
ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAYS USHERS ARE: Peter Myers, Captain; Dianne Rahm, Cathie Severance, Marguerite & Brianna Myers

GREETERS: Debbie Curtis, Kathy Sheridan, Sam Emerson & Peggy Lippert

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 161

Playground Monitors: Honor Phillips; Richard Rathman; Dawn Byars; Chara Booker Laureles

The flowers today are in memory of Phil Kurtz in remembrance of his birth on May 15th by Marilyn Kurtz

Members and visitors are invited to use the **green comment cards** in the hymnal holders to communicate with the **Committee on Ministry**. Signature is optional. In addition, members are always invited to attend the first half hour of the monthly meeting as listed in the announcements. Completed cards should be deposited in the basket in the foyer.

THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

SUNDAY 05/20– 9:30a Spiritual Seekers in the Sanctuary classroom; Religious Explorations in the Fellowship Hall; Parenting Class in the Mary Shelley room; Social Action Committee meeting in the Sophia Fahs room; **11:00a Worship –*The Democratic Process* by Rev. Eric Posa**; **New Member recognition Sunday**; **SOUP LUNCH, Congregational Meeting**; 2:00p – 4:00p Wedding rehearsal in the Sanctuary; 3:00p – 7:00p SAI Center in the Thoreau; 4:00p – 7:00p Spirit of Peace Church in the Fellowship Hall, library; 5:00p – 7:00p Beth Am meeting in the Sophia Fahs room.

MONDAY 05/21 – 7:00p Insight Meditation Group in the Jefferson; Committee on Ministry meeting in the library; **Deadline for newsletter articles for monthly newsletter.**

TUESDAY 05/22– 7:00p Codependents Anonymous in the Jefferson Bldg.; Bridge night in the Thoreau; Young Adults meeting in the library Funeral Consumers Alliance meeting in the Mary Shelley room.

WEDNESDAY 05/23– 9:00a – 3:00p Quilting group in the library; 2:30p - Piano lessons by Dana in the Fellowship Hall; 3:30p – 6:30p Guitar lessons in the Library.

THURSDAY 05/24– 7:00p – 8:15p Choir Practice in the Sanctuary followed by fellowship in the library; 7:00p – 9:00p Faith & Reason Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall; Enlightened Auctions meeting in the Thoreau.

FRIDAY 05/25– 6:00p – 7:30p Wedding rehearsal in the Sanctuary; 7:00p -9:00p The Grace Group meeting in the Thoreau; Mending Our Hearts in the Sophia Fahs room; Interweave meeting in the Jefferson Bldg.

SATURDAY 05/26– 8:00a – 1:00p Beth Am meeting in the Fellowship Hall, Thoreau, kitchen & library; 3:00p – 7:00p Wedding in the Sanctuary; 6:30p – 9:00p Circle dinner in the library.

SUNDAY 05/27 – 9:30a Religious Explorations in the Fellowship Hall; Spiritual Seekers in the Sanctuary classroom; **11:00a Worship**; **YRE Sponsored all church picnic on the Patio & Grounds**; 3:00p – 5:00p Memorial Service in the Sanctuary; 3:00p– 7:00p SAI Center in the Thoreau; 4:00p – 7:00p Sprit of Peace Church in the Fellowship Hall & library; 6:45p – 8:00p Ethical Toolbox in the Sanctuary classroom.

AROUND THE CHURCH:

HAVE YOU THOUGHT about joining the Choir? We always practice music six weeks in advance so we have plenty of time to learn it. Rehearsal is **Thursday evening, 7-8:15**, followed by a fellowship. Won't you become a new member and experience the energy of great music and the warmth of terrific fellowship?

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS! Our Church is seeking the creative services of all our members and friends young and old who make music. We welcome diversity of styles of music that will enrich our services both during the regular church year and the summer. So if you play or sing music with a message in any style, classical, popular, jazz, rock, blue grass, folk, gospel, country and western, world music, whatever, and you want to contribute to the diversity of our worship, contact Minister of Music Bill Ross in person, by telephone SeePrint, or by email WJRoss@satx.rrUU.com. You'll be glad you did, and so will we!

NEW UU - Our next two-part New UU Orientation Class will be **Thursday, June 7** from 7:00-9:00 pm (Part 1: Explorations) and **Sunday, June 10** from 12:30-1:30 pm (Part 2: Connections). The Explorations class is for anyone who wants to learn more about our church, either for "intellectual curiosity" or to fulfill the requirement for membership. All are welcome. The Connections session is for those who have recently filled out a membership form and are ready to get involved. Childcare is available on request. Sign up at Welcome Table in the Sanctuary Foyer.

