Book Club to being both in person and via zoom, so that we can sit and read quietly together or discuss what we have been reading. The time for this will be noon EST on Wednesdays. This month, we will be meeting on September 3rd, 10th, and 24th. (I will be on Study Leave September 15th to 22nd).

You don't even have to bring a book, if you don't want to, we have an abundance of books in the hallway, just bring yourself and choose a book, voila, you are in the book club.

The link for September is

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From the minister cont.

Beloveds,

I know having a commuting minister is new for many, though as some of our congregation are snowbirds, maybe not so unusual.

Here is my planned schedule through the end of the year. My days off are the same as Ruth's, Saturdays and Mondays, but I am always available by phone or email for pastoral emergencies. It is my joy to serve Unitarian Universalism through UUFBR and an honor to be your minister.
Edith

Start date	End date	Location	Category
8/14/2025	8/20/2025	Boca Raton	UUFBR
8/21/2025	8/29/2025	Memphis	Remote
8/30/2025	9/7/2025	Boca Raton	UUFBR
9/8/2025	9/14/2025	Memphis	Remote
9/15/2025	9/22/2025	Memphis	Study Leave
9/23/2025	9/24/2025	Memphis	Remote
9/25/2025	10/2/2025	Boca Raton	UUFBR
10/3/2025	10/9/2025		Vacation
10/10/2025	10/15/2025	Boca Raton	UUFBR
10/16/2025	10/22/2025	Memphis	Remote
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10/30/2025	11/5/2025	Memphis	Remote
11/6/2025	11/9/2025	Boca Raton	UUFBR
11/10/2025	11/17/2025	North Carolina and Memphis	SEUUMA/ Study Leave
11/18/2025	11/19/2025	Memphis	Remote
11/20/2025	11/23/2025	Boca Raton	UUFBR
11/24/2025	12/1/2025	Jackson Hole	Vacation
12/2/2025	12/3/2025	Memphis	Remote
12/4/2025	12/7/2025	Boca Raton	UUFBR
12/8/2025	12/10/2025		Remote
12/11/2025	12/19/2025	Memphis	Remote
12/20/2025	12/30/2025	Boca Raton	UUFBR



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Probably the largest single focus of the Board during this time has been preparing the congregation for the upcoming meeting during which we will vote on our newly crafted Mission and Vision statements. This meeting and vote will represent the culmination of many months of study, discussion, discernment, and word-crafting by dozens of dedicated and hardworking members. They focused on pinpointing the essence of our desire to make a difference in a difficult and disappointing world and putting into language the chart we are setting for ourselves in our immediate future.

Every effort has been and is being made to ensure that everyone in the congregation is familiar with what we are doing and how and why we are doing it. Beyond that, equal access to the meeting itself and all aspects of participation in it, such as attending and voting via Zoom, are planned. A light lunch will be served to those attending in the Cleary Sanctuary. It's time to take all our vague and not-so-vague feelings of discontent and channel them into a living, lasting legacy of action. The Board is very passionate about this, and hopefully you have noticed this in the deliberately widespread broadcast of the message. The Fellowship urgently needs this type of participation and feedback in order to set the path forward for a wise course of action and allocation of resources. Please make sure to set aside this brief time on Sunday, September 7 to be present. It matters.

Also occupying time on the agendas this summer have been several topics requiring more than minimal attention to achieve optimal outcomes. The first notable of such items included overseeing the smooth transition of Sharex from its long-time shepherds John and Betty Tilton (under whose watchful and diligent care the program survived and thrived for the better part of a decade) to the newly formed team of folks who've stepped up and stepped in to fill their shoes, currently under the very capable and energetic leadership of Linda Prentice.

And related to this has been preparedness for ensuring the warm welcome of our newest tenants, several small homeschool groups. You'll be hearing more about them and enjoying opportunities to meet them in the near future!

Another big topic undertaken was a comprehensive review of UUFBR's restricted funds. Quietly resting in the footnotes of our financials, UUFBR has a number of small "pots" of money brought into being over the course of many years for a variety of reasons and under a variety of legal rubrics. There are approximately 10-15 such funds; due to the vagaries of definitions and legal provisions it's hard to pinpoint the exact number, but the average amount of money in most of them is less than \$1,500, so we aren't talking about big sums for the most part. But to be faithful to its fiduciary and financial responsibility, the Board undertook to give the topic the fullest possible discussion, devoting a full Adaptive Skills session to it. This session, and others like it, are designed to provide opportunities for broader discussion than can be fit into a regular meeting.

