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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**TODAYS USHERS ARE:** Jim Brown, Captain; Bettie Ward, Jan Realini, Debra & Serenity Budd

**GREETERS:** YRUU

**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:** 178

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 08/26**– 9:30a Spiritual Seekers in the Sanctuary classroom; Religious Explorations in the Thoreau; YRE Council meeting in the office conference room; **11:00a Summer RE; Worship** – *Making Gods* by Rev. Bret Lortie; 12:30p – 2:00p Music Festival meeting in the Sophia Fahs room; 3:00p - 7:00p SAI Center in the Jefferson; 4:00p – 7:00p Spirit of Peace Church in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen, library. 6:30p – 8:00p UU Philosophy class meeting in the Thoreau Bldg.

**MONDAY 08/27** – 7:00p Insight Meditation Group in the Jefferson.

**TUESDAY 08/28**– 9:30a Newsletter folding in the office conference room; 7:00p Codependents Anonymous in the Jefferson Bldg, **Committee on Ministry** meeting in the office conference room.

**WEDNESDAY 08/29**– 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;

**THURSDAY 08/30**– 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 08/31**– 7:00p -9:00p The Grace Group meeting in the Thoreau; Mending Our Hearts in the Sophia Fahs room.

**SATURDAY 09/01**– 8:00a – 1:00p Beth Am in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen; 10:00a – 1:00p Olmos Ensemble rehearsal, 3:00p – 4:00p Food prep for Under the Bridge in the kitchen.

**SUNDAY 09/02** – 9:30a Religious Explorations in the Fellowship Hall; Spiritual Seekers in the Sanctuary classroom; **11:00a Summer RE; Worship** – *Sermon* by Rev. Jennifer Innis; **FUUnd** lunch; 3:00p – 5:00p Concert by Olmos Ensemble; 3:00p– 7:00p SAI Center in the Jefferson; 4:00p – 7:00p Sprit of Peace Church in the Fellowship Hall & library; 6:30p – 8:15p Buddhist Study Group 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 **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.rrUU.com](mailto:WJRoss@satx.rrUU.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.**

**Emerson Bookshop's** new book arrivals include *Three Prophets of Religious Liberalism: Channing, Emerson, Parker and The Buddha and the Terrorist*. Fair trade coffees, whole bean and drip, and mini-chocolate bars are also available at our bookshop in the sanctuary classroom after the church 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](mailto:jladdington@satx.rrUU.com). Meets every **Sunday** at 9:30 a.m.

**ADULT RELIGIOUS EXPLORATIONS** – Adult RE, will be seeing the closing lecture of a series called "Emerson, Thoreau, and the Transcendentalist Movement." The lecture is a half hour, followed by a half hour of discussion time for all who attend the class. Meets at 9:30a.m. Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. For more information call Mark Ackerman SeePrint or email [markackerman@141UU.com](mailto:markackerman@141UU.com).

**YOUNG ADULTS** -Young Adults: Since it is summer, and everyone seems to be involved in other activities, lets\* take August off!!\* We'll resume YA meetings sometime in September after Labor Day. Have a great month off and see you in September. For more information, email Steve at [feinstei@swbellUU.net](mailto: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 INVITES EVERYONE FOR THE DISCUSSION.** We are continuing 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** will meet **Tuesday, Aug 28th** at 7pm in the **office conference room**. The first 30 minutes are reserved for members of the congregation who wish to speak to the committee. Contact Mike Brand at SeePrint or [moon@moontrailUU.com](mailto:moon@moontrailUU.com).

**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 ([fuucsa@sbcglobalUU.net](mailto:fuucsa@sbcglobalUU.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!

**YRUU (Young Religious Unitarian Universalists):** YRUU will have its annual kick off retreat September 7 - 9. This will be a weekend trip to the Frio River, with expenses paid by YRUU. All high school aged youth are welcome, and we are planning a fun and meaningful weekend. In addition, there will not be a YRUU meeting on September 2. YRUU is our high school youth group and is a shared youth group with Community UU Church. For information, please contact Donna Harrison at [donnaharrison@yahooUU.com](mailto:donnaharrison@yahooUU.com) or at (210)SeePrint.

