
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

GREETERS: YRUU

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 260

PLAYGROUND MONITORS: Debra Loya, Akos Szabo, & Dawn Byars

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

THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

SUNDAY 09/23 -- 9:30 a Religious Education for all ages in the Fellowship Hall, Spiritual Seekers in the Sanctuary classroom; 11:00a – 2:00 p OWL in the Thoreau; 11:00a **Worship** – “**Down Home Transylvania**” Rev. Bret Lortie; 12:30p – 1:30p Farewell & Best Wishes to Mary Alice Partain in the Fellowship Hall, 12:20p – 2:00p CREF Meeting in the office conference room; 2:00p – 4:00p Beth Am Sukkah building; 3:00 – 7:00p SAI Group in the Jefferson; 4:00p – 7:00p Spirit of Peace in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen & library; 6:30p – 8:00p UU Philosophy class in the Thoreau bldg.

MONDAY 09/24 – 7:00p Insight Meditation Group in the Jefferson.

TUESDAY 09/25 – 7:00p Codependents Anonymous in the Jefferson Bldg; Young Adults meeting in the library.

WEDNESDAY 09/26– 9:00a – 2:00p Quilting in the library; 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 09/27 – 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 09/28 – 7:00p -9:00p The Grace Group meeting in the Thoreau; **START UP** Congregational meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

SATURDAY 09/29 – 8:00a – 1:00p Beth Am in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen; 9:00a – 3:00p **START UP** Board, Council and Committee on Ministry & Staff in the Jefferson. 4:00p – 11:00p Wedding in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen & Library.

SUNDAY 9/30 – 9:30 a Religious Education for all ages in the Fellowship Hall, Spiritual Seekers in the Sanctuary classroom; 11:00a **Worship** – **Pulpit Guest**; 3:00 – 7:00p SAI Group in the Jefferson; Facilitator training 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.rUU.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. For more information 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.

CONVENANT GROUP TRAINING and Info Session (ALL INVITED!) **Oct. 9, 7-9pm**. "We'll train and talk for about an hour — then we'll actually sit through an abbreviated covenant group session to experience one first-hand. You can sign up for a group that evening if you enjoyed the experience. Covenant groups may not appeal to everyone, but if your hunger for spiritual exploration isn't being met elsewhere in the church or in your life, they just might be the ticket to a new experience of meaningful connection. You might even make a new friend or two from church!" For more info contact Rev. Bret (minister@firstuusanantonio.org) or Jeff Addington (jladdington@satx.rUU.com).

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. Meets every **Sunday** at 9:30 a.m.

This coming **Sunday, Sept. 23**, Adult RE will be led by Faith Rathman. Faith will present interesting things about her trip, this recent summer, to China, where she worked with Habitat for Humanity. She learned a lot there from the local people as well as her experience.

The presentation can be heard Sunday, Sept. 23, in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am. Special thanks to Jeff Addington for helping with this presentation. Mark Ackerman

ADULT RELIGIOUS EXPLORATIONS –meets on **Sunday** at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Mark

Ackerman at SeePrint or markackerman @ 141UU, com

YOUNG ADULTS Young Adults: This ***TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2007** is DISCUSSION NIGHT!! Last week we saw the documentary *Who Killed the Electric Car?* This Tuesday we plan to discuss what we saw, and what can be done. And better, what we each can do in our personal lives and in the church. Sites for more reading: <http://www.pluginamerica.org> -- "advocates the use of plug-in cars, trucks, and SUBs powered by cleaner, cheaper, domestic electricity to reduce our nation's dependence on petroleum and improve the global environment." <http://www.TheRoundup.org> -- 8th annual renewable energy roundup & green living fair -- Sept 28-30 in downtown Fredericksburg, TX The Young Adult group meets every Tuesday evening at the church at 7pm-ish in the Library in Fellowship Hall. For more information, email Steve at feinstei @ swbellUU, net

FAITH & REASON FELLOWSHIP: Please join us **Thursday** at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for our monthly worship service. 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](mailto:brucebeck@yahooUU.com).

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY meets every **fourth Wednesday** from **6:45 - 8:45** 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](mailto:maggijoseph@gmailUU.com)

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.

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.

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](mailto: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!

Kindergarten -1st Graders have an exciting fall coming up! Our Whole Lives (OWL) is a sexuality education course presented at age appropriate levels. It provides children and youth with the knowledge that they need at this particular time in their lives. Leaders of the courses are trained and follow a faith-wide curriculum. A mandatory Parent/Child Orientation will be held on September 30th from 11:00 to 1:30 (sack lunches will be provided for the kids and some snacks for adults), in the Jefferson. Classes will then begin on October 14th and end on December 16th with a break on November 4th and Thanksgiving weekend. Class time will be from 11:00 - Noon. Please be aware that at least one parent/guardian and their child **must** attend the Parent/Child Orientation at the beginning of the course for their child to participate and the child must commit to attending all of the sessions. See you at OWL!

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

FINANCE

Stewardship Campaign - This year's Stewardship Campaign kicks-off on October 1st! During the week of October 14th – 20th we will, once again, offer the opportunity to participate in a "Potluck Pledge" dinner. These small group dinners are held in the homes of our church leaders, and are similar in many ways to our Circle Dinners. Watch this month's newsletter for more details, including info on how to sign-up. These dinners were a big hit last year. Don't miss the fun - *plan to attend one!*

MEMBER CARE:

Alan Chase's mother, Helen Chase, died Monday morning of a massive heart attack. Your cards of love and support can be sent to: Alan, April, and Austen Chase 13531 Bay Orchard, San Antonio, TX 78231

SHARE THE PLATE:

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

First 7th Principle Outing of the Church Year -7th Principle would like to invite anyone interested to come to Westcave Preserve on October 6th, 2007. Westcave Preserve is located in Southwest Travis County at 24814 Hamilton Pool Road, Round Mountain, Texas 78663. From San Antonio, take 281 north to Round Mountain and go east on Ranch Road 962. Continue for 17 miles and the entrance will be on your left. Public tours are given at 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, and 4:00 and cost \$5 per adult, \$2 for children under 12, or \$15 for a family. Westcave Preserve is not accessible, with the exception of the Educational Center. For more detailed info and pictures, go to www.westcave.org. Our family is planning to arrive prior to 10:00 for a public tour and then to have lunch afterwards at the picnic area. To rsvp, if you choose to do so, please email at [susandumph @ yahooUU, com](mailto:susandumph@yahooUU.com) or call 361-SeePrint.

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.rrUU, com](mailto:npridgen@satx.rrUU.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.*

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.

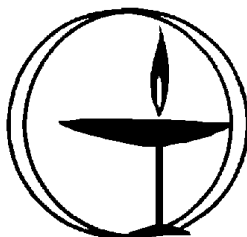
HOW TO JOIN: Ask for a membership application from the Greeters table. Leave the completed form with a Greeter, or mail it to the office.

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.

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