
ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAYS USHERS ARE: Peter Myers, Captain; Marguerite Myers, Jim Dauchy, & Rowena Rodgers
GREETERS: Dorothy Wallace, Kathy Sheridan, Sam Emerson & Peggy Lippert
WORSHIP ASSOCIATE: David Rodriguez
WELCOMER: Anna Chatillon-Reed
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 198
PLAYGROUND MONITORS: Honor Phillips, Catherine Von Dohlen, Dawn Byars & Michael Byars
UPCOMING SERMONS: 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 10/21 – 9:30a Religious Explorations in the Fellowship Hall, Spiritual Seekers in the Sanctuary classroom; Parenting Trilogy in the Mary Shelley room; 11:00a **Worship** – “*Association Sunday – Our Denominational Connections*” by Rev. Bret Lortie; 11:00a – 2:00p OWL K-1 in the Jefferson Bldg.; OWL in the Thoreau; **FUUnd Lunch;** 12:30p – 2:00p YRE Council 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’ 6:30p – 8:00p UU Philosophy Class in the Thoreau; 7:00p – 9:00p YAC Council in the office conference room.

MONDAY 10/22 – 7:45a – 3:45p Versacom LLC in the Jefferson bldg.; 7:00p Insight Meditation Group in the Jefferson.

TUESDAY 10/23 – 7:45a – 3:45p Versacom LLC in the Jefferson bldg.; 7:00p Codependents Anonymous in the Jefferson Bldg; Young Adults meeting in the library.

WEDNESDAY 10/24– 7:45a – 3:45p Versacom LLC in the Jefferson Bldg.; 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 YRUU parents meeting in the library.

THURSDAY 10/25 – 7:45a – 3:45p Versacom LLC in the Jefferson Bldg.; 7:00p – 9:00p Faith & Reason Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.7:00p - 8:15p Choir practice in the Sanctuary; 7:30p – 9:00p Simplicity Circle meeting in the Sophia Fahs room.

FRIDAY 10/26 – 7:45a – 3:45p Versacom LLC in the Jefferson Bldg.; 1:00p – 3:00p Finance Committee meeting in the office conference room; 5:00p – 10:00p Halloween Party in the Thoreau, Fellowship Hall, kitchen & library. **Youth Rally in the Thoreau.**

SATURDAY 10/27 – 8:00a – 1:00p Beth Am in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen & library; **Youth Rally in the Thoreau.** 4:30 – 6:30 Speaker for Youth Rally in the Sanctuary.

SUNDAY 10/28 – 9:30a Religious Explorations in the Fellowship Hall, Spiritual Seekers in the Sanctuary classroom; 11:00a **Worship-** .” *To Celebrate Samhain*” by Bret Lortie; 11:00a – 2:00p OWL K-1 in the Jefferson Bldg.; 3:00p – 7:00p SAI Group in the Jefferson; 4:00p – 7:00p Spirit of Peace Church in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen & library **Youth Rally** in the Thoreau.

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. You'll be glad you did, and so will we!

POETS NEEDED: We are looking for participants to share their poetry for a music and poetry service on November 4. If you can contribute, please contact David Rodriguez (SeePrint, david.rodriguez@yahooUU.com).

The Simplicity Circle will meet on **Thursday October 25**, at 7:30PM at First Unitarian Church. At this meeting we will discuss selected issues related to simplicity including the annual “Buy Nothing Day” moratorium on shopping. All are invited to this informal gathering.