The Community Responsibility Endowment Fund (CREF) trustees wish to thank the congregation for their participation in this year's Flower Power Grant campaign. We received 8 nominations and \$3044 in contributions, which was generously matched by Pizza Hut, making a total of \$6088 to be added to the fund. Thank you for helping our church reach out into the community and help those who are helping others. A list of all the contributors will appear in the June newsletter.

Worship Associate – **We are looking for volunteers at the church to be Worship Associates. The responsibilities involve preparing the altar before service and assisting the Worship Leader in the service. Training will be provided. All interested individuals can contact David Rodriguez at 210-SeePrint**

Notice to First UU parents and their children! Mark your calendars! **Camp UU MeToo**, our week-long summer day camp, will be held this year June 11 - 15, 2007. The camp is designed for children ages 6-12. Past sessions have included classes in Spanish, yoga, woodworking, cooking, hovercraft building, and other exciting activities! If you have ideas for an activity that you can volunteer to lead during the camp, please contact Polly Noël at church (or by forwarding a response to this e-mail to polly.noel@sbcglobalUU.com). Details on this year's curriculum, registration, etc will follow in the coming months as soon as they are finalized! Camp fees, as usual, will be very competitive compared to other day-camp offerings in the area.

SOUP LUNCHES ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH. To schedule a Soup Lunch for your church committee, contact **Julie Lusk at the church office. Please do not forget to pick up your dishes after the lunch.**

Emerson Bookshop has recently received *An Engaged Spiritual Life : A Buddhist Approach of Transforming Ourselves and the World, Being Liberal in an Illiberal Age, The Miracle of Mindfulness, Writing the Sacred Journey*, and *Faith Without Certainty: Liberal Theology in the 21st Century: Thirst*, poems by Mary Oliver. Our bookshop is open in the sanctuary classroom after the morning service on most Sundays

SPIRITUAL SEEKERS group is doing in-depth study of world religions. The approach will be to focus significant time on a religion then move on to the next. Emphasis will be given to relevance to our lives today and the commonalities that link each religion. Contact Jeff at SeePrint or jladdington@satx.rrUU.com. Meets every **Sunday** at 9:30 a.m.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EXPLORATIONS – Studying Emerson and Thoreau. For more information call Mark Ackerman SeePrint or email markackerman@141UU.com. Meets every **Sunday** at 9:30 a.m.

YOUNG ADULTS - On TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2007 its POKER NIGHT. That's right -- bring your green eyeshades and your poker face. Bring poker chips if you got 'em, too. And, what's poker without snacks? See you there. Remember to invite a friend! The Young Adult group meets every Tuesday evening at the church at 7pm-ish in the Library in Fellowship Hall. Please note the gathering and start times. We will start check-ins at 7:15pm. For more information, email Steve at feinstei@swbellUU.com

BRIDGE every **Tuesday** from 7-9 PM in the Thoreau Bldg. – Contact Robert Kadanka @ SA Metro 830/SeePrint kadankar@gvtcUU.com – Mini lecture focus “Slam Bidding”

FAITH AND REASON: Please join us Thursday, May 24 at 7:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall as we conclude our discussion of Carl Scovel's address entitled "Beyond Channing and Church" delivered at the fourth gathering of the American Unitarian Conference at the Unitarian Church of Grosse Pointe, Michigan, May 3, 2003. For more information contact Jim Chesnut at SeePrint or jim@chesnutproductionsUU.com,

MENDING OUR HEARTS (a relationship recovery group) meets from 7:00p – 8:30p the **2nd & 4th Friday** of each month in the Sophia Fahs room. If you are experiencing the pain of a broken relationship, you are not alone. There are others who share your feelings of loss. Join us as we take a healing journey toward rebuilding our strength, hope, and a renewed sense of self. The Relationship Recovery Group will explore the process of grief and loss, help you develop new coping skills, and rebuild your self-confidence in a supportive and caring environment. This group is open to anyone going through the loss of a relationship with a significant other. For more information contact Teresa Cheek at 210-SeePrint or tcheek1@sbcglobalUU.com.

INTERWEAVE UUs for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender concerns, will meet Friday, May 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Jefferson Building. We'll have social time and talk about the June 16 Pridefest. For more information, contact Carol, cac68@aolUU.com or phone SeePrint.