Finally, I'd like to briefly highlight another new project undertaken by the Board in recent months--the development of a Security Plan. Current events at UUFBR as well as the wider world underscore the importance of being prepared for emergencies that may arise during services and other gatherings. A full delineation of the scope of emergency preparedness needs and a comprehensive plan for achieving them are set forth in a new plan now in development. In addition, resource names are being gathered. If you have specific skills or expertise to offer, please feel free to reach out to Courtney Palmer or Rajeev Arora to let them know.

Those are just a few of the topics undertaken recently by the Board of Trustees. We're always happy to have guests at our meeting and folks otherwise involved in the day-to-day, week-to-week "making of the sausage" in our particular recipe for loving community. Thanks for your attention to our work and your involvement in community life at UUFBR.

Claire Smith,
Co-president

September Worship Service Schedule

Sundays at 10:30 am

September 7 - A River Flowing In My Soul with Rev. Edith A. Love

We have a very special event coming up this month, water communion. Please bring a little water with you on Sunday morning, if you are with us in person. In this ritual, we celebrate the many metaphors of water and what it symbolizes in our lives. You won't want to miss this!

September 14- Transformative Joy

Many folks are wondering how to maintain resilience in times such as these. One of the many meaningful and grounding tools is fostering joy and play. Joy and play are not something we earn through hard work, but the tool that helps us do the difficult things. In this worship, we explore the power of play to build community and action.

September 21- A Song of Forgiveness: meditations and anecdotes on what it is to forgive.

September 28 - How Do We Do The Work? Rev. Edith Love

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PEACE - People Engaged in Active Community Efforts - Founded in 1991, they use the power of large numbers of organized people to solve critical community problems



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Walking the Spiral Together: Reflections on Our Vision & Mission Journey

As I write this in late August, I'm filled with anticipation. Over these past two and a half years, we've been on a remarkable journey together—one that has transformed us from a congregation searching for direction into a community that knows its purpose and calling.

The Journey of Becoming

When we began in March 2023, we thought we were crafting statements. What we discovered was something far more profound—we were learning to spiral back to essential questions with ever-deepening understanding. Through workshops and surveys, through pauses when we needed healing, through welcoming Rev. Edith's fresh perspective, we've done the sacred work of discovering who we truly are.

This hasn't been a straight line from uncertainty to clarity. It's been a spiral—returning again and again to core questions: What world do we want to help create? How do we live our values? What does love look like in action?

What We've Created Together

Our vision emerged like a sunrise breaking over the ocean: **"A beloved community welcoming all and promoting truth, spirituality, love, inclusion, compassion and justice."**

Our mission gives us the roadmap: **nurture spiritual growth, build inclusive community, work towards justice and equity, heal the world one interaction at a time.**

These aren't just beautiful words—they're living commitments that pulse with the energy of everyone who helped shape them. In every phrase, I hear the voices of our community: long-time members sharing wisdom, newer folks bringing fresh perspectives, youth reminding us that the future is now.

The Power of Shared Presence

What moves me most about this process is how we've discovered that what is real is what we share together. Not what any one of us believes alone, but what we create when we show up for each other with open hearts and minds.

I've watched us transform from a group of individuals with different ideas into a community with a shared vision. We've learned to pause when we need to, to listen more deeply, to honor both certainty and uncertainty as teachers. We've discovered that true transformation happens not when we have all the answers, but when we're brave enough to keep asking the questions together.

Why This Matters Now

In a world that often feels fractured and rushing toward extremes, we're choosing to be builders of beloved community. We're saying yes to nurturing growth when cynicism would be easier. We're committing to justice work when looking away would be simpler. We're promising to heal the world one interaction at a time when grand gestures get more attention.

This vision and mission aren't meant to sit on a shelf. They're meant to guide every decision we make, from how we welcome newcomers to how we allocate our resources, from the programs we create to the partnerships we forge. They're the North Star that will keep us oriented as we navigate whatever comes next.

The Sacred Yes Ahead

On September 7, we gather for more than a vote. We gather to say a sacred "yes" to the future we're creating together. By adopting these statements, we're not just approving words—we're making a covenant with each other about who we're becoming.

