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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**TODAYS USHERS ARE:** Jim Dauchy, Captain; Ann Benson, Mike Phillips, & Tom Wascher

**GREETERS:** Shannon Hawkins, Christine Chesnut, Pat Beck, & Jana Wascher

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 189

**PLAYGROUND MONITORS:** Stacy Barnwell, James Chenault, Tess Bobo, & Lon Fry

**UPCOMING SERMONS:** 10/21 Association Sunday – Our Denominational Connections; 10/28 To Celebrate Samhain

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 10/07 – 9:30 a Forum in the Jefferson Bldg.;** Religious Explorations in the Fellowship Hall, Spiritual Seekers in the Sanctuary classroom; 11:00a **Worship** – “*Building the Church of Our Dreams*” by Rev. Bret Lortie; 11:00a – 2:00p OWL in the Thoreau Bldg.; **FUUnd Lunch;** 3:00 – 7:00p SAI Group in the Jefferson; 4:00p – 7:00p Spirit of Peace in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen & library; 6:30p – 8:15p Buddhist Study Group in the Sanctuary classroom; 6:30p – 8:00p UU Philosophy Class in the Thoreau bldg.

**MONDAY 10/08 – 7:00p** Insight Meditation Group in the Jefferson.

**TUESDAY 10/09 – 7:00p** Codependents Anonymous in the Jefferson Bldg; Young Adults meeting in the library.

**WEDNESDAY 10/10– 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 library; 7:00p – 9:00p Buddhism of the Diamond Way in the Thoreau; **First UU Council** meeting in the library.

**THURSDAY 10/11 – 7:00p – 9:00p** Faith & Reason Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. 7:00p - 8:15p Choir practice in the Sanctuary

**FRIDAY 10/12 – .**

**SATURDAY 10/13 – All Campus Fall Music Festival;** Beth Am meeting off campus.

**SUNDAY 10/14 – 9:30 a** Religious Explorations in the Fellowship Hall, Spiritual Seekers in the Sanctuary classroom; Parenting Trilogy in the Mary Shelley room; 11:00a **Worship- Music and Metaphor – Making Peace in Our World** by Rev. Bret Lortie; 11:00a – 2:00p OWL K-1 in the Jefferson Bldg.; 12:30p – 2:00p YRE Council meeting in the Thoreau; Social Action Meeting in the office conference room; 3:00 – 7:00p SAI Group in the Jefferson; 4:00p – 7:00p Spirit of Peace Church in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen & library. **PLEDGE POTLUCK DINNERS OFF CAMPUS**

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

**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](mailto:minister@firstuusanantonio.org) ) or Jeff Addington ([jladdington@satx.rUU.com](mailto:jladdington@satx.rUU.com)).

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Music Festival Saturday, October 13th, 12 noon to 6pm.** Innovations for 2007 will make music accessible to all festival-goers. All performers, with the exception of Bill Ross in the Sanctuary, will be in Fellowship Hall. There is no additional cost for any of the performances. That's right: Your \$10 ticket at the “door” - \$7 pre-sale - covers all. What a deal! New faces and sounds in this year's musical line-up are soloists Reverend Bret & Jim Chesnut. Two familiar soloists have become duos: piano master NonJohn is joined by drummer Kyle Keener of Small World and world music artist Rick Henderson performs with Indian percussionist Manmeet Singh. Perennial favorites The Tim & Bob Show, Dana Clark & Kevin Lewis, The Merrie Court Singers and William James Ross add sparkle and energy to this great program. John Davis of Walden Coffeehouse fame will be our Emcee. Enjoy great music broadcast onto the patio as you sample delicious food and refreshing drink while perusing the original crafts. There will be activities for children as well. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** By not advertising publicly we have reduced our overhead substantially. However, that means everyone needs to do their part and invite a friend, family member or neighbor. Your commitment to invite a friend will determine our success this year! **Pre-sale tickets available on the patio after service.**

**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 copies of *Three Prophets of Religious Liberalism: Channing, Emerson, and Parker*. Our bookshop is open in the sanctuary classroom after most Sunday services.

**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** –meets on **Sunday** at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Mark Ackerman at SeePrint or [markackerman@141UU.com](mailto:markackerman@141UU.com)

**YOUNG ADULTS** - 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](mailto:feinstei@swbellUU.net). **There will be no Young Adult meeting this coming Tuesday, October 9.**

**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](mailto: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.

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 ([fuuca@sbcglobalUU.net](mailto:fuuca@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.

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!

**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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> and end on December 16<sup>th</sup> with a break on November 4<sup>th</sup> 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. 9<sup>th</sup> and Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> if you'd like to sign up or have any questions.

**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](mailto:donnaharrison@yahooUU.com).

## **FINANCE**

**Stewardship Campaign** - This year's Stewardship Campaign kicks-off on October 1<sup>st</sup>! During the week of October 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> 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!*

- **Put your pledge payments on auto-pilot!** Automated pre-authorized bank debit payments can now be made from your bank to the church. Forms to start the process are available in the sanctuary foyer or the church office. This form of monthly payment offers you one less thing to worry about.

## **MEMBER CARE:**

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

The next Visitation Monday will be on Monday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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](mailto:atalie_watts@yahooUU.com)) or Stanna Welch ([nanastanna@aolUU.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://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.rUU.com](mailto:npridgen@satx.rUU.com). Welcome Dave Stafford and thank you for volunteering!

## **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, 10/14/07 and 10/28/07 from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

## **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.

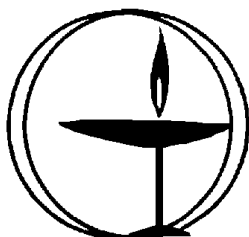
**HOW TO JOIN:** Ask for a membership application from the Greeters table. Leave the completed form with a Greeter, or mail it to the office.

**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