THE BUDDHIST STUDY GROUP meets the **first Sunday** of every month at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary Classroom. All our meetings begin with a discussion period followed by meditation. All are welcome, newcomers are encouraged. Contact Dale Moore at SeePrint.

EVERYONE IS INVITED to equip your "Ethical Toolbox"! Are you interested in philosophy, ethics, the mysteries of the world? Come join our UU philosophy class. We meet **every other Sunday (2nd and 4th)** evening @ 6:45-8:00 p.m. The class is led by Bruce Beck, a philosophy instructor at San Antonio College (brucebeck@yahooUU.com or 210 834 8788). Tuition is free, but consult Bruce about the textbook. Come and join the discussion!!

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY meets the **third Monday of each month** in the library. The first 30 minutes is reserved for members of the congregation who wish to speak to the committee. Contact Bill Pridgen at SeePrint.

LOST & FOUND – Please, if you find any items in the sanctuary, please leave at the Welcome Station in the foyer.

LETS KEEP CURRENT...Have you moved? Have a new email address? New phone number? Please send your updated information to the church office via mail, phone (SeePrint) or email (fuuca@sbcglobalUU.com). Or just check to make sure that I have your information correct. Thank you.

WHO ARE YOU? Church members, please remember to wear your nametags on Sundays. Names tags for members and “in process” members are located on the tag holder in the Fellowship Hall. Guests, **welcome**, and please pick up a name tag at the Guest table and sign the guest register. We would like to get to know you!

WORLD MAGAZINE -Do you receive the "UU World" magazine? If you have been getting your copy and are finished with them, please donate your unwanted UU World magazines by leaving them in the church foyer to be given to our visitors who are eager to read about Unitarian Universalism.

A bouquet from your garden, a happy houseplant, a rose from HEB or a flower or two from our beautiful campus can all serve as gestures of appreciation on our Sunday altar. If you choose to remember or revere someone or an occasion on a Sunday, please let Julie know ahead of time. Arline would be glad to assist you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Attention all High School Students - You are invited to a swimming & pizza party hosted by YRUU. When? Saturday May 19 from 2 - 5:30. Where: Donna Harrison's house - 526 Grandview Place, San Antonio, 78209. All high school aged youth are invited -- we hope to see you there!

ATTENTION High School aged youth! If you are ages 14 -19 and in high school, then our high school youth group, Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU) is meant for you. We have a very active youth group, and our activities include such things as social action, lock-ins, travel to district events, worship, discussion and time to just hang out. New members are always welcome at our meetings. We meet on Sundays at 12:30 (after church). On the second Sunday of each month, we meet at Community Church since the youth group has members from both churches. Please contact Donna Harrison at donnaharrison@yahooUU.com or 210-SeePrint if you have any questions.

ROCKS PLEASE for Youth and Children's Labyrinth For our **ME TOO U2** Church Summer Camp (June 11-15), one thing the participants will be doing is exploring the power of labyrinths through many activities. We are asking for church members, if you can, to donate a rock or two (or more). We will be constructing a spiral labyrinth in the playground area and thought it would be symbolic and special to us rocks from church members' homes. Starting this week, the rocks can be dropped off next to the planter boxes in the playground. If you have a lot of rocks to contribute, but no way of getting them to church, we can help. Contact Moon Brand: moon@moontrailUU.com or SeePrint. PAZ

MEMBER CARE:

There will be a memorial service for Stella Jaidar's mother, Mary Isabelle Lyle at First UU Church of San Antonio on May 27th at 3 PM. Cards can be sent to Stella at 8315 Briargate, SAT 78230 or call 34-7597.

Arlene Terrell's husband Bob is now under Hospice care at their home, 9511 Callaghan Road, SAT 78230. She is supported by her two children who are here for a period of time. Her phone number is SeePrint.

Let us all give these two fine members of our congregation our support and condolences at this time of stress. Marian Swellander

FINANCE:

- **Put your pledge payments on auto-pilot!** Automated pre-authorized bank debit payments can now be made from your bank to the church. Forms to start the process are available in the sanctuary foyer or from Julie Lusk. This form of payment offers you one less thing to worry about and costs the church less than credit card charges.

