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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**TODAYS USHERS ARE:** Jan Realini, Captain; Olivia Eisenhauer, Ron Dodson, Sylvia Wheeler & Cheryl Phillips

**GREETERS:** Betsy Kropp, Rowena Rodgers & Pat Cummins

**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:** 211

The sermon topics for August will be: **8/19 - A Bright Faith; 8/26 - Making Gods**

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 08/12– 9:30a Forum:** Pat Medina, Executive Director of SAYL in the **Jefferson bldg.**; Spiritual Seekers in the Sanctuary classroom; Religious Explorations in the Thoreau; **11:00a Summer RE; Worship – Our Transcendental Roots** by Rev. Bret Lortie; Social Action Committee meeting in the conference room; 3:00 – 4:45p Concert in the Sanctuary: **5:00p – 7:00 p Spirit of Peace in the Sanctuary;** 3:00p - 7:00p SAI Center in the Jefferson; UU Philosophy Class in the Thoreau..

**MONDAY 08/13 – 7:00p** Insight Meditation Group in the Jefferson.

**TUESDAY 08/14– 7:00p** Codependents Anonymous in the Jefferson Bldg.; Young Adults in the library.

**WEDNESDAY 08/15–2:30p – 6:00p** Piano lesson by Dana in the Fellowship Hall; Guitar lessons by Kevin in the Sophia Fahs room; 7:00p – 9:00p Buddhism of the Diamond Way in the Thoreau; **First UU Board meeting** in the conference room.

**THURSDAY 08/16– 12:00n** Senior LUUnch in the library; 7:00p – 8:16p Choir practice in the Sanctuary; 7:00p – 9:00p Enlightened Auctions meeting in the Thoreau; Faith & Reason Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

**FRIDAY 08/17– 7:00p -9:00p** The Grace Group meeting in the Thoreau; Walden Coffeehouse in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen and library.

**SATURDAY 08/18– 8:00a – 1:00p** Beth Am in the Sanctuary; Grounds workday all campus outside; Celestial Celebration Circle in the playground and Jefferson.

**SUNDAY 08/19 – 9:30a** Religious Explorations in the Fellowship Hall; Spiritual Seekers in the Sanctuary classroom; **11:00a Summer RE; Worship – A Bright Faith** by Rev. Bret Lortie; **FUUnd Lunch;** 12:30p – 2:00p YRE Council meeting in the Thoreau; 3:00p– 7:00p SAI Center in the Jefferson; 4:00p – 7:00p Sprit of Peace Church in the Fellowship Hall & library.

### 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 **Choir practice this coming Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**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.rUU.com](mailto:WJRoss@satx.rUU.com). You'll be glad you did, and so will we!

**SOUP LUNCHEAS 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.**

Our next New UU Orientation Class will be **Thursday, August 23** from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Jefferson building (the one down by the playground). We will also be having a Sign Up Sunday before and after worship on **Sept 9**. The New UU 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 Sign Up Sunday is a time when church committees and groups have table displays on the patio and can answer questions and provide sign up opportunities for those who are ready to get involved. Childcare for the Thursday class is available upon request. Hope you can join us! Contact Shannon Hawkins for information. ([Shannon7@satx.rUU.com](mailto:Shannon7@satx.rUU.com)).

**Emerson Bookshop's** recent arrivals include *Essential Rumi*, Garrison Keillor's *Good Poems for Hard Times*, Karen Armstrong's *The Great Transformation: The Beginning of our Religious Traditions* and *A Short History of Myths*, children's *Furry Logic: A Guide to Life's Little Challenges*, and *I Do: A Guide to Creating Your Own Unique Wedding Ceremony*. Almost all our books are \$15 or less. Visit our bookshop in the sanctuary classroom after the morning service on most Sunday's.

**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.rUU.com](mailto:jladdington@satx.rUU.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](mailto:markackerman@141UU.com). Meets every **Sunday** at 9:30 a.m.

**YOUNG ADULTS** - The Young Adult group meets every other Tuesday evening (i.e. the 2nd and last Tuesday evenings) at the church at 7pm-ish in the Library in Fellowship Hall. Summer Tuesday gathering dates are **August 14th and August 28th**. For more information, email Steve at [feinstei@swbellUU.net](mailto:feinstei@swbellUU.net)

**FAITH & REASON FELLOWSHIP:** Please join us for in the Fellowship Hall, **Thursday** at 7:00p.m For more information contact Jim Chesnut at (210) SeePrint or [jim@chesnutproductionsUU.com](mailto:jim@chesnutproductionsUU.com).

**MENDING OUR HEARTS** (a relationship recovery group) meets from 7:00p – 8:30p the **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.net](mailto:tcheek1@sbcglobalUU.net).