What excites me most is that this is just the beginning. These statements are invitations to go deeper, to reach wider, to love more boldly. They challenge us to keep growing, keep including, keep working for justice even when—especially when—it's difficult.

Your Voice in Our Future

If you haven't yet engaged with this process, it's not too late. Your voice matters. Your vision matters. Your presence matters. Attend the remaining Sunday conversations. Complete the survey. Most importantly, come to the congregational meeting ready to help shape what comes next.

Because here's what I know: we're not done becoming. This vision and mission aren't endpoints—they're launching pads for the amazing work ahead. Every time someone new walks through our doors, every justice initiative we undertake, every moment of spiritual growth we nurture, we'll be living these words into reality.

One Interaction at a Time

Our mission's final phrase—"heal the world one interaction at a time"—might be the most radical commitment of all. In a world obsessed with scale and speed, we're choosing presence. We're saying that every encounter matters, every welcome is sacred, every small act of justice ripples outward.

Imagine what our fellowship will look like as we live into this vision. Picture the lives we'll touch, the communities we'll serve, the spirits we'll nurture—including our own. See the children who will grow up knowing they belong here. Envision the justice work that will flow from our spiritual center. Feel the warmth of a community that truly welcomes all.

This is the future we're choosing. This is the beloved community we're building. This is the spiral of growth and transformation we're entering together.

The Journey Continues

As I look ahead to September 7 and beyond, I'm not just hopeful—I'm energized. We've done the deep work of discernment. We've found our shared purpose. Now comes the joyful work of living it out together.

The journey that began in March 2023 doesn't end with a vote. It expands. It deepens. It spirals outward into our community and world. We know who we are now. We know what we're called to do.

All that remains is to say yes—and then begin the beautiful work of becoming the vision we've seen together.

Join us on September 7 at 12 noon for our special congregational meeting. Come ready to celebrate how far we've come and to launch the amazing journey ahead. Together, we're creating something beautiful.

Ron Roth Jr Vision & Mission Team Member and grateful companion on this sacred journey

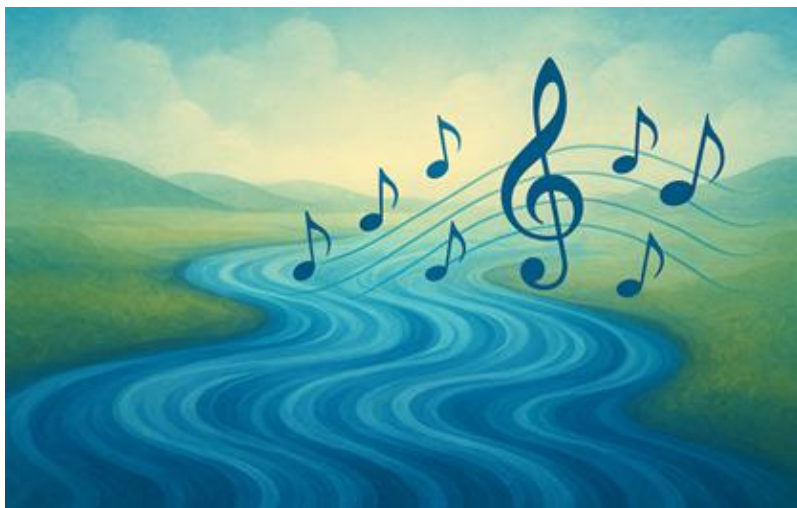
Beginning Again in Song

September carries a particular weight: the satisfying heaviness of transition. Summer's freedom gives way to structure, and there's something deeply human about this annual rhythm of return. Children walk to school, adults reorganize their calendars, and we all seem to collectively exhale and begin again.

At UUFBR, September also brings one of our most meaningful traditions: the Water Communion service. This ritual beautifully reminds us that, just as individual drops join to form a river, we come together as a community, each bringing our own experiences, joys, and sorrows.

imagery: There's a River Flowin' in My Soul and I've Got Peace Like a River call us to imagine music as both soothing and powerful while Yiruma's piano piece

River Flows in You provides a more contemporary meditation on flow and movement. Together, these pieces create a soundscape for our ritual of gathering, change, and renewal.