SOCIAL ACTION:

Share the Plate has begun! Starting in July, all non-assigned money collected at the second Sunday of the month offering will be donated to an organization that matches our Unitarian Universalist principles and our church's mission. This is an exciting opportunity for us to connect with the community and share our generous spirit. In order to make this work, we need nominations! Please fill out a nomination form, which can be

found on the church's website or in the foyer. The form is due **May 27th**. If you would like to learn more about the program, please pick up a brochure in the foyer or read the online version at <http://www.firstuusanantonioUU.com/shareplate.php>. If you have any questions please contact Lisa Peterson, SeePrint or [lisaspeterson @ gmailUU, com](mailto:lisaspeterson@gmailUU.com), or Diane Duesterhoeft, SeePrint or [dduesterhoeft @ gmailUU, com](mailto:dduesterhoeft@gmailUU.com).

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

Grounds Work Days will be the second Saturday morning of each month starting at 8:00 AM and will end before noon. Bring work clothing, gloves, and garden implements if you have them. Please contact Doug Yost (210-SeePrint) or Patrick Kendrick (830-SeePrint) if you are willing and able to help.

M&R The scheduled time for work projects is the 1st TH of the month in the afternoon. Please **join** on TH, or **volunteer** at a time of your convenience, or **sponsor** the cost of a project that you want to see happen at *First UU Church*; **M&R tri-chairs**: Jack Melton [jcmel @ sbcglobalUU, com](mailto:jcmel@sbcglobalUU.com); Robert Kadanka [kadankar @ gvtcUU, com](mailto:kadankar@gvtcUU.com), Bill Pridgen [npridgen @ satx.rrUU, com](mailto:npridgen@satx.rrUU.com)

DENOMINATIONAL CONNECTIONS:

Delegates for General Assembly (GA): If you are planning to attend this year's General Assembly and are interested in representing our Church as a delegate, please contact Lee Hampton at SeePrint or [lee20 @ flashUU, com](mailto:lee20@flashUU.com).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY - Registration is now open for the Unitarian Universalist Association's General Assembly in Portland, OR, June 20-24. More information is available at [http://www.uuaUU, com/ga/](http://www.uuaUU.com/ga/). Upcoming activities of our UU district include SWUUSI and UU summer camp, at the Lake Murray Resort, July 22-27. More information is at [http://www.swuucUU, com/](http://www.swuucUU.com/)

THE LARGER COMMUNITY:

Welcome Guests! COFFEE'S ON US! Please get some coffee on the patio and give us a chance to get acquainted with you. We're glad you're here. Be sure to ask any questions that are on your mind. *On Sundays that lunch is served we invite you to be our guest for lunch as well.*

Announcements – Please keep try to keep your announcements short and to the point so that others can also include their announcements.

This is a Welcoming Congregation. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Antonio seeks to foster a climate of purposeful inclusion of all regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression. If you are lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgender, or if you think you might be, we welcome you to join with us-- to participate fully and openly in our congregational life.

TO OUR GUESTS!

YOU MATTER TO US! And we welcome you to First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Antonio! The Greeters at our Greeter Station would like to meet you, introduce you to some other members, and give you information about our church. We look forward to getting to know you. We hope you will sign the guest register and let us know if you would like to receive our newsletter for a few months to find out more about this religious community and all it offers its members.

OUR GOAL is to stimulate religious growth and learning through worship, education, service and fellowship. Our liberal church is united not by creed, but by a common purpose to embrace the compassionate wisdom of all ages and cultures in order to realize the vision of an inclusive community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.

BECOME A MEMBER OF THIS CHURCH if you seek spiritual growth for yourself and your children and wish to worship in a community of caring, thinking people. We invite you to take your time to get to know us and appreciate the diversity in our views. Membership is open to those fourteen years of age and older who wish to make a commitment of their time and financial support to their church.

HOW TO JOIN: Ask for a membership application from the Greeters table. Leave the completed form with a Greeter, or mail it to the office.

ELIGIBILITY: Membership in this church is based upon the voluntary desire of people of good will to live together and work together in a religious fellowship. Any person of at least fourteen (14) years of age may be registered as a member of this Church.

FREEDOM OF BELIEF: Each member of this Church shall be free to hold personal opinions and beliefs regarding religious or secular matters.

REQUIREMENTS: Prior to being accepted as a member, the following must be accomplished by the applicant:

1. Participate in an orientation program to include the history of Unitarian Universalism and the culture of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Antonio.
2. Meet with the Minister or a church officer. If after the orientation program, you feel you need more one on one time with the minister, you may schedule a personal meeting.
3. Make a responsible pledge of financial support and review the current operational budget.
4. Applicants who have recently been a member of another Unitarian Universalist Church or who have attended a recent Coming of Age class may be excused from the orientation requirement.