Participants are encouraged to bring a book, article, anecdote or tidbit about Simplicity to share with the circle. Some of the buzz terms associated with Voluntary Simplicity include downshifting, culture jamming, affluenza, inconspicuous consumption, joy to stuff ration, spending fast & work life balance. Voluntary Simplicity is a movement of people in the United States who are rethinking the American Dream. The Simplicity Circle is an informal study group for people who want to share ideas about working, spending & consuming less. The group provides an opportunity to share with friends & neighbors dealing with the same issues. For more information about the circle, contact Jessie Dominguez at callingkidkarma@hotmailUU.com

DAY OF THE DEAD ALTAR for Sunday, October 28, 2007 Please bring a small photo or memento of your beloved dead for this year (October 2006 - October 2007) to the service *early* on Sunday, Oct. 28. There will be a table in the foyer on which to place the object for display before/after the service that day. It will be best if the object is removed from the altar after the congregation has viewed it.

Halloween, also called **Samhain** (Gaelic for Halloween), is celebrated as the New Year by contemporary pagans. It is a time to remember those who have died, especially in the past year. It is also a time to celebrate the circle of life, death, and rebirth that we see enacted in nature. On **October 31st** at 7:00 PM, in and around the Jefferson Bldg., Celestial Celebrations Circle will again hold it's annual Samhain Celebration to Honor the Beloved Dead with ritual, song, and the calling of their names. We are blessed to have the musical assistance of Dana and Friends. There will be a potluck of Halloween treats following the ritual. This ritual is suitable for mature teens and adults and is open to women and men. There will be no child care provided. Bring a snack or treat to share following the ritual and save on waste by bringing your own reusable plate and flatware. We will have paper goods available if you forget or can't for any reason. Questions? Contact Maggi Joseph maggiJoseph@gmailUU.com

NEW UU BOOK CLUB: A new book club is being formed. If you are interested in reading books by Unitarian Universalist authors or books that touch on Unitarian Universalist principals, come join us. Our first meeting will be **Sunday, November 4th** at 4 p.m. at Shannon Hawkin's house. We will be discussing "The Giver" by Lois Lowry, a UU author. For information contact: Shannon Hawkins @ Shannon7@satx.rrUU.com or Heather Hedquist @ hyhedquist@aolUU.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 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.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 16, 2007** is **MUSEUM NIGHT!!** We're planning to go to SAMA, the San Antonio Museum of Art. SAMA has loads of exhibitions and collections; go to <http://www.samuseum.org/main/> to see some of those. SAMA is located at 200 West Jones Avenue, and entry is free on Tuesday evening (yay!). SAMA is open until 8pm. We will meet at the church at 6:45pm to caravan/carpool to the museum. 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 this Thursday, October 25, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for our October worship service. The homily will be "Two Faces of Love." The text is Genesis 29:10-30b. A lively discussion will follow. 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 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.

Come party with us! **October 26, 7:30 - 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall!** The price of admission: 1 bag of candy. Bring the wee beasts and play some games, eat some spooky food and be thrilled by the Haunted House in the Thoreau building! For information on how you can help, contact Jessie Allen at jliz68@sbcglobalUU.net. If you can bring some finger food (real fingers not necessary!), contact Debra for ideas or suggestions: loylou@sbcglobalUU.net. Don't be scared, guys and ghouls, come on in for a great party!

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). 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. From the Newsletter editor: a quick reminder to anyone wanting an article in the November newsletter. If possible, please get your articles to me by **Monday, October 22.** 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:

SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT Our Youth Religious Education (YRE) kids are starting a month-long food drive to benefit the San Antonio Food Bank. We need a few sturdy boxes to collect the food. To contribute to the drive, please bring non-perishable donations throughout November or, if you prefer to donate money, look for the decorated coffee cans near the boxes. For more information, contact Chara Laureles at cbookerlaureles@sbcglobalUU.net.

GREETING GUESTS WITH CHILDREN Our Youth Religious Education bulletin board on the NW corner of the patio (exterior library wall) has brochures, registration forms, schedules, and visitor registration forms. We try to greet everyone, but are sometimes unable to remain on the patio during youth RE. If you notice a family looking lost, please direct them to this bulletin board and help them find the information they need.