**PARENTS** of 7th-9th Graders . . . the *Our Whole Lives* (OWL) program is being offered again this fall!! The OWL curriculum provides our Youth the opportunity to make healthy decisions about sexuality. If you are considering or have already decided to enroll your 7th-9th grader in the *Our Whole Lives* (OWL) sexuality course, there are two **REQUIRED** Parent Orientation classes to attend. Please join our facilitators Rob Hines, Mark Van Heynigen and Meg Kutac, on Sunday Sept. 9th and Sept. 16th from 5 – 8 pm in the Sanctuary classroom. We will have a Potluck and childcare will be available if needed. We would appreciate you contacting Meg at [megkutac@satx.rUU.com](mailto:megkutac@satx.rUU.com) if you plan to attend. For any who are willing and able there is a \$50 suggested donation for OWL participants. Rob, Mark, and Meg will be on the patio Sun. Aug 26 if you'd like to sign up or have any questions.

## **MEMBER CARE:**

**Don Norton** went in the hospital Monday in order to have two compression fractures in his back repaired. Hopefully, he will get to come home today. Cards will be appreciated at: 119 Knibbe Ave. San Antonio, 78209.

**Rick Henderson** had arthroscopic knee surgery in order to repair torn cartilage. All went well, and Rick is recovering nicely. Please send cards to 7410 Elderberry, San Antonio 78240.

**Susanne Rupp** is home from RIOSA and doing well; however, please no visitors at this time. Cards may be sent to 28354 Ruffian Dr., Fair Oaks Ranch, TX 78105.

## **SHARE THE PLATE:**

At the August 12 worship service, \$560.80 was raised for San Antonio Youth Literacy ([www.sayl.org](http://www.sayl.org)), the August Share the Plate recipient.

## **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**Game Night, September 14th, Fellowship Hall, 7:00 p.m.,** come, bring your friends, bring your games, bring some snacks (sodas and water provided). [arlisolson@attUU.net](mailto:arlisolson@attUU.net) SeePrint

**CIRCLE DINNERS** -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. There will be no Circle Dinners in October due several pot luck dinners being scheduled for the Stewardship Drive.

## **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:**

**GROUNDS WORK DAY** 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.

**MAINTENANCE & REPAIR** - The scheduled time for work projects is the **first Thursday** of the month in the afternoon.. If you can volunteer please contact - Jack Melton – [jcmel@sbcglobalUU.net](mailto:jcmel@sbcglobalUU.net); Robert Kadanka [kadankar@gvtcUU.net](mailto:kadankar@gvtcUU.net), or Bill Pridgen – [npridgen@satx.rUU.com](mailto:npridgen@satx.rUU.com).

SIGN UP SUNDAY is back and just around the corner. Maintenance & Repair (M&R) will have a table and we will give you sign up *options*. Options include SIGN UP, take home a MINI- PROJECT, SPONSOR the cost of a project that one wants to see happen at/for the church, OR WORK with different combinations throughout the year. N.B. An example of a Sponsored project is the 50 or so Burgundy Signs on a green backer board that appear around the facilities and all THANKS to the Anonymous Donor.

## **THE LARGER COMMUNITY:**

**PEACE VIGIL** – Tuesday evening, **August 28<sup>th</sup>** from 6 – 7:00 p.m. at **Alamo Plaza** – a silent vigil to say "Out of Iraq." This vigil is in conjunction with a nationwide vigil sponsored by [moveon.org](http://moveon.org). For additional information, call Jane Tuck at SeePrint.

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**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.*

**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.

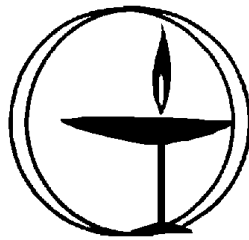
**FREEDOM OF BELIEF:** Each member of this Church shall be free to hold personal opinions and beliefs regarding religious or secular matters.

**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.

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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.



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.