
ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAYS USHERS ARE: Jan Realini, Captain; Olivia Eisenhauer, Cheryl Phillips, & Sylvia Wheeler
GREETERS: Betsy Kropp, Rowena Rodgers, Debbie Curtis, & pat Cummins
LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 196

9/9 Water communion; **9/16** Out of the Dust: Small Group Ministry"; **9/23** "Down Home Transylvania"; **9/30** Pulpit guest

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 09/16 -- 9:30 a Religious Education for all ages in the Fellowship Hall, Spiritual Seekers in the Sanctuary classroom; 11:00a **Worship** -- "Out of the Dust -- Small Group Ministry" Rev. Bret Lortie; **FUUND LUNCH**; 12:20p -- 2:00p Personell Committee Meeting in the office conference room; OWL K-1 Parent orientation in the Jefferson Bldg.; 3:00 -- 7:00p SAI Group in the Jefferson; 4:00p -- 7:00p Spirit of Peace in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen & library; 4:30p -- 8:30p OWL parent orientation meeting in the Sanctuary classroom; **Circle Dinners off campus**

MONDAY 09/17 -- 6:00p -- 9:00p Texas Gems Tupperware; 7:00p Insight Meditation Group in the Jefferson.

TUESDAY 09/18 -- 7:00p Codependents Anonymous in the Jefferson Bldg; Young Adults meeting in the library; **CRONES** in the Sophia Fahs room.

WEDNESDAY 09/19-- 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 office conference room.

THURSDAY 09/20 -- 12:00n Senior LUUnch in the library; 7:00p -- 9:00p Enlightened Auctions meeting in the Thoreau; Faith & Reason Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.7:00p - 8:15p Choir practice in the Sanctuary.

FRIDAY 09/21 --5:00p -- 9:00p Beth Am (Yom Kippur) in the Sanctuary; 7:00p -9:00p The Grace Group meeting in the Thoreau; **Walden Coffeehouse** in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen, & library.

SATURDAY 09/22 -- 9:00a -- 5:00p Beth Am (Yom Kippur) in the Sanctuary; 2:00p -- 10:00p Beth Am in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen; 7:00p -- 9:00p Celestial Celebration Circle in the Jefferson and playground.

SUNDAY 9/23 -- 9:30 a Religious Education for all ages in the Fellowship Hall, Spiritual Seekers in the Sanctuary classroom; 11:00a **Worship** -- "Down Home Transylvania" Rev. Bret Lortie; 11:00a -- 2:00p OWL meeting in the Thoreau; 12:30p -- 2:00p CREF meeting in the office conference room; **Farewell Reception for Mary Alice Partain in the Fellowship Hall**; 2:00p -- 4:00p Beth Am Sukkah building in the Jefferson and grounds; 3:00 -- 7:00p SAI Group in the Jefferson; UU Philosophy class in the Thoreau.

AROUND THE CHURCH:

STARTUP - All members of the congregation are invited to participate in Start-up on Friday, September 28th, at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of Start-up is to assist both the congregation and Rev. Bret Lortie as he starts his ministry at First UU. It will be facilitated by District Executive Susan Smith and District Consultant Margaret Roseboom. Among other things, Start-up will involve getting the history of the church on a timeline and sharing First UU's story. Everyone's contribution is important; please attend. Coffee and dessert will be served to keep everyone energized. Questions? Contact Allan Kropp at akropp@macUU.com or SeePrint.

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!

COUPON BOOKS ARE HERE! \$20.00 investment for the entire year for 2 for 1's on restaurants, movies, dry cleaning, car washes, etc. See Jim Dauchy on the patio most Sundays or at SeePrint.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN USHER? Ushering is a fun and easy way to serve the church once a month during the Worship Services .

Please come to the meeting for Ushers and Greeters this Sunday, September 9, at 12:30 in the Sanctuary Classroom, or contact Jan Realini at 830-SeePrint or a JRealini@GVTCUU.com.

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 received Gaiman's *American Gods: A Novel*, Geraldine Brooks's *March*, *The End of Faith: Religion, Terror and the Future of Reason*, *The Tent of Abraham: Stories of Hope and Peace for Jews, Christians and Muslims*, and more copies of *Stumbling on Happiness*. *Three Prophets of Religious Liberalism* is on back order. Our bookshop also has fair trade coffee, tea and chocolate. It is open in the sanctuary classroom after the morning service on most Sundays.

