
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

GREETERS: Betsy Kropp, Debbie Curtis, Pat Cummins

WORSHIP ASSOCIATE: David Rodriguez

WELCOMER: Rev. Bret Lortie

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 258

PLAYGROUND MONITORS: Debra Loya, Theresa Addington, Akos & Melanie Constantinides,

SUNDAY MORNING SEXTON: Loyce Jurney

SOUND TECHNICIAN: Bill Pridgen

UPCOMING SERMONS: 12/16 *Our Second-Century "Origin"*; 12/23 *The "No Rehearsal" Christmas Pageant*; 12/24 Christmas Eve candlelight service

The flowers this morning are in loving memory of Jerry Lusk.

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 12/09— 9:30a -10:30a Religious Explorations in the Fellowship Hall; Spiritual Seekers in the Sanctuary classroom; Parenting Trilogy in the Mary Shelley room; 11:00a **Worship- *Heroes of Imperfection*** by Aaron White, intern minister; 11:00a – 12:00p OWL K1 in the Jefferson; **Congregational meeting in the Fellowship Hall**; 4:00p – 7:00p Spirit of Peace Church in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen & library.

MONDAY 12/10— 7:00p Insight Meditation Group in the Jefferson;

TUESDAY 12/11—7:00p Codependents Anonymous in the Jefferson Bldg.; Covenant Group Facilitator's meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

WEDNESDAY 12/12— 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 12/13— 7:00p – 9:00p Faith & Reason Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall, Choir practice in the sanctuary followed by fellowship in the library.

FRIDAY 12/14— 7:00p Cops/Metro Alliance Party in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen, library.

SATURDAY 12/15— 8:00a – 1:00p Beth Am in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen & library; **YRUU Clayton's Backyard Crew** in the Parking lot; 5:00p – 10:00p **First UU Winter Holiday Party** in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen, library; 7:00p - 9:00p Celestial Celebration Circle in the Jefferson and playground.

SUNDAY 12/16— 9:30a -10:30a Religious Explorations in the Fellowship Hall; Spiritual Seekers in the Sanctuary classroom; Parenting Trilogy in the Mary Shelley room; 11:00a **Worship- *Our Second Century Origin*** by Rev. Bret Lortie; **New Member Recognition Sunday**; 11:00a – 2:00p OWL in the Thoreau; **FUUnd Lunch**; 12:30p -1:00p UU Bereavement Support Group in the Jefferson bldg; Stewardship Campaign debriefing in the office conference room; 4:00p – 7:00p Spirit of Peace Church in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen & library.

AROUND THE CHURCH:

The December Semiannual Congregational Meeting will be held after the service today, **December 9th** at 12:35 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to approve our 2008 Congregational Budget. Pizza by the slice will be available in the library.

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

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.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Sheri Phyllabaum as our new Director of Lifespan Religious Education. Sheri has been the part-time DRE at the UU Church of Corpus Christi since 2001. Prior to that she served for a shorter time as DRE of the UU Church of Tampa. Sheri has a BA in Religious Studies and a PhD in English Literature. She previously taught at the college level as an instructor and visiting professor, so she is also experienced in working with adult learners. She also has extensive experience in the theatre and playwriting. Sheri and her husband are looking forward to moving closer to the Hill Country, which they have frequently visited over the past decade. They have two sons. The oldest is a senior in high school, and the other is 8 years old. In order not to disrupt her oldest son's senior year, Sheri will begin her DLRE duties part-time in January and then transition to full-time later in the Spring.

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 **Next meeting on Dec. 2 in the Thoreau Bldg.**

YOUNG ADULTS - meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 12/18 and will be a holiday party at Steve's house. YA will provide the pizza, Nicole will provide Trivial Pursuit, and you can provide any side, salad or dessert that you wish. Please RSVP to Steve at feinstei@swbellUU.net if you are planning to attend (so he can order the right amount of pizza) and so he can send you directions. See you there.

