
ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAYS USHERS ARE: YRUU
GREETERS: Brian Lyttle & Todd O'Neill
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 237

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 09/30 – 9:30 a Religious Explorations in the Fellowship Hall, Spiritual Seekers in the Sanctuary classroom; 11:00a **Worship** – “**Spirit in Sound**” by Maggi Joseph; 12:20p – 2:00p Personnel Committee meeting in the office conference room; 3:00 – 7:00p SAI Group in the Jefferson; 4:00p – 7:00p Spirit of Peace in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen & library; 7:00p – 9:00p Facilitator training in the Thoreau bldg.

MONDAY 10/01 – 7:00p Insight Meditation Group in the Jefferson.

TUESDAY 10/02 – 7:00p Codependents Anonymous in the Jefferson Bldg; Young Adults meeting in the library, CRONES in the Sophia Fahs room.

WEDNESDAY 10/03– 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; **Worship Committee** meeting in the Minister’s office. Meeting with architect.

THURSDAY 10/04 – 1:00p – 6:00p Maintenance & repair on campus; 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; Beth Am in the Jefferson Bldg.

FRIDAY 10/05 – 7:00p -9:00p The Grace Group meeting in the Thoreau.

SATURDAY 10/06 – 8:00a – 1:00p Beth Am in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen; 7:00p – 10:00p Leadership Dinner in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen, & library; Childcare in the Jefferson; **7th Principle Outing off campus.**

SUNDAY 10/7 – 9:30 a Religious Explorations in the Fellowship Hall, Spiritual Seekers in the Sanctuary classroom; 11:00a **Worship- Now is the Time, Building the Church of our Dreams;** 11:00a – 2:00p OWL in the Thoreau; 12:30p **FUUnd Lunch;** 3:00 – 7:00p SAI Group in the Jefferson; 6:30p – 8:00p UU Philosophy Class meeting in the Thoreau; Buddhist Study group meeting 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.

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@firststuanantonio.org) or Jeff Addington (jladdington@satx.rrUU.com).

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 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 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.

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 –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 - This ***TUESDAY OCTOBER 2, 2007** is **POKER NIGHT!!** Bring your green eye-shades and your poker faces and let's play some poker. And what's poker without chips? So, bring a bag of chips or cookies or beverage or whatever to nosh on while we draw to an inside straight. See you on Tuesday! 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 each Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall as we study and discuss elements of the Gnostic writings. For more information contact Jim Chesnut at (210) 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 brucehbeck@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.

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.

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 as soon as possible, so that we can adjust for supply and volunteer needs. Forms may be returned to RE teachers or to the Director of Religious Education 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. Please contact Debra Loya loylou@sbcglobalUU.net if you plan to attend or for more information. See you at OWL!

YRUU needs your help! On **October 26-28**, our church will be hosting a rally for high school aged youth throughout the Southwest District. Our high school youth group, YRUU, is busy planning the event. We will need volunteer adult rovers on both Friday and Saturday night. Rovers are adults from the host church who agree to come in for several hours during the night to assure that we provide a safe environment for the youth. Roving is a wonderful opportunity to get to know some of our wonderful UU youth -- and also to show your support for our own local youth group. Look for the YRUU members on the patio after church and sign up to help! Or contact Donna Harrison at 210-SeePrint, email donnaharrison@yahooUU.com.

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:

George Pankratz has recently had a bout with pneumonia and has been in the hospital in Fredericksburg. If all has gone well, he should be returning home today. Cards may be sent to: Trinity Mission of Comfort, P.O. Box 505, Comfort, TX 78013.

Our church will celebrate Bettye Arsers' fabulous ninety-five years of life with a birthday party after the service on October 7th. You may already know that Bettye was our church's secretary for fifty years. Contact Marian Swellander (marswell@sbcglobalUU.net) or Arlis Olson (arlisolson@attUU.net) for more information.

The next Visitation Monday will be on Monday, Oct. 22nd. We'll meet in the church library at 9:30 and go out to visit at 10:00. Please let either Atalie Watts (atalie_watts@yahooUU.com) or Stanna Welch (nanastanna@aolUU.com) know if there's someone who could benefit from a visit. Also, it's very helpful to our committee if you let us know when someone has been aided by a member of our church family.

SHARE THE PLATE:

Atalie Watts (Member Care Committee Co-Chair) will facilitate a **Forum** about the Battered Women and Children's Shelter of Bexar County at **9:30 AM, Sunday, October 7** in the **Jefferson Building**. Learn about ways to get involved. In

recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Family Violence Prevention Services, Inc. (www.fvps.org)--parent organization of the Battered Women and Children's Shelter--is our October Share the Plate recipient.

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

THE LARGER COMMUNITY:

BLOOD DRIVE - The next blood drive will be held at the church on **October 21**. This will be the last blood drive for 2007. All donors will receive Tee-shirts, and donors will also get a free cholesterol screening.

The **Interreligious Council of San Antonio** is inviting the public in general to their monthly gathering on **Monday October 8, 2007 at 6:15pm-7:45 pm**. The topic presentation will be on "Migrants-Foreigners: Teachings and Practice in Diverse Religious Faith Traditions." The gathering will be held at **7052 N. Vandiver**, San Antonio 78209. See <http://www.interreligiouscouncil.org> for further information or call SeePrint.

New discussion group - What does the U. S. Constitution mean when it says the purpose of the government is "to promote the general welfare"? What are the implications for health care policy? Moderator: philosopher Peter Van Dusen. Location: Community UU Church, 4818 Beverly Mae East. Time: Sunday, 9/3/07, from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. (The first of three bi-monthly discussions.)

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

