
ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAYS USHERS ARE: Jim Brown, Captain; Bettie Ward, Jan Realini, Debra Budd

GREETERS: YRUU, Donna Harrison

WORSHIP ASSOCIATE:

WELCOMER:

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 208

PLAYGROUND MONITORS: Jessie Allen

UPCOMING SERMONS:

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 11/25– 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–12:00p OWL K-1 in the Jefferson Bldg; 12:30p UU Bereavement Support Group in the Jefferson; 2:00p–4:00p Youth Adult Council meeting in the office conference room; 4:00p–7:00p Spirit of Peace Church in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen & library.

MONDAY 11/26– \7:00p Insight Meditation Group in the Jefferson;.

TUESDAY 11/27– 7:00p Codependents Anonymous in the Jefferson Bldg.; Young Adults meeting in the library; CRONES in the Sophia Fahs room; New UU Orientation Part 1 in the Fellowship Hall.

WEDNESDAY 11/28– 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; **6:45p–9:00p First UU Board meeting** in the office conference room; Committee on Ministry meeting in the minister's office.

THURSDAY 11/29– **12:00n** Senior LUUnch in the library; 7:00p–9:00p Faith & Reason Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall, Choir practice in the sanctuary followed by fellowship in the library.

FRIDAY 11/30– 6:00p–9:00p Beth Am in the Jefferson Bldg.; 7:00p–12:00a Middle School Retreat in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen, library.

SATURDAY 12//01– 8:00a–1:00p Beth Am in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen & library;

SUNDAY 12/02– 9:30a **Forum**– Under the Bridge in the Jefferson Bldg.; Religious Explorations in the Thoreau Bldg., Spiritual Seekers in the Sanctuary classroom; Family Worship in the Fellowship Hall; 11:00a **Worship- Sermon** by Rev. Bret Lortie; 11:00a–12:00p OWL K1 in the Jefferson; 11:00a–2:00p OWL in the Thoreau Bldg; **FUUnd lunch**; 12:30p-1:00p UU Bereavement Support Group in the Jefferson Bldg (small classroom); 12:30p–2:00p New UU Orientation in the Jefferson Bldg.; 12:30p–2:00p YRE Council in the Mary Shelley room; Social Action committee meeting in the office conference room; Stewardship Campaign debriefing in the Sophia Fahs room; 4:00p–7:00p Spirit of Peace Church in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen & library; 6:30p–8:00p UU Philosophy class in the Thoreau; 6:30p–8:15p Buddhist Study Group in the sanctuary classroom.

AROUND THE CHURCH:

The **Music for Life concert** and dialog, co-sponsored by 19 San Antonio organizations, featuring **Sara Hickman** (<http://www.sarahickmanUU.com/>) and **Shelley King**--the **2008 Official Texas State Musician**--and benefiting the **Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty** (<http://www.tcadp.org/>), will be held in San Antonio on **Saturday, December 8, 2007** beginning at **7 PM** in the **sanctuary** at First Unitarian Universalist Church. Speakers will include **Joan Cheever**, **Sam Millsap**, and **Roger Barnes**. Tickets are \$10 for Adults and \$5 for Students and will be sold on the patio Nov. 25 and Dec. 2. Contact: Debbie Curtis, debbiecurtis@satx.rrUU.com or SeePrint or Julie Lusk, fuucs@sbglobalUU.net or SeePrint.

The December Semiannual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, December 9th, 2007 at 12:35 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to approve our 2008 Congregational Budget. Please contact Allan Kropp (akropp@macUU.com or SeePrint) if you wish to receive the eight page version of the Budget or if you have any questions about the 2008 Budget.

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 - 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.

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.

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.