FAITH & REASON FELLOWSHIP: Please join us this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall as we study and discuss themes in the Qur'an and sayings of the Prophet Muhammad. 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 & 3rd SUNDAY** 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 **6:45p - 8:45p** 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.

Honor a loved one and help fill the pews with *Singing the Journey*—our hymnal supplement! A few years ago individuals began contributing copies of our turquoise hymnal supplement, *Singing the Journey*, to our sanctuary's pew holders. However, we need more. Won't you consider contributing a copy of *Singing the Journey* to the sanctuary? They are available for purchase at our Emerson Bookshop in the sanctuary classroom for \$16 each. A form is available to have a bookplate added where you can honor or memorialize loved ones.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

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.

YRUU - High school RE is 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.

If you are interested in donating towards the purchase of bikes for **Clayton's Backyard Crew**, please see the high school youth group (YRUU) members on the patio after church. YRUU will meet at 12:30 in the Wade Richmond room -- all high school aged youth are welcome

MEMBER CARE:

This past Tuesday, **Bill Christ** had minor knee surgery due to a tennis injury. Bill's doing great and planning to be at church today.

Judy McMillan will be having a complete thyroid removal this Tuesday, Dec. 11th. She'll be dismissed from the hospital within twenty-four hours and will then have a week or two at home resting. No visitors, please, but cards would be appreciated at: 103 Misty Trail, Boerne 78006.

Peggy Lippert is recovering nicely but is pretty much stuck at home since she can't drive for another month. If you have any free time, a ride would be greatly appreciated...even if it's just around the corner! Also, soups or salads are always a treat. Please call before you visit since she is still involved with a physical therapy regime. Cards are always welcome at: 10719 Burr Oak Dr. 78230.

Marianne Ross is continuing to facilitate a **grief group** every Sunday until Dec. 16th (longer, if necessary) in the Jefferson Bldg. from 12:30-1:30. This is an open group, meaning that participants do not have to attend all the meetings but may come whenever they wish. **Not meeting on Dec. 9th.**

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

First UU Winter Holiday Party, Saturday, Dec. 15th—an intergenerational celebration of love and good will! Holiday food, holiday drink, and LOTS of great fun for ALL ages: crafts, games, music, and children's gift exchanges are just some of the many diverse activities taking place in the Fellowship Hall, library, and patio/courtyard area! Don't miss this annual CHURCH FAMILY celebration of winter holiday traditions. All attendees are asked to bring a holiday side dish or dessert. Attendees with children are asked to bring a wrapped gift appropriate for each of their own children's ages. Visitors welcome! Please respond (so that food amounts can be determined) to Chara Laureles at: cbookerlaureles@sbcglobalUU.net.

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.

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 – jmel@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:

U—U'nhurried Family Time in The Country: U-Bar-U December 26 – January 4 - The intergenerational kick-back and comfort zone for the whole person, whole life, and the whole family! Re-Create It and Do It Yourself - Come as who you are – Come when you can -- for the best old fashioned simple good times with families and friends. Games, music, hiking, puzzles & poker, campfires: s'mores, songs and storytelling, labyrinth, wildlife, cooking out, treehouse, bocce, biking and bookgroup. Every day is "nap/read/do-what-you-want/all you want" day. Led by world class UU kick-backers and veteran U-Bar-U'ers, Rita and Bil Cusak of Houston, TX. To register and ask questions, contact U-Bar-U director, Mike Schwab, at michael.lee.schwab@gmailUU.com or (c) 651-SeePrint or (office) 830-SeePrint. 277 U-Bar-U Drive, Ingram, TX 78025

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.

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.

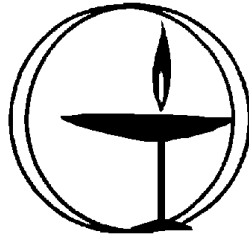
HOW TO JOIN: Ask for a membership application from the Greeters table. Leave the completed form with a Greeter, or mail it to the office.

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