September also marks the births of three composers whose work speaks to this month's themes of transformation and connection. Antonín Dvořák (September 8, 1841) drew deeply from his Czech heritage but also wove in new sounds when he lived in America. His New World Symphony, inspired in part by African American spirituals and Native American music, is a testament to the power of listening across traditions. George Gershwin (September 26, 1898) blurred the lines between classical and jazz, offering us a vision of music that flows between worlds, much like a river crossing boundaries. Clara Schumann (September 13, 1819) reminds us of the courage required to bring music into the world. A gifted pianist and composer, she balanced performance, teaching, and composing while leaving a legacy of strength and beauty. Taken together, these composers embody what September teaches us: to embrace change, to honor our roots while reaching toward the new, and to let music carry us into unfamiliar but promising waters.

As we enter this month, my hope is that the music we share will both ground and inspire you. Some pieces will be familiar, like favorite hymns that feel like home. Others may be less expected, inviting us to listen in fresh ways. Just as the Water Communion ritual blends the streams of our lives into one vessel, so too does our music hold tradition and innovation, reflection and hope. Together, may we enter the flow of a new year with open hearts.

Marina Machado
Music Director

Racial Justice Film & Discussion Series – Hope in Action

The Racial Justice Subcommittee of our Healing Justice group is filled with gratitude as we share the success of our Race: The Power of an Illusion series. Our first two sessions drew 41 and 39 participants—gathering in person at UUPB and UUFBR, and online in community. The energy, curiosity, and commitment in these conversations have been inspiring!

On August 31st, we'll dive into Episode Three. "Race may be a biological myth, but racism gives different groups vastly different chances. Years after the Civil Rights Movement, the playing field is still not level and 'colorblind' policies only perpetuate inequality." Together, we'll explore how Jim Crow laws, redlining, and the GI Bill still shape our world today—and what it means to move forward with justice and hope.

Then, on September 14th, we will gather for a special wrap-up session at UUPB. Carpooling from UUFBR and our Zoom option will make it easy for everyone to join this important closing event.

We are so fortunate to be walking this path with Reverend Latifah's congregation, showing what's possible when UUs unite in purpose. Together, we are planting seeds of justice, compassion, and change.

Join us for these final sessions, bring a friend, and help us dream about what's next. Because when we show up together, we are powerful beyond measure. What new vision can we create—together?



HALLOWEEN PARTY

It's almost spooky season!

Reverend Love's favorite holiday is Halloween. She would love to celebrate with you! If you are interested in helping to plan an epic party at UUFBR on October 26th, she would be very excited to talk to you. Please reach out to her if you want to be involved.



All are welcome to join UUFBR's **Healing Justice group**. We gather in a spirit of love in action and 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](#)

In this time when justice, liberty, our rights and our democracy are under attack on many fronts simultaneously, the members of our Healing Justice group focus their efforts on the issues most dear to them. We join together for united actions and we always lend our support and love to each other.

Please visit the [Healing Justice Blog](#) for our latest calls to action and information.

Highlights from our August meeting:

- **Women's Equality Day:** Keep pressing for the ERA—sign the petition and urge Senators to vote NO on the Save Act.
- **Race: The Power of an Illusion:** Strong turnout and conversations; next sessions Aug. 31 & Sept. 14.
- **Immigration Justice:** Everglades Detention Center - ongoing vigils, protests (Aug. 30, Sept. 5, Sept. 10). Oppose 287(g) and report ICE activity (RAISE hotline 888-600-5762).
- **LGBTQ+ Justice:** Rainbow crosswalks under attack. Stand with Delray and Orlando—support groups like ACLU Florida, Compass, Equality Florida.
- **PEACE:** Sept. 11 Criminal Justice Commission meeting; Sept. 28 Listening Session at UUFBR.

Our committee embodies the truth that **justice is love in action**. Whether you show up at a vigil, sign a petition, make a phone call, or simply hold space for others in prayer and conversation—**you are part of this movement**.

Stay connected, stay hopeful, and let's keep moving forward together!

warmly,
Jennifer

The Welcome Team invites you to join us for some upcoming events at UUFBR!

- **Newcomer Welcome** First Sunday of the Month after the service: ~~September 7~~ (cancelled due to the congregational meeting - look for Sharon or Jennifer after service to get a newcomer packet instead) October 5 is on! You will receive a folder with ways to get involved, a contact list for who to call with questions, and the chance to meet our team and learn more about our congregation and who we are.
- **Becoming and Belonging:** October 12 (in person) or October 21 (on Zoom)
Have you already been to a Newcomer Welcome and want to learn more about UUFBR and Unitarian Universalism? This is the place for you!
- **New Member Ceremony:** November 9
For those who decide to join us as members, we will celebrate with a special ceremony during the Sunday service.

