
ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAYS USHERS ARE: Jim Dauchy, Captain; Ann Benson, Mike Phillips, and Tom Wascher

GREETERS: Shannon Hawkins, Christine Chesnut, Pat Beck and Jana Wascher

WORSHIP ASSOCIATE: David Rodriguez

WELCOMER: David Rodriguez

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 136

PLAYGROUND MONITORS: Aloise Miller, James Chenault, Catherine Von Dohlen, David Martin

SUNDAY MORNING SEXTON: Loyce Jurney

SOUND TECHNICIAN: Bill Pridgen

UPCOMING SERMONS: 01/13 *The Thawing of God's Frozen People*; 01/20 *Let Freedom Ride*; 01/27 *Thank God for Evolution*.

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 01/06— 9:30a – 10:30a Forum –Guest speaker Dr. Teresa Van Hoy; Religious Explorations in the Thoreau; RE Family Worship in the Fellowship Hall; Spiritual Seekers in the Sanctuary classroom; 11:00a **Worship-** Sermon - *The Healing Effects of Gratitude* by Sam Emerson; 12:30p **Fellowship Potluck Lunch;** 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.

MONDAY 01/07— 4:00p – 6:30p Finance Committee meeting in the office conference room; Insight Meditation group in the Jefferson Bldg.

TUESDAY 01/08 — 7:00p – 9:00p Young Adults meeting in the Library; Covenant Group Facilitators meeting in the Fellowship Hall; Codependents Anonymous meets in the Jefferson Bldg.

WEDNESDAY 01/09— 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 **First UU Church Council meeting in the library.**

THURSDAY 01/10— 7:00p – 8:15p Choir practice 7:00p – 9:00p Faith & Reason Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall,

FRIDAY 01/11— Circle Dinners off campus

SATURDAY 01/12— 9:00a –1:00p Beth Am in the Fellowship Hall, Thoreau, Longfellow, kitchen & library; Grounds workday all campus outside. **Circle Dinners off campus**

SUNDAY 01/13— 9:30a -10:30a Religious Explorations in the Fellowship Hall; Spiritual Seekers in the Sanctuary classroom; 11:00a **Worship-** Sermon – *The Thawing of God's Frozen People* by Phil Schulman of Community UU Church; 11:00a – 2:00p OWL in the Thoreau; 12:30p -1:30p Bereavement Support Group in the Sophia Fahs room; Social Action Committee meeting in the office conference room; YRE Council meeting in the Thoreau; 4:00p – 7:00p Spirit of Peace Church in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen & library. **Circle Dinners off campus**

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

MLK POTLUCK DINNER – Southern Style- Saturday, January 19, 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Children welcome.

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.

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.

INTERWEAVE, UUs for BGLT concerns, will go for lunch after the Sunday service January 28. Gather in the back of the sanctuary classroom to pick a lunch place.

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

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 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall as we continue our study and discussion 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.

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.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Mystery Pals Sign up for Mystery Pals is January 6th and 13th. We will start exchanges on January 20th. 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 10th. Please see Ann Hidalgo on the patio for more information or to sign up on January 6th and 13th or email her at ann.hidalgo@flightsafetyUU.com.

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.

MLK March Youth RE classes will be getting ready for the march during our Jan. 20 classes with lessons on the history of the march and its songs. We will have a small parade beginning right before the service using the banner the kids made last month. All are welcome to attend!

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:

Charlotte Asch is in the hospital in San Francisco recovering from a broken arm. Please send cards to Charlotte in c/o Sandy Durn, 17 Idalia Court, San Anselmo, CA 94960.

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**

SOCIAL ACTION:

The **Social Action Committee** will meet at 12:30 PM in the office conference room on Sunday, January 13. 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.

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.

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 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.