New UUSC holiday cards have arrived at our Emerson Bookshop. Your purchase supports our Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's work for human rights worldwide. \$12/package of 10

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 **Not meeting on November 25. Next meeting on Dec. 2 in the Thoreau Bldg.**

YOUNG ADULTS - 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: Please join us Thursday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for our monthly worship service. The sermon is entitled "The Grinch Who Caused Christmas." 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 MEETS THE 1ST AND 3RD SUNDAY EVENINGS OF EACH MONTH from 6:45 to 8:00 p.m. in the Thoreau Bldg. We are continuing our research into 'happiness' by studying Daniel Gilbert's book, "Stumbling on Happiness". We will only meet the 1st Sunday in December, but will pickup again meeting twice per month beginning the 1st Sunday in January 2008. 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 minister's office. 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:

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:

The **Week of Caroling** has been set, and we already have some places to visit! **Sunday, Dec. 2nd**, we'll carpool first to sing at the **Trinity Mission of Comfort at 2:00** where **George Pankratz** is a resident. After that, we'll be singing to **Betty Arsers and other residents at the Town & Country Nursing Home in Boerne**. Other confirmations so far include visiting the homes of **Jane Hernandez at 7:00** and **Carmen Schmalhorst at 8:00 on the evening of Monday, Dec. 3rd**. We'll finish out the week at the home of **Don and Doris Norton the evening of Friday, Dec. 7th, at 7:15**. We're still in the scheduling process and are planning to go out each evening of that week. A BIG THANKS to Sandy Barnwell for helping organize us this year! If you have questions, please contact either Sandy at fireflyswb@sbcglobalUU.net or Stanna at nanastanna@aolUU.com. Please mark your calendars and plan to join in the fun!

Please know that our dear "**Miss Peggy**" **Lippert** is continuing to improve. Her daughter, **Dorothy**, was here recently from Washington, D.C., and her son **David** will be arriving this week. **Pam Kirk** is keeping us updated, and there will be an official announcement soon concerning her progress. Please do know that when she returns home, she won't be able to drive for six weeks; also we'll want to keep her supplied with good salads and soups (her favorite foods). We've all wanted to go visit her at Warm Springs Rehabilitation (or Resort, as she says!), but her energy is pretty zapped by the time she goes through all the therapy each day. Calls and cards are definitely appreciated.

And, just a reminder that **Marianne Ross** will be facilitating a **bereavement support group** 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:

Learn about our **December Share the Plate** recipient, the **Under the Bridge** (www.underthebridgesa.org) program at the **9:30 AM Forum** presentation on **Sunday, December 2** in the **Jefferson Building**. For additional information, contact Bill Holler at billholler@satx.rrUU.com or SeePrint.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

Circle Dinners: If you haven't signed up yet, but would like to participate for the rest of the year, now is the time! Circle Dinners will begin again in January (2nd weekend of the month, Friday, Saturday or Sunday – host preference) and continue through May unless other church priorities preclude. Circle Dinners is a round robin group where participants get together in people's homes (usually) for dinner once a month. The host normally provides the main dish and the guest the accompaniments. For those who do not have room in their home, the church library is usually available and works well. You can also sign up as a substitute, in which case you will only be called when a regular participant cannot attend. Volunteer hosts for January would be appreciated. When you agree to host, you will be given a list of names and contact information for your dinner. **This is a great way to get acquainted!** Contact Susanne Rupp, sbrupp@hughesUU.net or Arlis Olson, arlisolson@attUU.net SeePrint..

SOCIAL ACTION:

The **Social Action Committee** will meet at **12:30 PM** in the **office conference room** on **Sunday, December 2**.. 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:

Save the Date: **Monday, January 21, 2008** -MLK March Join thousands of San Antonio families from many faiths, including ours, as we march to celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his legacy of nonviolent justice. There will be more details later, but please consider joining us at this "family friendly" event, Questions? Contact Robin Gara at robinboyle@earthlinkUU.net or SeePrint.

KITCHEN:

Eva Gonzalez wants to resign 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! 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.

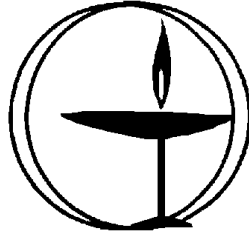
HOW TO JOIN: Ask for a membership application from the Greeters table. Leave the completed form with a Greeter, or mail it to the office.

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