To learn more about any step of this journey, email us at welcome@uufbr.org. We look forward to connecting with you!

"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 signin call Mary, Rajeev or Dave.

Thank you,
It Team



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Committees & Elected Roles

ZOOM links & descriptions

Board of Trustees

4th Wednesday at 7:00 pm
Rajeev Arora, Claire Smith
copresidents@uufbr.org

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Landscape Committee

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

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IT Team

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

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Worship Team Meeting

Weekly on Sunday at 4:00 pm
Group contact: Bill Jensen wmjensen44@gmail.com
Zoom Host: itteam@uufbr.org

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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.

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The Legacy Group

Third Sunday at 1:00 pm

Group contact: Judy Keiser Zoom Host: itteam@uufbr.org

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Membership Committee

2nd Tuesday at 4:00 pm

Group contact: Sharon Drew

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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

Amanda Bowers

Nominating Committee: Elected

Danielle Smith

Terry Jordan

Barb Jensen



**Happy
Birthday
to you**

**Judy Keiser,
September 15th**

Best wishes to you on your birthday!

Featured Fellowship Events



Game night, Friday night September 5th at 7:00 PM

Welcome to Game Night! Gather with other gamers for an evening filled with fun, laughter, and friendly competition. We'll be serving up mouthwatering pizza and refreshing bottled water to keep you fueled for the games ahead. Feel free to bring along your favorite drink to sip while you strategize!

Don't miss out on the fun! Secure your place and your pizza by sending an email to

Deliver2trish@gmail.com.

MOVIE DISCUSSION GROUP RETURNS SATURDAY, SEPT. 6th at 3:00PM



You wanted, you waited....

And now it's BACK!

UUFBR'S MOVIE GROUP RETURNS
ON ZOOM

SATURDAY AFTERNOONS AT THREE

Yes, after a summer break, we return !

This is the deal. As a group, we vote on films shown on Netflix to watch. Each week, in the privacy of your own home, any time during the week, we watch the film selected.

Saturdays at THREE On zoom We participate in a guided discussion of our experiences and opinions.

Popcorn is not provided. Good humor and great sharing is.

Join us. All are welcome.

Ellen Cormier, lion tamer.

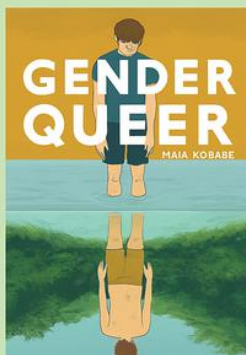
BANNED BOOK CLUB

Exploring the stories they tried to silence

NEXT MEETING:

**Wednesday, September 10th
10:00 a.m.**

PARKER ROOM, UUFBR

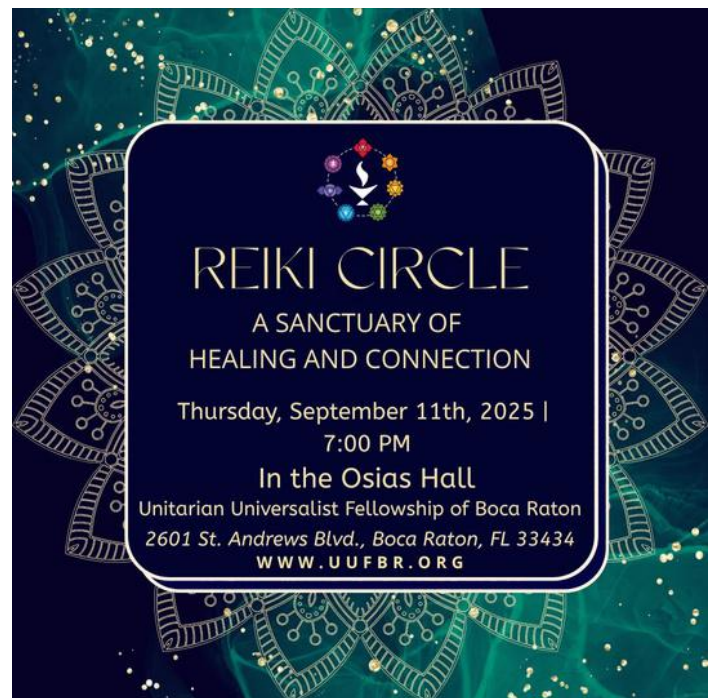


**THIS MONTH'S
BOOK:**

***Gender
Queer***

by Maia Kobabe

Join us as we discuss one of the most frequently challenged books in recent years. Everyone is welcome – whether you've finished the book or just want to be part of the conversation!



