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Sunday Morning

Service 11:00AM

Children's and Adult Classes 10:00AM

Common Read begins January 14, 2015!

Services

January 11: "We learn to give", Pat Smith

January 18: "Cosmology", Rita Chamblin

Children's Religious Education

January 11:

Cubbies: Here we meet friends

Youth: Affirmation to others

January 18:

Cubbies: Congregations are places of caring

Youth: Intro to My Universe Story

Intersections – Adult Religious Exploration

January 11: Charter for Compassion,
Rita Chamblin and Pat Smith

January 18: Five leading reasons people come
to church, Richard Hopson

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Sunday Morning Services – Details...

January 11: “We learn to give”, Pat Smith

January 18: “Ancestry”, Rita Chamblin
Let’s explore our shared ancestry and relationships with the Cosmos.

Services – Looking Ahead...

January 25: “Seeing Sound with Cymatics: Making Sound Waves Visible”, Justin Deurmyer

February 1: “Definitions of Commonly Used Words”, Kristina Mitchell



*Adult Religious Exploration,
where religion intersects culture,
science, and politics –*

Sunday Morning Intersections – Details...

January 11: Charter for Compassion,
Rita Chamblin and Pat Smith

January 18: Five leading reasons people come to church, Richard Hopson

Intersections - Looking Ahead...

January 25: Monarch butterflies, Louise Sanders

February 1: “Love Poems from God: Twelve Sacred Voices from the East and West”, Sarah Mulkey



Mark Your Calendar!

January 11: Membership Committee meets after the service

January 13: Board of Trustees, 7 PM

January 14: Common Read, 7PM

January 18: Congregational Meeting 12:15PM

January 18: Next newsletter deadline, 5 PM

January 18: Potluck after service

January 25: All Committees meet after service



Special Congregational Meeting

By Richard Hopson, Board President

A special Congregational Meeting is scheduled to be held on Sunday, January 18 at 12:15 PM in the sanctuary of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Lubbock, Texas



Children’s RE Curriculum

By April Velasquez
Director of Religious Education

This spring semester children’s RE will be participating in “The Great Story Bead” curriculum. This is a symbolic representation of the 13.7 billion year epic of Cosmos, Earth, Life, and Humanity, told as a sacred story that embraces all other sacred stories (including our own personal journeys). Children will learn that they belong to the Universe – and that they have magnificent ancestors! The hope is that we get the congregation to take part in

the learning experience of the children. If you are interested in taking part in this spring curriculum, please fill out a background check form, which you can get from Gay Hedges, Jennifer Mora, or me. Turn it in to the church office. You can find more information on The Great Bead Story at <http://thegreatstory.org/beads-kids.html>. Please contact April Velasquez at 1stuu.dre@gmail.com or 806.881.4539 with any questions or comments.

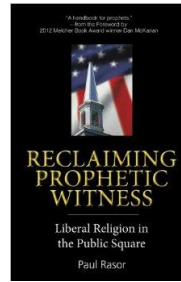


You Can Help Tell the Great Story

By Sara McLarty

The Great Story, the story of evolution and how we emerged from the Cosmos into the interdependent web of being, is the basis for the spring lessons in our children's religious education. The list of topics for spring are provided below. Which ones intrigued you? There will be more next fall. Let April Velasquez, Director of Religious Education, or Sara McLarty, know where your interests lie. "We are the Universe contemplating itself." Look online for "The Wonder of Evolution" in the Spring 2006 issue of *UUWorld*. More details are in the article by April.

- 1/18 Introduction to My Universe Story
- 1/25 Bead 1: Great Radiance (Big Bang)
- 2/1 Bead 2: Galaxies (and our own Milky Way)
- 2/15 Bead 3: Stars
- 2/22 Bead 4: Our Sun
- 3/1 Bead 5: Earth and the Other Planets
- 3/8 Bead 6: Earth's Moon
- 3/15 Bead 7: Rain Falls/Oceans Form
- 3/22 Bead 8: Life Begins
- 3/29 Bead 9: Animals evolve in oceans
- 4/12 Bead 10: Plants grow on land
- 4/19 Bead 11: Amphibians evolve from fish
- 4/26 Bead 12: Insects evolve wings
- 5/3 Bead 13: Trees grow tall



Third Local UUA Common Read Begins January 14

By Rita Chamblin

Reclaiming Prophetic Witness: Liberal Religion in the Public Square by Paul Rasor (Skinner House Books, 2013) has been selected as the 2014-15 Unitarian Universalist Association Common Read. The Common Read is a book, read and discussed in a group, and is a basis for deep, meaningful conversations. Our first Common Read together, *The New Jim Crow*, was an education. Next, *Behind The Kitchen Door*, was a spur to action.

The current book asserts that conservative Christianity is not the only valid religious voice in our national social policy. It includes insights from our liberal religious theological heritage that have bearing for us today, and calls us to prophetic, faith-based justice work. Rasor explores the forces and tensions that have weakened our prophetic witness in the last quarter century. He also makes a strong case for the necessity of a liberal religious presence in the public square to complement and strengthen secular voices raised for social justice. *Reclaiming Prophetic Witness* offers new ways to think about how to remain culturally engaged and yet able to speak and act for justice from a faith-based position.

