
ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAYS USHERS ARE: Jan Realini, Captain: Olivia Eisenhauer, Cheryl Phillips, Sylvia Wheeler

GREETERS: Betsy Kropp, Rowena Rodgers, Debbie Curtis, Pat Cummins

WORSHIP ASSOCIATE: Luci Zigmund-Golla

WELCOMER: Dorothy Wallace

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 212

PLAYGROUND MONITORS: Chara Laureles, Melanie Constantinides, Catherine Von Dohlen, David Rodriguez

UPCOMING SERMONS: 11/11 - *Pulling Wallpaper*; 11/18 - *We Give Thanks!* 11/25 - *Hospitably Yours*

This morning's flowers are given in loving memory of **Alice Douglas** by her buddy **Stanna Welch**. Alice would have been eighty years old today.

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 11/11– 9:30a Religious Explorations in the Fellowship Hall, Spiritual Seekers in the Sanctuary classroom; 11:00a **Worship** – *Pulling Wallpaper* by Rev. Bret Lortie; 11:00a – 2:00p OWL K-1 in the Jefferson Bldg.; 12:30p UU Support Group in the Jefferson; YRE Council in the Thoreau; Social Action Committee meeting in the office conference room; 4:00p – 7:00p Spirit of Peace in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen & library; Circle Dinner off campus.

MONDAY 11/12– 7:00p Insight Meditation Group in the Jefferson;

TUESDAY 11/13– 7:00p Codependents Anonymous in the Jefferson Bldg; CRONES meeting in the Sophia Fahs room; **No Young Adults meeting tonight**; Covenant Group Facilitators meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

WEDNESDAY 11/14– 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; **First UU Council meeting in the library.**

THURSDAY 11/15 – 12n Senior LUUnch in the library; 7:00p – 9:00p Faith & Reason Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. 7:00p - 8:15p Choir practice in the Sanctuary;

FRIDAY 11/16 – 2:00p – 6:00p CASA rehearsal in the Sanctuary; 7:00p – 10:30p Walden Coffeehouse in the Fellowship Hall.

SATURDAY 11/17 – 8:00a – 1:00p Beth Am in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen & library; 10:00a – 4:00p CASA Rehearsal in the Sanctuary; 6:00p – 10:00p New UU Potluck Dinner in the Fellowship Hall; 7:00p – 9:00p Celestial Celebration Circle in the Jefferson & playground.

SUNDAY 11/18 – 9:30a Religious Explorations in the Fellowship Hall, Spiritual Seekers in the Sanctuary classroom; Parenting Trilogy in the Mary Shelley room; 11:00a **Worship- *We Give Thanks*** by Rev. Bret Lortie; 11:00a – 2:00p OWL K-1 in the Jefferson Bldg; OWL in the Thoreau; **FUUnd Lunch**; 12:30p UU Support Group meeting in the Jefferson Bldg. **4:00p CASA Concert in the Sanctuary**; 4:00p – 7:00p Spirit of Peace Church in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen & library; 6:30p – 8:00p UU Philosophy class meeting 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!

NEW UU POTLUCK!!!! 17 November 2007 @ 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. This is a potluck that the membership committee is going to sponsor every quarter, in addition to our New UU Orientations. It is meant for *frequent visitors, new members from the last year and all others* who are interested in having an informal opportunity to meet with the minister and mingle with *established members* (also invited, who want to meet prospective new members!). Just bring a main course, salad or desert. Iced tea and wine will be provided. RSVP to Dorothy Wallace at SeePrint or by email at lee20@flashUU.net no later than 15 November. Let's start a new First UU tradition!

CONCERT -Our Congregation and friends are cordially invited to attend the annual Fall Concert of Music by members of the Composers' Alliance of San Antonio next **Sunday, November 18th, at 4 PM**. Included will be a new work for piano and percussion of our own William James Ross (Bill) as well as works by other CASA members Timothy Kramer, Misook Kim, Juan Luis de Pablo Enriquez Rohen, Ken Metz, and Charles Goodhue. All works are performed by San Antonio musicians, including Sherry Rubins, Geoffrey Waite, S. Beth May, Graeme Francis, and Mark Twehues. Bill will play the piano part on his piece. A donation of \$15 (\$10 for seniors and \$5 for students) is suggested to help pay the expenses of the concert.

NEW UU - Our next New UU Orientation Class will be **Tuesday, November 27** from 7:00-9:00 pm. in the Fellowship Hall. The New UU class is for anyone who wants to learn more about our church, either for "intellectual curiosity" or to fulfill the requirement for membership. All are welcome. Sign up sheets are on the greeters' table in the sanctuary foyer. Childcare is available upon request. Hope you can join us! Contact Shannon Hawkins for information Shannon7@satx.rrUU.com or SeePrint.

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.

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 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. 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 - there will be **no Young Adults meeting this Tuesday, November 13th**. However, stay tuned for our next meeting on Tuesday, **November 20** where we will continue to discuss our covenant with each other. The Young Adult group meets the first and third Tuesday evenings at the church at 7pm-ish in the Library in Fellowship Hall. For more information, email Steve at feinstei@swbellUU.net or visit us at 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.

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.