Featured Fellowship Events

Join UUFBR's Justice Ministry for Listening Sessions!



Tuesday, September 16th at 7pm

or

Sunday, September 28th following service

Each year, our Justice Ministry begins by listening.

Listening is how we understand what is happening in our community and take action. Join us to hear from others and share your own stories.

Questions? Contact Rev. Love or John and Betty Tilton



What is PEACE?

Founded in 1991, PEACE is a justice ministry organization made up of 25 congregations from throughout Palm Beach County. Using the power of large numbers of people, we hold political and economic systems accountable for addressing community problems. We take direct action to tackle systemic issues like racial profiling, lack of access to mental health care, or unaffordable rental housing.

Step 1: Listening

Each fall, PEACE begins by listening to understand what is happening in our community. These stories guide our work by informing our issue campaigns. For example: In the Fall of 2016, members shared stories of racial profiling in police stops. Based on these stories, PEACE voted to work on police-community relations.

Step 2: Research

After we identify the problem through listening, we begin to research what that problem looks like in Palm Beach County. We meet with experts like professors to better understand the data and potential solutions. For example: After voting to work on police-community relations, we learned that Palm Beach Sheriff's Office did not track race and ethnicity for all traffic stops, a national best practice. This is the solution we decided to pursue!

Step 3: Action

Once we identify our solution, we identify WHO has the power to implement that solution in our community. We meet with them, present our solution, and invite them to our Nehemiah Action Assembly. That night, in front of 1,600 people, our elected officials are asked to commit to action steps. For example: In 2024, Sheriff Bradshaw attended our Nehemiah Action for the first time and committed to track and analyze data on all traffic stops, including by race and ethnicity.

Step 4: Follow Through

After the Nehemiah Action, we follow up on officials' commitments. For example: we

met with Sheriff Bradshaw to get an update and learned that PBSO began tracking data in 2024 and is working with an outside professional to analyze that data. We are scheduling a meeting to review that data together this fall.

Join us and be part of transforming our community!

✨ Don't Miss It! ✨
Join Creativity Matters
on Sept. 18th
doors open @ 7 PM
🎵 Featuring Live music
from the amazing
Remerge Band 🎤

Remerge Band is an acoustic duo made up of Melody Stuart and Tia Green. Their music spans decades and genres. They are noted for their creative flare in writing, producing, and performing their own original music. They have shared their songs all over the country from Nashville to New York in small venues, coffee houses, open mics, and backyard concerts. Anywhere the music flows, Remerge Band goes.



Featured Fellowship Events



School Celebration, Save The Date

This September 28th, we will have a very special Sunday service and event, where we meet the teachers of the schools using our newly renovated education building, and where the teachers meet the congregation. After the service, we will have tours of the newly reinvigorated space and hear about the history of the building's creation.

Please join us for this very special celebration.

External Events

BE A VOLUNTEER TUTOR

Help a Child Learn to Read



LITERACY COALITION
of Palm Beach County
BUILDING BETTER READERS

Classroom Tutoring: Tutor elementary school students in reading comprehension during school hours at selected elementary schools. **Time required:** 90-minute sessions twice a week or partner with another volunteer to each tutor one 90-minute session.

After School: Tutor in person at various locations or

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER TUTOR TRAINING DATES & LOCATIONS

Thursday, September 4, 2025 TIME: 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. LOCATION: Blume Literacy Center 3651 Quantum Blvd., Boynton Beach	Friday, September 26, 2025 TIME: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. LOCATION: Glades Family Education 981 SE 1st Street, Belle Glade 33430
Tuesday, September 30, 2025 TIME: 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. LOCATION: Blume Literacy Center 3651 Quantum Blvd., Boynton Beach	Wednesday, October 8, 2025 TIME: 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. LOCATION: PBC Main Library 3650 Summit Blvd., West Palm Beach

Monday, November 3, 2025
TIME: 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Blume Literacy Center
3651 Quantum Blvd., Boynton Beach

REQUIREMENTS: Volunteers must be at least 18 years old. Training for tutoring will be provided by the Literacy Coalition.

