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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**TODAYS USHERS ARE:** Jim Brown, Captain; Bettie Ward, Jan Realini, Debra Budd  
**GREETERS:** Pat Beck, Jana Wascher, Shannon Hawkins  
**WORSHIP ASSOCIATE:** Luci Zigmund-Golla  
**WELCOMER:** Melanie Constantinides  
**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 165  
**PLAYGROUND MONITORS:** Chara Laureles, David Rodriguez, Tlaloc Hidalgo, Jessie Allen  
**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 10/28** – 9:30a Religious Explorations in the Fellowship Hall, Spiritual Seekers in the Sanctuary classroom; 11:00a **Worship** – “*To Celebrate Samhain*” by Rev. Bret Lortie; 11:00a – 2:00p OWL K-1 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; 7:00p– 8:00p Olmos Ensemble rehearsal in the Sanctuary. **YOUTH RALLY**

**MONDAY 10/29** – 7:45a – 3:45p Versacom LLC in the Jefferson bldg.; 9:00a – 3:00p Olmos Ensemble rehearsal in the Sanctuary; 7:00p Insight Meditation Group in the Jefferson;

**TUESDAY 10/30**– 7:45a – 3:45p Versacom LLC in the Jefferson bldg.; 9:00a – 12:00p Olmos Ensemble rehearsal in the Sanctuary; 7:00p Codependents Anonymous in the Jefferson Bldg; Young Adults meeting in the library; CRONES in the Sophia Fahs room; **7:30p Olmos Ensemble Concert**

**WEDNESDAY 10/31**– 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 Celestial Celebration Circle in the Jefferson & playground.

**THURSDAY 11/01** – 7:45a – 3:45p Versacom LLC in the Jefferson Bldg.; 12:00n Senior LUunch in the library; 1:00p – 6:00p Maintenance & Repair on campus 7:00p – 9:00p Faith & Reason Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. 7:00p - 8:15p Choir practice in the Sanctuary.;

**FRIDAY 11/02** – 7:45a – 3:45p Versacom LLC in the Jefferson Bldg

**SATURDAY 11/03** – 8:00a – 1:00p Beth Am in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen & library; 3:00p – 4:30p Under the Bridge food prep in the kitchen.

**SUNDAY 11/04** – 9:30a **Forum on the Fisher House Foundation** in the Jefferson; Religious Explorations in the Thoreau Bldg.; **RE Family Worship** in the Fellowship Hall, Spiritual Seekers in the Sanctuary classroom; 11:00a **Worship- Poetry Service** by David Rodriguez; 11:00a – 2:00p OWL K-1 in the Jefferson Bldg.; OWL in the Thoreau; 12:30p – 1:00p Micro Credits for Africa by Sr. Schmidt, Guest in the Sophia Fahs room; **FUUnd Lunch**; 3:00p – 7:00p SAI Group in the Jefferson; 4:00p – 7:00p Spirit of Peace Church in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen & library; 6:30p – 8:15p Buddhist Study Group 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](mailto: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](mailto:david.rodriguez@yahooUU.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.

**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](mailto:Shannon7@satx.rrUU.com) or Heather Hedquist @ [hyhedquist@aolUU.com](mailto:hyhedquist@aolUU.com).

**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 31<sup>st</sup>** 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](mailto:maggijoseph@gmailUU.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 its first shipment of new \$15 t-shirts! Coexist bumper stickers and Evolve fish car plaques are again available. Visit the bookshop 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](mailto: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 30, 2007** is DISCUSSION NIGHT. What are we planning to discuss? Well, Don and Steve attended a Covenant Group (Small Group Ministry) training led by our minister, Rev. Bret Lortie. We learned a bunch of stuff from this training. What we'd like to do is share that knowledge and have a discussion about our Young Adult Group and how we can continue to make it better for all of us. 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) or visit us at [http://www.myspaceUU.com/youngadults\\_sa](http://www.myspaceUU.com/youngadults_sa)

**FAITH & REASON FELLOWSHIP:** Please join us this **Thursday**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall as we continue our review of CNN's series "Gods Warriors." 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.

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 beasties 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](mailto:jliz68@sbcglobalUU.net). If you can bring some finger food (real fingers not necessary!), contact Debra for ideas or suggestions: [loylou@sbcglobalUU.net](mailto: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](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. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:byars78154@yahooUU.com).

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

**CLUB M2U** (the middle school social group) will have our November outing at Laser Quest off West Ave (606 Embassy Oaks, 78216 - phone #SeePrint) on **Saturday, November 17** from 3-5 pm. Please plan on meeting at the Laser Quest location. Looking forward to seeing all the members, and feel free to bring a friend. The cost is \$13.00 per member for the laser games. If you have questions please call to Chara Laureles SeePrint or Steve Stechshulte 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:**

June Henderson was in the hospital as a result of a fall this past week. Cards may be sent to 1150 Babcock Rd. #M-7 San Antonio 78SeePrint.

Our church will be sponsoring a grief group for our members who have lost loved ones and who feel that a group experience could help the healing process. Marianne Ross, a psychotherapist and member of our church, will be the facilitator, and the group will have its first meeting at our church on Sunday, Nov. 11th. The group will meet each Sunday from 12:30-1:30 (or later) through Sunday, Dec. 16th, or longer if needed. This will be an open group, meaning that participants do not have to attend all the meetings but may come whenever they wish. Please call Marianne at SeePrint by Thursday, Nov. 8th, if you're interested in attending or if you have questions.

## **SHARE THE PLATE:**

Dorothy Wallace (Membership Co-Chair) will facilitate a **Forum** about the Fisher House Program at **9:30 AM Sunday, November 4** in the **Jefferson Building**. Learn about what the Fisher House Foundation (<http://www.fisherhouse.org>) does and how you can support it. Fisher House Foundation is our November 11th Share the Plate recipient in honor of Veteran's Day

## **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. 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 – [jemel@sbcglobalUU.net](mailto:jemel@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:**

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

**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**

## **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.

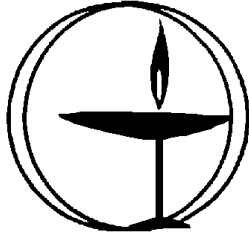
**HOW TO JOIN:** Ask for a membership application from the Greeters table. Leave the completed form with a Greeter, or mail it to the office.

**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