
ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAYS USHERS ARE: Jim Brown, Captain, Bettie Ward, Jan Realini and Debra Budd.
GREETERS: Brian Lyttle and YRUU members: Brian Evans, Forrest Good and Graham Cook.
WORSHIP ASSOCIATE: Shannon Hawkins
WELCOMER: Jim Noel
PLAYGROUND MONITORS: Intergenerational Service
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 232
SUNDAY MORNING SEXTON: Loyce Jurney
SOUND TECHNICIAN: Bill Pridgen
UPCOMING SERMONS 12/23 *The "No Rehearsal" Christmas Pageant*; **12/24** Christmas Eve candlelight service

The flowers this morning are in honor of R. Gaston Scott's 90th birthday from his loving Hilda Scott.

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 12/23— 9:30a -10:30a Religious Explorations in the Fellowship Hall; Spiritual Seekers in the Sanctuary classroom; 11:00a **Worship- No Rehearsal Christmas Pageant** by Rev. Lortie; 12:30p Bereavement Support group in the Sophia Fahs room; 3:00p – 4:30p Hunt/Quinn Wedding rehearsal; 4:00p – 7:00p Spirit of Peace Church in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen & library.

MONDAY 12/24— 6:00p -7:30p CHRISTMAS EVE "Lessons and Carols" Candlelight Service

TUESDAY 12/25— OFFICE CLOSED

WEDNESDAY 12/26—OFFICE CLOSED 2:30p – 7:30p Hunt/Quinn Wedding in the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, kitchen, and library.

THURSDAY 12/27— OFFICE CLOSED - 7:00p – 9:00p Faith & Reason Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall,

FRIDAY 12/28—

SATURDAY 12/29— 8:00a – 1:00p Beth Am in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen & library;

SUNDAY 12/30— 9:30a -10:30a Religious Explorations in the Fellowship Hall; Spiritual Seekers in the Sanctuary classroom; 11:00a **Worship- Sermon** by Rev. Lortie; 11:00a – 2:00p OWL in the Thoreau; 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

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.rUU.com. You'll be glad you did, and so will we!

NOTED AUTHORS TO VISIT AND SPEAK AT FUUCSA. THE REV. MICHAEL DOWD and CONNIE BARLOW will be at the First Unitarian Universalist Church on January 27, 2008 to conduct the 11 a.m. Sunday Service and a 7 p.m. workshop on the marriage of science and religion. Connie Barlow (an acclaimed UU science writer), and Rev. Michael Dowd (an ordained minister and former pastor) are professional UU speakers and authors on topics related to science, religion, sustainability, and evolutionary spirituality. The forthcoming (Nov. 2007) book, by the Rev. Michel Dowd, "Thank God for Evolution!", <http://www.ThankGodforEvolutionUU.com> has been ENDORSED BY 5 NOBEL LAUREATES and 120 other science, religion, and cultural luminaries, including prominent UU ministers. Michael and Connie teach and preach "the marriage of science and religion for personal and planetary wellbeing" in churches and living rooms as well as in public and private schools across North America.

Come hear Reverend Michael Dowd share a gospel that's billions of years old and find out why Americans everywhere are engaging in a life-changing new conversation about Creation. See for yourself why Nobel Prize winning scientists and religious leaders across the spectrum are lining up to praise his bold new book that builds bridges, provides guidance, and restores realistic hope for people of any religion or belief system.

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 will have all its non-UU shirts reduced to \$10 this Sunday! Our bookshop will also have fair trade organic hot cocoa mix, stocking stuffer chocolate bars, coffees and teas. All non-hymnal books are \$10 and under. The bookshop is open in the sanctuary.

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.rUU.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 - 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 or visit us at http://www.myspaceUU.com/youngadults_sa

FAITH & REASON FELLOWSHIP: Please join us Thursday, **December 27** at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall as we continue our study of Islam. 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](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](mailto: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 @ sbcglobalUU, net](mailto:fuuca@sbcglobalUU.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 @ sbcglobalUU, net](mailto:polly.noel@sbcglobalUU.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:

The memorial service for **June Henderson** will be held at our church at 2:00 on Saturday, January 5th. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

Member Care would like to say "Happy Holidays!" to our church community and also to THANK YOU for being so caring throughout the year. We are ALL part of Member Care, and it shows!

The **Bereavement Support Group** will meet for its last weekly meeting on Sunday, **December 23** in the Sophia Fahs room at 12:30p. As of January 2008, it will meet on the second Sunday of the month with its first meeting on January 13. Marianne Ross, group facilitator, will be glad to talk to anyone with questions or concerns at 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](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 – [jcmel @ sbcglobalUU, net](mailto:jcmel@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