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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

**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.

**MONDAY 12/31**—

**TUESDAY 01/01**— **OFFICE CLOSED Happy New Year!**

**WEDNESDAY 01/02**— **9:30a Newsletter folding in the office conference room**; 9:00a – 2:00p Quilting in the library; 2:30p – 6:30p Piano lessons by Dana, 3:30p – 6:30p Guitar lessons by Kevin; 7:00p – 9:00p Worship Committee meeting in the minister's office.

**THURSDAY 01/03**— **12:00n Senior LUUnch** in the library; 1:00p – 6:00p Maintenance and repair on campus; 7:00p – 8:15p Choir practice 7:00p – 9:00p Faith & Reason Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall,

**FRIDAY 01/04**— 4:00p – 9:00 p Beth Am in the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, kitchen & library.

**SATURDAY 01/05**— 8:00a – 3:00p Beth Am in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen & library; **4:00p Memorial service for June Henderson**

**SUNDAY 01/06**— **9:30 a FORUM Stand and Deliver Guest Speaker in the Jefferson**; 9:30a -10:30a Religious Explorations in the Fellowship Hall; Spiritual Seekers in the Sanctuary classroom; 11:00a **Worship- Sermon** by Rev. Lortie; **12:30p Potluck Sunday lunch in the Fellowship Hall** 4:00p – 7:00p Spirit of Peace Church in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen & library; 6:30p – 8:15p Buddhist Study Group in the Sanctuary classroom; 6:45p – 8:00p UU Philosophy class in the Thoreau Bldg.

### 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

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 plaUU, netary 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.

**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!

**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.rrUU, com](mailto: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](mailto: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 @ swbell.UU, net](mailto:feinstei@swbell.UU.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 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](mailto: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> & 3<sup>RD</sup> 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).

**Kid-Friendly Circle Dinners in 2008** Circle Dinners are round-robin groups who have dinner at a host's home. The host usually provides the entrée and beverage, the guests provide side dishes. Circle Dinners are a lot of fun and one of the best ways of getting acquainted with other members of the church. **Kid-Friendly Circle Dinners** are for families with children. The groups will be kept down to three families each dinner. We will take sign ups throughout January and we will start in February. Please see Ann Hidalgo on the patio for more information or to sign up or email her at [ann.hidalgo @ flightsafetyUU, com](mailto:ann.hidalgo@flightsafetyUU.com).

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

**Mystery Pals** Sign up for Mystery Pals is January 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. We will start exchanges on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Mystery Pals is a great way for children and adults to meet someone new. Sign up for Mystery Pals and we will match up children with adults for three weeks of secret note exchanges using the Mystery Pals mailboxes that will be located on the patio. Mystery Pals will be revealed at a special lunch on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Please see Ann Hidalgo on the patio for more information or to sign up on January 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> or email her at [ann.hidalgo @ flightsafetyUU, com](mailto:ann.hidalgo@flightsafetyUU.com).

**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 @ sbcglobal.UU, net](mailto:polly.noel@sbcglobal.UU.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 **4:00 on Saturday, January 5th**. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

The **Bereavement Support Group** 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.

## SHARE THE PLATE:

Join us and learn more about the San Antonio Students **Stand and Deliver** program at the **9:30am Forum** presentation on **Sunday, January 6, 2008** in the **Jefferson Building** by dynamic and energetic founder **Dr. Teresa Van Hoy**

## 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 - [jmel @ sbcglobal.UU, net](mailto:jmel@sbcglobal.UU.net); Robert Kadanka [kadankar @ gvtc.UU, net](mailto:kadankar@gvtc.UU.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 @ earthlink.UU, net](mailto:robinboyle@earthlink.UU.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.***

## **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.

Would you like to learn more about us? Check out our website at: [www.firstuusanantonio.org](http://www.firstuusanantonio.org)

We also invite you to sign up for our email announcements: On our home page, click on announcements.

Then follow the link to join the yahoo group: [firstuu-announce](http://firstuu-announce).