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@sbglobalUU.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:

STONE SOUP FOR OUR COMMUNITY The Youth Religious Education Council is hosting the lunch after church next week on November 18th. *All proceeds will benefit the Food Bank. The Food Bank can turn each dollar into 7 meals for hungry people in our community.* We raised \$625 last year and would love to raise even more this year. The YRE Council and volunteers are providing a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with vegetarian options, and First UU kids are bringing the desserts. All you need to bring are your appetites and your generosity. Sunday lunches are also a wonderful time for fellowship, so even if you're unable to contribute, please join us!

SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT Our Youth Religious Education (YRE) kids are holding 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, library and Jefferson Building. If you prefer to donate money, look for the decorated coffee cans near the boxes. For more information, contact Chara Laureles at cbookerlaureles@sbglobalUU.net or Elizabeth Holbrook at elizabeth.holbrook@nisdUU.net.

NURSERY -- *WE REALLY, REALLY, REALLY* want to hire two more child care workers. *If you know someone who is skilled and experienced at caring for infants through pre-school, 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@sbglobalUU.net.* We would prefer to hire non-members, so that all members will be able to attend our social events and business meetings.

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.

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.

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!

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, or Melanie Constantinides @ melanieC@mailhavenUU.com. Or call SeePrint (Aloise) or SeePrint (Melanie).

YRUU - Beginning **November 11**, high school RE will be held on the **2nd and 3rd Sundays** of each month at 12:30 in the Wade Richmond room. All high school students are welcome. We expect to finish RE around 1:30. There will also be a meeting for YRUU (our high school youth group) immediately following high school RE. We expect to finish the meeting about the same time YRUU would normally end. Youth may of course attend RE without also staying for the YRUU meeting.

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, available in the sanctuary foyer, or the church office. This form of monthly payment offers you one less thing to worry about.

MEMBER CARE:

Miss Peggy (Lippert) was transferred to Warm Springs Rehabilitation. That address is 5101 Medical Drive, SA 78229 if you'd like to send her a card. Pam Kirk or Peggy's daughter, Jenny, are with Peggy each day. Pam writes that **Peggy should not have visitors or phone calls at this time.** Notes and cards to her at Warm Springs are welcome. Pam will continue to keep us informed concerning Peggy.

Jean Graham is home and recovering nicely after having a pacemaker implanted this past Friday. She says that she has lots of help and is doing fine. Cards may be sent to: 116 Bluet Lane, SA 78231.

Charlie Graham will be celebrating **85 years** of a wonderful life this coming **Tuesday, Nov. 13th.** Let's inundate him with cards! And remember...he LOVES sweets! Charlie is living in a private home, and that address is 202 Shalimar Dr., Castle Hills 78213. Please call first before you go see Charlie; the phone # is SeePrint.

June Henderson is very glad to be home again. She's not able to drive yet, so if you're a person who could provide some transportation, please call her at SeePrint.

Visitation Monday will be Monday, Nov. 19th. We'll meet in the church library at 9:30 and go to visit at 10:00. We'd love for you to join us!

And, just a reminder that **Marianne Ross** will be facilitating a **grief group** which will begin this coming Sunday afternoon, Nov. 11th, from 12:30-1:30 in the Jefferson bldg. Please call Marianne at SeePrint if you're planning to attend. This is an open group, meaning that participants do not have to attend all the meetings but may come whenever they wish; the group will meet each Sunday through Dec. 16th and longer, if needed.

SHARE THE PLATE:

In honor of veterans and Veteran's Day, today's SHARE THE PLATE recipient is **Fisher House.** Our guest from Fisher House today is Inge Godfrey, House Manager for the four Fisher Houses at BAMC. Checks can be made out to either: Fisher House BAMC or Fisher House Wilford Hall. Undesignated cash will go to the BAMC Fisher House. We will also accept HEB Scrip or WALMART or other gift cards, as discussed in last week's FORUM. Inge and Dorothy Wallace, our church representative for Fisher House, will also be available after the service on the patio for any additional Q&A about Fisher House.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

THANKSGIVING: Come join us for a potluck Thanksgiving dinner at the church, November 22, 1230 p.m. This is an annual tradition enjoyed by all. Reservations are not absolutely necessary but it is helpful to know how many we can expect and ensure we have the basics (Turkey, cranberries, pumpkin pie, mashed potatoes) available. There will be sign up sheets in the foyer, on the patio and the bulletin board. You can also e-mail David Rodriguez at drodz1969@yahooUU.com or call Arlis Olson SeePrint arlisolson@attUU.net

SOCIAL ACTION:

The Social Action Committee will meet at 12:30 PM in the office conference room on **Sunday, November 11.** Contact Diane Duesterhoeft, dduesterhoeft@gmailUU.com or 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. 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:

Colores del Pueblo returns to First UU on **Sun., Nov. 25** and will be available on the patio before and after the worship service. Their fair-trade items help promote a more socially and economically just trading system, and are popular holiday gifts. See <http://www.coloresdelpueblo.org/> for examples of items they sell. 10% of sales benefit First UU.

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.

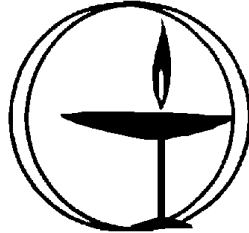
HOW TO JOIN: Ask for a membership application from the Greeters table. Leave the completed form with a Greeter, or mail it to the office.

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.



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