REGISTER: Scan the QR Code, right, or go to our website:
<https://www.literacypsc.org/event/bbr-tutor-training/>

Contact us for more information about the Building Better Readers program:
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*"The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go"*—Dr. Seuss

The Grove SFL is proud to once again host The South Florida Pagan Pride Celebration. We will enjoy the best of indoors and outdoors this year in the Oak Ridge Hall inside Tree Tops Park in Davie, FL. This is a family-friendly gathering that welcomes all Pagans, Witches, Heathens, Druids, and Tree-huggers alike.

Saturday, September 20th starting at Noon
Family friendly - Pot Luck Feast - Music & Games

Tree Tops Park is on the corner of Griffin Rd and Nob Hill (Palm or 100th if coming from the South) Follow the signs to The Oak Ridge Hall.

Erich Landstrom

South Florida Pagan Pride
Sept 20th, 2025
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Pagan Pride Day
Saturday, Sept. 20th, 2025
Games and Crafts Noon till 8 pm Family Friendly
Oak Ridge Hall, Davie
Free Tops Park, Davie
Potluck Feast Workshops
Raffle Open Mic Book Sign
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Everyone is welcome!



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Cleaning service 7am Office closed	2 Admin in office 10-3pm Landscape Committee meeting 7pm, Zoom	3 Grounds Maint. 9:30am Admin in office 10-4pm Introvert Book club 12pm, Hybrid Choir rehearsal 7pm, in person Midweek Meditation 8pm, Zoom	4 Outreach Team Meeting 4pm, Zoom	5 Admin in Office 10-3pm Friday Night Happy Hour 5pm, Zoom Game night 7pm	6 Movie Discussion Group 3pm, Zoom
7 Admin in Office 9-1pm Worship Service 10:30 am, Hybrid Congregational meeting- Vision and Mission 12pm, Hybrid Worship Team 4pm, Zoom	8 Office closed Death Cafe 7:30pm, Zoom	9 Cleaning service 7am Membership meeting 4pm, Zoom	10 Grounds Maint. 9:30am Admin in office 10-4pm Banned Books Club, 10am Introvert Book club 12pm, Hybrid Ukulele group 2pm Board Meeting- Adaptive/ strategic 7pm, Zoom Choir rehearsal 7:15 pm, In person Midweek Meditation 8pm, Zoom	11 Admin in office 10-3pm Non-violent Communication Practice 12:30 pm, Zoom Endowment Committee meeting 7pm, Zoom Reiki 7pm	12 Admin in Office 10-3pm Friday Night Happy Hour 5pm, Zoom	13 Movie Discussion Group 3pm, Zoom
14 Admin in Office 9-1pm Worship Service, 10:30 am, Hybrid Race: The Power of an Illusion - Film Screening & Discussion Series, 1pm, Hybrid Worship Team 4pm, Zoom	15 Office closed	16 Cleaning service 7am Admin in office 10-4pm PEACE Event 6pm, UUFBR Parker room	17 Grounds Maint. 9:30am Admin in office 10-4pm Choir rehearsal 7:15 pm, In person Midweek Meditation 8pm, Zoom	18 Admin in office 10-3pm Outreach Team Meeting 4pm, Zoom Creativity Matters 7pm	19 Admin in Office 10-3pm Friday Night Happy Hour 5pm, Zoom	20 Movie Discussion Group 3pm, Zoom
21 Admin in Office 9-1pm Worship Service, 10:30 am, Hybrid Program Planning meeting, 12pm Legacy group 1pm, Zoom Worship Team 4pm, Zoom	22 Office closed	23 Cleaning service 7am Admin in office 10-4pm Care Team meeting, 1pm, Zoom Healing Justice 7pm, Zoom	24 Grounds Maint. 9:30am Admin in office 10-4pm Introvert Book club 12pm, Hybrid Board of Trustees Meeting 7 pm, Zoom Choir rehearsal 7pm, in person Midweek Meditation 8pm, Zoom	25 Admin in office 10-3pm	26 Admin in Office 10-3pm Friday Night Happy Hour 5pm, Zoom	27 Craft Fair 10am  Movie Discussion Group 3pm, Zoom
28 Admin in Office 9-1pm Worship Service, 10:30 am, Hybrid PEACE Event 12pm Tour of New schools 12:30 pm Worship Team 4pm, Zoom	29 Office closed	30 Cleaning service 7am Admin in office 10-4pm				

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