
ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAYS USHERS ARE: Peter Myers, Captain; Marguerite Myers, Jim Dauchy, Rowena Rodgers
GREETERS: Dorothy Wallace, Kathy Sheridan, Sam Emerson
WORSHIP ASSOCIATE: Shannon Hawkins
WELCOMER: Shannon Hawkins
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:181
PLAYGROUND MONITORS: Honor Phillips, Richard Rathman, Becca Smith, Rick Sutter
UPCOMING SERMONS: 11/18 - *We Give Thanks!* 11/25 -*Hospitably Yours*

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 11/18– 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; OWL in the Thoreau; **FUUnd lunch**; 12:30p UU Support Group in the Jefferson; ; **4:00p CASA Concert in the Sanctuary**; 4:00p – 7:00p Spirit of Peace in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen & library; UU Philosophy Class in the Thoreau.

MONDAY 11/19– 6:00p Texas Gems Tupperware; 7:00p Insight Meditation Group in the Jefferson,.

TUESDAY 11/20– 7:00p Codependents Anonymous in the Jefferson Bldg.; Young Adults meeting in the library.

WEDNESDAY 11/21– 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; Committee on Ministry meeting in the minister's office.

THURSDAY 11/22 – **Office closed – Happy Thanksgiving!** 2:00p – 4:00p First UU Thanksgiving Dinner in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen, library.

FRIDAY 11/23 –

SATURDAY 11/24 – 8:00a – 1:00p Beth Am in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen & library;

SUNDAY 11/25 – 9:30a Religious Explorations in the Fellowship Hall, Spiritual Seekers in the Sanctuary classroom; 11:00a **Worship-*Hospitably Yours*** by Rev. Bret Lortie; 11:00a – 2:00p OWL K-1 in the Jefferson Bldg; 12:30p UU Support Group in the Jefferson; 4:00p – 7:00p Spirit of Peace Church in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen & library.

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

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.

Interweave, for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and their allies, will go for lunch after the worship service **Sunday, November 25**. Meet in the sanctuary classroom on the left just before exit and we'll decide where to go

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.

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

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.

COMMUNITY LUNCHESES are starting in January! The **FIRST SUNDAY OF** every other month will be a **Potluck lunch**. Please bring a dish to share. This is a time for **church community**. No fundraising!

FUUnd Lunches are the THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH. To schedule a **FUUnd Lunch** for your church committee, contact **Julie Lusk at the church office.**

Emerson Bookshop has started an inventory reduction book sale. All books other than hymnals are now \$10 or less. The bookshop also has full size fair trade organic chocolate bars, UU flaming chalice window decals, designer coloring books, and more new t-shirts with a variety of designs. We expect to soon have UUSC holiday cards. The bookshop is open 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 -TUESDAY NOV. 20, 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. About

a month ago, we began the discussion about what we learned at the training, and how and why to create a covenant. What we plan to do is continue to share that knowledge and discuss 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 or visit us at http://www.myspaceUU.com/youngadults_sa

FAITH & REASON FELLOWSHIP: Meets on **Thursday**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall For more information contact Jim Chesnut at SeePrint or jim @ chesnutproductionsUU, com.. **Will not be meeting Nov. 22nd. Happy Thanksgiving**

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". 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.

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](mailto: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](mailto:cbookerlaureles@sbglobalUU.net) or Elizabeth Holbrook at [elizabeth.holbrook@nisdUU, net](mailto: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](mailto: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.](mailto: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!

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).

YRUU -, 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:

Peggy Lippert is staying busy at Warm Springs Rehab with lots of occupational and physical therapy, which really wears her out, but...she's coming along well in her recovery. If you'd like to give her a quick phone call between 2:00 and 5:30, that would be fine. Her room phone there is SeePrint; cards may be sent to 5101 Medical Drive, SA 78229. She's in room # 332, bed 2.

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, 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:

Thank you so very much to those who so generously contributed cash, checks, and gift cards to our Share the Plate recipient at the November 11 worship service! \$1,369.96 was raised for the local Fisher Houses (www.fisherhouse.org). Thank you!

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.rUU.com. Welcome Dave Stafford and thank you for volunteering!

THE LARGER COMMUNITY:

TELLABRATION 2008-San Antonio Storytellers present the Annual Tellabration, Saturday evening, 11/17 7:00 p.m. at CUUC Sanctuary - 4818 E Beverly Mae Dr., Storytellers will weave their tales and spin their craft ... Thrill to Mark Babino, Mary Ann Blue, *Elizabeth Ellis, Jane McDaniel, Joe "Doc" Moore, Elder Stone, Judy Dockery Young, and Richard Young* as well as CUUCs own members *Veronica Gard & Mary Grace Ketner* as they amuse and enthrall you. \$7.50 per person There will also be a storytellers workshop on Sunday 11/18 from 1:30-4PM at CUUC. Call Mary Grace Ketner or e-mail her for more information. mgsteller@yahooUU.com or (210) SeePrint

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.

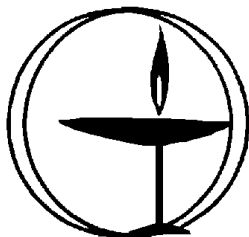
HOW TO JOIN: Ask for a membership application from the Greeters table. Leave the completed form with a Greeter, or mail it to the office.

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