NURSERY We want to hire two more child care workers. If you know someone who is skilled and experienced at caring for infants through preschool, and who can be at church each Sunday from 9:15 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., please have him/her contact Polly Noel at polly.noel@sbcglobalUU.net. We would prefer to hire non-members, so that all members will be able to attend our social events and business meetings.

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. Forms may be returned to RE teachers or to the Director of Religious Education box in the office. Thank you!

PARENT RE is offered the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of each month at 9:35 a.m. in the Mary Shelley room in the Thoreau Building. We're continuing our exploration of the UUA curriculum "The Parent Trilogy," currently covering "Parents as Social Justice Educators." All parents, grandparents, and care givers are welcome! Questions? Please contact: Dawn Byars at (210) SeePrint or byars78154@yahooUU.com.

YOUTH ADULT COUNCIL The first meeting of the YAC will be Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. in the Office Conference Room. Contact Aloise Miller at amiller97@satx.rrUU.com or SeePrint for more information.

M2U/COMING OF AGE RETREAT Our middle school group will hold a retreat here at church the evening of November 2. If you have a child in middle school who might wish to participate, even if he/she is not currently attending RE classes regularly, please contact Aloise Miller (info above) for more information.

YOUNG RELIGIOUS UUs 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.

Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU) Parents meeting: On **Wednesday, October 24**, there will be an orientation meeting for parents of high school youth who are participating in -- or who are interested in -- our high school youth group, YRUU. While all parents of

high school aged youth are invited, this meeting is especially intended for parents who are not yet familiar with YRUU and how it works. We will meet at 7:30 on Wednesday October 24 in the Library. For more info please contact Donna Harrison at 210-SeePrint.

FINANCE

- **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 on the pledge brochure or available in the sanctuary foyer or the church office. This form of monthly payment offers you one less thing to worry about.

MEMBER CARE:

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:

Thank you so very much to everyone who generously contributed to our Share the Plate recipient at the October 14 worship service! \$824.53 was raised for **Family Violence Prevention Services** (www.fvps.org).

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. Thank you Carrie Salas for all your work!

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.rrUU.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.

VOTER GUIDES for the **November 6**, Constitutional Amendment Election, are available on the patio shelf.

The Devil Came on Horseback (<http://www.thedevilcameonhorsebackUU.com/>), film screening of documentary about the Darfur Crisis, moderated by educational outreach coordinator **Victoria Smith**. **Monday, October 22, 7 PM, St. Mary's University, University Center, Conference Room A**. See http://www.stmarytx.edu/ppc/content/2007_08.html for information about more sessions.

UPCOMING SPEAKER: Rev. Barry Lynn director of *Americans United for Separation of Church and State* **SAN ANTONIO November 13 | 7:00 pm (free admission) Temple Beth-El (211 Belknap Place)** Rev. Lynn will tell you why the religious right's dream for America is a nightmare. His evening presentation will focus on the explosive issue of religion in public schools, explaining why true religion doesn't need the government's assistance.

OLMOS ENSEMBLE Presents
Halloween concert fun, with Haunted Pools and Magic Bagpipers!
Tuesday, October 30, 2007 7:30 PM
With guest artists, Brent Watkins, pianist,
Matt Diekman, viola, KPAC radio host Kathy Couser, narrator,
And Olmos artists, Mark Ackerman, Sharon Kuster, Tal Perkes, and Ilya Shterenberg
First Unitarian Universalist Church Sanctuary
Recommended Donation \$10 adults, \$5 students and seniors
Concert is suitable for adults and mature students only
For more information, call (210) SeePrint EMAIL: Olmos@141UU.com

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.

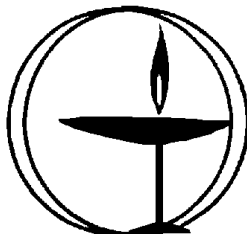
FREEDOM OF BELIEF: Each member of this Church shall be free to hold personal opinions and beliefs regarding religious or secular matters.

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