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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

**WORSHIP ASSOCIATE:**

**WELCOMER:** David Rodriguez

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 173

**PLAYGROUND MONITORS:** Aloise Miller, Stacy Barnwell, James Chenault, Steve Stechschulte

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 11/04** – 9:30a **Forum on the Fisher House Foundation** in the Jefferson Bldg.; Religious Explorations in the Thoreau; **RE Family Worship** in the Fellowship Hall; Spiritual Seekers in the Sanctuary classroom; 11:00a **Worship – Poetry Sunday**; ; 11:00a – 2:00p OWL K-1 in the Jefferson Bldg.; OWL in the Thoreau; **FUUnd Lunch; Sun, Nov. 4, 12:30 pm Meet Mary Njoroge**, Director of Basic Education, Kenyan Ministry of Education, **Sophia Fahs Room** (Longfellow 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 – 8:15p Buddhist Study Group in the Sanctuary classroom; UU Philosophy Class in the Thoreau bldg.

**MONDAY 11/05** – 7:45a – 3:45p Versacom LLC in the Jefferson bldg.; 7:00p Insight Meditation Group in the Jefferson;

**TUESDAY 11/06**– 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 11/07**– 7:45a – 3:45p Versacom LLC in the Jefferson Bldg.; 9:00a – 2:00p Quilting in the library; 10:00a – 1:00p Minister's Cluster Meeting in the Fellowship Hall; 2:30p – 6:00p Piano lesson by Dana in the Fellowship Hall; Guitar lessons by Kevin in the library; 7:00p – 9:00p Worship Committee meeting in the Minister's office; **Special Council & Board meeting in the Fellowship Hall.** .

**THURSDAY 11/08** – 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;

**FRIDAY 11/09** – 7:45a – 3:45p Versacom LLC in the Jefferson Bldg.; Library and kitchen reserved for a Circle Dinner. **Circle Dinners off campus**

**SATURDAY 11/10** – 8:00a – 1:00p Beth Am in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen & library; 8:30a – 12:00n Grounds workday all campus outside. **Circle Dinners off campus.**

**SUNDAY 11/11** – 9:30a Religious Explorations in the Fellowship Hall, Spiritual Seekers in the Sanctuary classroom; Parenting Trilogy in the Mary Shelley room; 11:00a **Worship- Veterans Day** 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; UU Support Group meeting in the Jefferson Bldg.; Social Action committee meeting in the office conference room; 3:00p – 7:00p SAI Group in the Jefferson; 4:00p – 7:00p Spirit of Peace Church in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen & library; **Circle 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

**CHILDRENS CHOIR PRACTICE** starting at 12:30p in the Sanctuary, **Sunday, Nov. 4th.**

**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).

**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](mailto:markackerman@141UU.com)

**YOUNG ADULTS** This **TUESDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2007** is DINNER NIGHT. Sam suggested COOL CAFE . While eating we will continue our discussion on Small Group Ministry and Covenants. So, let's meet at the church. Then at 715pm we'll head on over to COOL CAFÉ. If you'd like to head their directly, COOL CAFE is located at 12651 Vance Jackson, #108. . As always, let me know via email or any other way if you would like YA to pay for your dinner. 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](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.

## **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. To contribute to the drive, please bring non-perishable donations throughout November and place them in the boxes in the Sanctuary and library. 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) or Elizabeth Holbrook at [elizabeth.holbrook@nisdUU.net](mailto:elizabeth.holbrook@nisdUU.net).

**GREETING GUESTS WITH CHILDREN** Our YRE 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).

**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.

Do you have a youth aged 11-14? A **middle school retreat** will be held for these youth on **Friday, November 30th from 7:00pm -12:00** midnight, as the first event of a year-long "coming of age" program. The program focuses on bridging new students into the middle school group and helping them bond, strengthening youth's UU identity, jump-starting their individual spiritual journeys, learning to apply one's values to life, and communicating to the youth that our faith community acknowledges their new stage of development and supports them in the search for truth. Other aspects of the program include monthly re-visitation of spiritual questions, meeting with the minister, and a church service ceremony. **For more info, or to reserve a spot for your youth**, please contact Aloise Miller at [amiller97@satx.rrUU.com](mailto:amiller97@satx.rrUU.com), or Melanie Constantinides @ [melanieC@mailhavenUU.com](mailto:melanieC@mailhavenUU.com). Or call SeePrint (Aloise) or SeePrint (Melanie).

## **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:**

**Woody Tuck** will be going into the hospital this Monday for hernia repair surgery. Jane and Woody's two sons from Austin will be with her, so she'll have great company while waiting. Woody will spend the night and then be released on Tuesday. Cards can be sent to 139 Waxwood Ln., San Antonio 78216.

**June Henderson** was recently in the hospital as the result of a fall in her home, but she was released this past Thursday and is now at Morningside Manor where she'll begin physical therapy on Monday. Another of our members, Mary Shug, resides at Morningside Manor and would love a visit if you are planning to go see June. The address is 602 Babcock Rd., San Antonio 78201.

And, speaking of visiting, here's an update on **Charlie Graham**, who is now living in a private home with five other people. Woody and Jane Tuck report that he loves visitors AND cookies and also that he is doing well. Please call first if you plan to go see Charlie. The telephone # is SeePrint, and the address is 202 Shalimar Dr., Castle Hills 78213.

**Peggy Lippert** will have spinal surgery at Methodist Ambulatory Surgery Hospital, 9150 Huebner Road, on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Two or three days after surgery, she will be transferred to Warm Springs Rehabilitation, 5101 Medical Drive, SeePrint for a stay of two or three weeks. Please call the church office for Peggy's progress. She will not be driving for 4 to 6 weeks after surgery.

Also, a grief group is in the initial stages of being formed and will begin on **Sunday, Nov. 11th, from 12:30-1:30** (or later); this group will meet at the church each Sunday until Dec. 16th (longer if needed). This group is 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 for this group. She wants people to know that 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.

*I want to thank everyone who sent cards, made phone calls and talked to me in person concerning my grandson's tragic death. What a great help this has been for me. I will remember forever your great love and thoughtfulness. Gloria Metcalf*

## **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

## **SOCIAL ACTION:**

**Following the Nov. 4 worship service**, there will be an informal conversation with **Mary Njoroge**, Director of Basic Education, Kenyan Ministry of Education, in the **Sophia Fahs Room** (Longfellow building). Ms. Njoroge's visit to San Antonio is coordinated by RESULTS ([www.results.org](http://www.results.org)), an organization that works to create the public and political will to end hunger and the worst aspects of poverty. Sr. Sylvia Schmidt, the local RESULTS contact, will accompany Ms. Njoroge. More information about RESULTS and this visit can be found at [http://home.austin.rrUU.com/resultstexas/San\\_Antonio\\_Global.htm](http://home.austin.rrUU.com/resultstexas/San_Antonio_Global.htm)

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

**Welcome Guests!** 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.