**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.

**THE UU PHILOSOPHY CLASS** EVERYONE IS INVITED TO VIEW THE DVD OF DR. PHILIP ZIMBARDO'S LECTURE IN THE UU

**PHILOSOPHY CLASS on July 15th and July 29th.** In the lecture by Dr. Zimbardo discusses his new book "The Lucifer Effect" about the psychological research on why/how ordinary people commit really evil acts. Included in the lecture is his discussion of his expert testimony concerning the torture and abuse at the infamous Abu Graib Prison. In August, we will apply our ethical skills to some of the most famous philosophical ethical 'thought experiments'. We will then continue our research into 'happiness' by studying Daniel Gilbert's book, "Stumbling on Happiness". Dr. Gilbert explains what the cognitive sciences tell us about our ability to find, predict, and obtain 'happiness'. This study will bridge us to our next topic on the Philosophy of Mind and the difficult topic of Consciousness. This study will be based upon lectures of Prof. Daniel N. Robinson, Oxford University, by way of the Teaching Company. The class is led by Bruce Beck, a local philosophy instructor. All are welcome. If you wish to attend or need more information, please contact Bruce Beck (210) SeePrint or [brucebeck@yahooUU.com](mailto:brucebeck@yahooUU.com).

**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.

**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@sbglobalUU.net](mailto:fuuca@sbglobalUU.net)). Or just check to make sure that I have your information correct.

**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:**

**REGISTRATION FORMS** for the 2SeePrint youth religious education year are now available on the RE bulletin board on the patio. Please return your family's form by August 5<sup>th</sup> so that we can anticipate class sizes, supply and volunteer needs. Forms may be returned to RE teachers or to Mary Alice's box in the office. Thank you!

**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](mailto:donnaharrison@yahooUU.com) or 210-SeePrint if you have any questions.

### **MEMBER CARE:**

**Susanne Rupp** is recuperating from knee replacement surgery. No visitors at this time, please, but cards may be mailed to 28354 Ruffian Dr, Fair Oaks Ranch, TX 78015.

Sam Emerson underwent surgery Thursday in order to correct a pressure sore problem. He expects to return home either Friday or Saturday. He's very optimistic about the outcome, but cards and calls would also brighten his day. His address is 5602 McQueen Place, San Antonio 78240. SeePrint.

### **SOCIAL ACTION:**

On **August 12** the recipient of our Share the Plate donations will be San Antonio Youth Literacy (SAYL). The mission of San Antonio Youth Literacy (SAYL) is to promote the literacy skills of San Antonio's at-risk youth. SAYL trains volunteers to work one-on-one with elementary school-aged children who are reading below grade level. SAYL volunteers work at schools throughout San Antonio. See [www.saylUU.org](http://www.saylUU.org) for more information. **Pat Medina, the Executive Director of SAYL will speak at the Forum at 9:30 on August 12 in the Jefferson Bldg.**

### **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

It is time to sign up for Circle Dinners if you are interested in participating this year. Circle Dinners is a round robin group where participants get together in people's homes (usually) for dinner once a month. We are planning on meeting the second weekend of the month this year. That will make the first circle dinner the 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> of September. The host normally provides the main dish and the guest the accompaniments. For those who do not have room in their home, the church library is usually available and works well. You can also sign up as a substitute, in which case you will only be called when a regular participant cannot attend. **We always need substitutes. I ALSO NEED VOLUNTEER HOSTS FOR SEPTEMBER.** When you agree to host, you will be given a list of names and contact information for your dinner. **This is a great way to get acquainted!** Contact [arlisolson@attUU.net](mailto:arlisolson@attUU.net) or Arlis Olson, SeePrint for more information.

### **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 Devin Zimmerman ([ddzimm@hotmailUU.com](mailto:ddzimm@hotmailUU.com)) if you are willing and able to help.

**M&R** The scheduled time for work projects is the **first Thursday** of the month in the afternoon. Assistance, assistance wanted by M&R. MINI-Projects that one can do at home and/or at your timing. Church needs include 1) wheels for the mystery pals cart, 2) fixing a podium, 3) adding an air infiltration stop to the emergency exit in the sanctuary, 4) painting ( @ the church only), 5) Sign painting thank you to Tracy Knouse, 6) fence fixing @ patio, 7) fence fixing @ toddler playground, 8) etc., and 9) more etc. M&R Contacts - Jack Melton – [jemel@sbglobalUU.net](mailto:jemel@sbglobalUU.net); Robert Kadanka – [kadankar@gvttUU.net](mailto:kadankar@gvttUU.net); Bill Pridgen – [npridgen@satc.rUU.com](mailto:npridgen@satc.rUU.com).

### **THE LARGER COMMUNITY:**

**Cool oboe music for a hot August Sunday!**

**3:00 PM, Sunday, August 12, 2007**

**In the Sanctuary**

Mark Ackerman, Daniel Rios, and Claire Studdard, oboists, with William James Ross, organist, pianist, and composer  
Josef Rheinberger - Andante Pastorale and Rhapsodie for oboe and organ

Henk Badings - Canzona for oboe and organ  
Daniel Pinkham - Odes for English horn and organ  
Jan Koetsier - Partita for English horn and organ  
William James Ross - Sonata Lyrica, for oboe and piano  
Beethoven - Variations on Mozart's *La ci Darem la Mano*, for two oboes and English horn

For information call SeePrint  
Donations will be accepted at the door

**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.*

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.

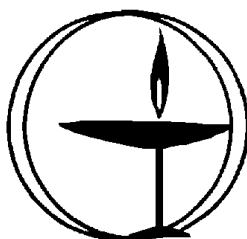
**HOW TO JOIN:** Ask for a membership application from the Greeters table. Leave the completed form with a Greeter, or mail it to the office.

**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.



The flaming chalice, the combination of a drinking vessel and a flame, a symbol of our denomination, unites our members in worship and symbolizes the spirit of our work.