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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**TODAYS USHERS ARE:** Peter Myers, Captain; Marguerite Myers, Jim Dauchy & Rowena Rodgers

**GREETERS:** Dorothy Wallace, Kathy Sheridan, Sam Emerson

**WORSHIP ASSOCIATE:** Maggi Joseph

**WELCOMER:** Olivia Eisenhauer

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 197

**PLAYGROUND MONITORS:** Honor Phillips, James Chenault, Richard Rathman, Rick Sutter

**SUNDAY MORNING SEXTON:** Loyce Jurney

**SOUND TECHNICIAN:** Bill Pridgen

**UPCOMING SERMONS:** 12/16 "Our Universalist Roots." 12/23 *The "No Rehearsal" Christmas Pageant*; 12/24 Christmas Eve candlelight service

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 12/16**— 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 Universalist Roots*** by Rev. Lortie; **New Member Recognition Sunday; FUUnd Lunch;** 11:00a – 2:00p OWL in the Thoreau; 12:30p -2:00p Stewardship Campaign debriefing in the office conference room; Bereavement Support group in the Sophia Fahs room; 4:00p – 7:00p Spirit of Peace Church in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen & library.

**MONDAY 12/17**— 7:00p Insight Meditation Group in the Jefferson; North Cluster of Churches Cop/Metro Alliance meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

**TUESDAY 12/18**—7:00p Codependents Anonymous in the Jefferson Bldg.; Young Adults in the library.

**WEDNESDAY 12/19**— 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.

**THURSDAY 12/20**— **12:00n** Senior LUUnch in the library; 7:00p – 9:00p Faith & Reason Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall,

**FRIDAY 12/21**— **6:00p -9:00p** Beth Am in the Fellowship Hall & library.

**SATURDAY 12/22**— 8:00a – 1:00p Beth Am in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen & library; **Deadline for Newsletter articles.**

**SUNDAY 12/23**— 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- *No Rehearsal Christmas Pageant*** by Rev. Lortie; 3:00p – 4:00p Hunt/Quinn Wedding rehearsal; 4:00p – 7:00p Spirit of Peace Church in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen & library.

**CANDLELIGHT SERVICE ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00 P.M.**

### AROUND THE CHURCH:

Beginning with the January 2008 issue, I will be editing and formatting the First UU Church monthly newsletter. The **deadline to submit** items for the **Jan 08** newsletter is **Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Please send me your announcements, stories, updates, etc. to [jaddington@satx.rrUU.com](mailto:jaddington@satx.rrUU.com). Call me with questions at 210-SeePrint.

**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](mailto:WJRoss@satx.rrUU.com). You'll be glad you did, and so will we!

**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.

**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 organic, fair trade stocking-stuffer chocolate bars in 6 varieties, \$2.50/bar or a case of 12 for \$25. UUSC holiday cards, UU jewelry and an assortment of UU-spirited t-shirts and stickers are still available. Other than hymnals, all books are still \$10 or less and make great gifts. Visit the bookshop in the sanctuary classroom after the church 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 [jaddington@satx.rrUU.com](mailto:jaddington@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 December 18, 2007 is PARTY NIGHT! And what is a party without food and games? So, Nicole has kindly agreed to bring Trivial Pursuit, and YA will pay for some PIZZA and sodas. YOU, if you are willing and able, can bring some other beverages and dessert(s). This meeting is at Steve's house, not at the church. The address is 3739 Colter Dr.; you can use your internet mapping site of choice to get directions from where you are coming from. If you get lost please call me at SeePrint and I will help you get to your destination. OR -- Don will be at the church to LEAVE at about 6:30pm. If you'd like to caravan from the church, meet him there. One more important thing -- in order for us to know how much pizza and soda to buy we must have your RSVP. So, if you are planning to attend PLEASE RSVP TO MY EMAIL ADDRESS. Thanks, hope to see a bunch of you there, and fun, fun, fun!!! The Young Adult group meets the first and third 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 Thursday, December 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for our annual Christmas

worship service. Andy Langham, a jazz pianist from Los Angeles will accompany Jim Chesnut who will sing and lead the group in some carols. Langham will also entertain during the subsequent fellowship time. Fletcher Pool will deliver the homily entitled *Christmas: A Remarkable Communion*. 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 **1<sup>ST</sup> & 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](mailto: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.

**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.

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:**

**NURSERY** -- *WE REALLY, REALLY, REALLY* want to hire one more child care worker. *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!

**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.

### **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:**

Our church family continues to grieve the loss of our beloved **June Henderson**, who passed away last week. A date has not yet been set for her memorial service.

**Judy McMillan's** complete thyroid removal this past week went very well, and she's recovering nicely at her home. Cards are appreciated at: 103 Misty Trail, Boerne 78006.

**Peggy Lippert** is continuing to improve from back surgery. Please call before visiting, and please know that Miss Peggy would love to go for a ride or have help with running errands since she can't drive for another three weeks. Soups and salads are delights to her! Cards are welcome at: 10719 Burr Oak Dr. 78230.

Thanks again to the eighteen **welcoming UU friends** and to the **forty-eight carolers** who participated in our **Week of Caroling**. What a special time for us all!

**Marianne Ross** is continuing to facilitate a **grief group** every Sunday until Dec. 16th (longer, if necessary) in the Sophia Fahs room 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.

### **SHARE THE PLATE:**

Thank you so very much to everyone who generously contributed to our Share the Plate recipient at the December 9 worship service! \$971.17 was raised for **Under the Bridge S.A.** ([www.underthebridgesa.org](http://www.underthebridgesa.org)) which feeds the needy. The money raised is scheduled to be presented to founder Ellen Ott, under the bridge, on December 16.

### **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: [chookerlaureles @ sbglobalUU, net](mailto:chookerlaureles@sbglobalUU.net). 6:00 P.M.

## **SOCIAL ACTION:**

**UNDER THE BRIDGE** welcomes donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste and toiletries in general to distribute to the homeless. Please bring items to the office and put in designated box located by the front door. Thank you.

## **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.

**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:**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:robinboyle@earthlinkUU.net) or SeePrint.

## **KITCHEN:**

Kitchen coordinator volunteer (s) needed beginning in January. For more information please call Eva at SeePrint or the church office at 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.*

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