The **Music Festival Committee** is currently seeking arts/crafts vendors who would like to rent a booth for the festival. Booths are \$30.00 advance pay. Vendor applications may be picked up from the information table in the sanctuary foyer. Contact Cheryl Lardy for more information.

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 --9:30 AM, **Sunday, Sept. 2** in the **Thoreau Bldg.** will feature poetry of EMILY DICKINSON. The

class will be led by Nancy Pridgen. Poems will be read, then discussed. For more information call Mark Ackerman SeePrint or email markackerman@141UU.com.

YOUNG ADULTS - This TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2007 is MOVIE NIGHT!! But its a different kind of Movie Night. We have planned to see the documentary Who Killed the Electric Car? Let's meet at the *WITTE MUSEUM at 6:45 PM..About the documentary WHO KILLED THE ELECTRIC CAR? : In the mid-1990's, electric vehicles began to appear on California's highways. They were quiet, fast, produced no exhaust, and ran without gasoline. Ten years later they were gone. This excellent 2006 documentary film explores the murder mystery with insight and wit. The Witte Museum is located at 3801 Broadway near Brackenridge Park. The movie is sponsored by the Sierra Club. Socializing and snacks begin at 6:40 pm, program at 7:00 pm. For more information, email Steve at feinstei@swbellUU.net

FAITH & REASON FELLOWSHIP: Please join us Thursday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for our monthly worship service. Music will be provided by guest pianist Anthony Bazzani who has performed for us several times earlier in the year. The sermon topic will be "Hypnosis: The Search for the Divine Within." For more information contact Jim Chesnut at SeePrint or jim @ chesnutproductionsUU, com.

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.

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.

Celestial Celebrations Circle will celebrate the Fall Equinox, also called Mabon, on Saturday, September 22nd at 7PM. The ritual will focus on choice and balance. We will have an opportunity to symbolically choose what will help balance our lives. There will be a potluck following the ritual. Please bring your own plate and tableware if you can, to cut down on waste, but we will have disposables as well. Bring a dish, perhaps with a harvest theme, to share. CCC events are open to women and men and mature young persons, in harmony with Unitarian Universalist Purposes and Principles. Seventeen or younger, if interested in and able to participate, may attend if accompanied by parent or guardian. No child care is available. Questions? Contact maggijoseph @ gmailUU, 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). 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 UU 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.

NEWSLETTER – The newsletter is published once a month. If you would like to receive it by email please let the office know. **October 1st is approaching so it's that time once again. Please submit all October newsletter items to Rob Hines, newsletter editor, by September 20 to hawkerhines@yahooUU.com.**

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 5th 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!

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.rrUU.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. Sept. 2nd if you'd like to sign up or have any questions.

MEMBER CARE:

Bettye Arsers, our former church secretary for many years(who will turn 95 next month) fell and broke her wrist a couple of weeks ago. She would enjoy a get well card at 625 North Maine Street, Boerne, TX 78SeePrint.

SHARE THE PLATE:

At the September 9 worship service, \$1, 127.98 was raised for UU Housing Assistance Corporation (www.uuhac.org), the September Share the Plate recipient. Thank you so very much to everyone who generously contributed!

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: Social Activities Chairperson and Co-chairperson needed! This is not an overwhelming job but I do need some help. Come see me on Sunday (Sept 9) at the Social Activities booth. If the chairperson seems like more than you are willing to undertake, maybe you can help with just one activity. **CIRCLE DINNERS:** The list is out for September and there will be no Circle Dinners in October. We want everyone to participate in the pot luck suppers for the Stewardship Campaign. However, you can still sign up for Circle Dinners for the rest of the year, November through May with the possible exception of December. We also need substitutes. See you Sunday! Arlis Olson, SeePrint, arlisolson@attUU.net

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) 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 – jmel@sbcglobalUU.net; Robert Kadanka kadankar@gvtcUU.net, or Bill Pridgen – npridgen@satx.rUU.com.

KITCHEN:

Eva Gonzalez is resigning as kitchen coordinator. We urgently need a few people who will take on the responsibility for the kitchen. For more information please call Eva at SeePrint or the church office.

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.

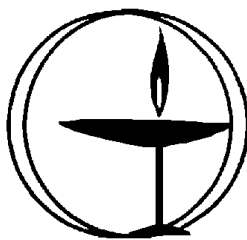
HOW TO JOIN: Ask for a membership application from the Greeters table. Leave the completed form with a Greeter, or mail it to the office.

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.