Please contact Rita Chamblin, Sara McLarty, or Pat Smith if you are interested in joining us in reading and discussing this book. **We have scheduled four 90 minute meetings at the church for the Common Read discussions: 7 pm on Wednesday evenings, Jan 14, Jan 28, Feb 11 and Feb 25.**

Learn more at:

<http://www.uua.org/re/multigenerational/read/>

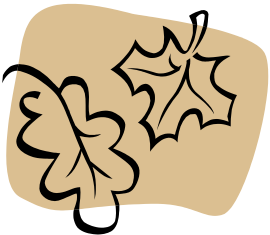




Thank You for Volunteering!

By Stephanie Blackwell
Programs & Activities Coordinator

On behalf of Director of Religious Education, April Velasquez and myself, I would like to thank all of the child care volunteers. These volunteers have generously donated their time and energy by volunteering on Sunday mornings with our youth. We have a wonderful and dynamic group of children and an equally wonderful and dynamic group of volunteers. If you haven't already signed up to be a part of our child care volunteer team, contact me at pac@nts-online.net or 806-799-1617 to get started. Thanks again to our volunteers!



Join our Leaf Piles!

By Wanda Clark

The Membership Committee invites you to participate in our "family tree" small groups. The groups will be randomly selected Jan. 18th and the primary task will be to notice and check in with each other if someone from the group disappears. If you want to participate and become a "leaf" on our family tree please send your name to Linda McGann (lmcgann7@juno.com).



Bibliophiles Rejoice!

By Wanda Clark

Book lovers will soon have an opportunity to share books, ideas, recommendations, and enthusiasm as we create a First UU Book Swap. We will be using the white bookcase in the foyer so if there are any books there now that you want included or saved as part of our UU library please put them in the designated area on those shelves. Stay tuned for further information.



Volunteer at the Food Bank

By Stephanie Blackwell
Programs and Activities Coordinator

South Plains Food Bank Workday March 7
South Plains Food Bank Workday May 2



Online Store for Coffee and more!

By Jan Hardin, Office Manager

Your purchase raises 25% profits for First UU!
Enjoy delicious, fairly-traded products while supporting your church and small-scale farmers

across the world. Together we can create stronger local communities, a more just food system, and a healthier planet.

We have an online store where far-away friends and family can purchase items to be sent directly to their homes. Shipping is free for orders \$75 or more! Send friends to shop at:

<http://fundraiser.equalexchange.coop/?fundraiser=FR1390W>



A Little UU History

By the UU Sunday Services Team

To fill in details, feel free to Google these historic UU ancestors.

Benjamin Rush: Medical man of American Revolution and a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Moved from Quaker religion to Presbyterian, Episcopal, and finally the Universalist church. Survived a Philadelphia yellow fever epidemic and was an advocate of massive blood-letting as a cure. Wrote the first American book on mental illness and was honored as a fore-runner of modern psychiatry.

Thomas Jefferson: A revolutionary Virginian and author of the Virginia Statutes on Religious Freedom; "considered to be a Unitarian by myself."



Buddhist Weekly Class Schedule

By Chondzin, Resident Buddhist Nun

Tuesdays –7:00PM – 8:30PM. Topics change.
Please see website.

Thursdays - noon time meditation at HWY 108 on 50th just west of Quaker.

12:15 - 12:45. \$5

Thursdays 7:00PM – 8:30PM.

Sunday Mornings – Prayers for World Peace, 10:30-11:45, "inspiring Solutions for Difficult Times" - a series on this topic. Donation.

Sunday Afternoons - 4:00-5:00pm.

Weekday Mornings – Meditation and Buddhist Prayers, 7:30AM - 8:30AM

Location: Bodhichitta Kadampa Buddhist Center 6701 Aberdeen, Avenue, No. 4, one block SW of Slide and the Loop (behind Cardinals), right near Hobby Lobby.

Cost: \$10 per class (\$5 for students or seniors of limited income). Monthly Saturday courses are \$20.

Details at our beautiful website

meditationinlubbock.org



Interfaith Dialogue 2014 – 2015

Since February 1985, Lubbock Interfaith Dialogue has met for brown bag lunch at noon on the 4th or 5th Tuesday of each month (except for 3rd Tuesday in December) at St. John's United Methodist Church, 15th Street and University Avenue. Please join us as we find unity in the sharing of our diverse perspectives on many topics. For further information, contact Mary Vines, 799-2494.

January 27	Religious Exemption from Taxation
February 24	Celebration of Lubbock Interfaith Dialogue's 30 th Anniversary
March 24	Remedies for Relating with Dogmatism
April 28	U.S. Income Inequality: Religious Reaction
May 26	Review of <i>Buddha's Brain</i>

June 23 Who is Jesus: Abrahamic Faith Perspectives
 July 28 Jainism
 August 25 Diversity/Freedom in a Muslim Country



Needs and Gifts Exchange

Need something or want to give away something? Do you have something you think the church could use? Or do you need something that the church has but is not using? If so, contact the office. Let's take advantage of each other's generosity! Information will be posted on the bulletin board. Please bring your donations to the church office.



Like Us on Facebook

First UU is now on Facebook. Find us at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/First-Unitarian-Universalist-Church-of-Lubbock/111666728872543> and like us to get church updates and more.



Ongoing Church Activities



Sunday Services Committee: monthly meetings at the church at 7pm on the first Tuesday of the month



Board Meeting: Meets the second Tuesday of the month, 7:00PM



Church Office Hours: MWF - 1:00PM – 3:00PM
 TTh – 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM



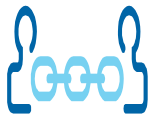
Social Action Committee: Fourth Sundays after church and the last Friday of each month at 6 PM





Board Members

President	Richard Hopson
1 st Vice President	Gay Hedges
2 nd Vice President	Laura Deurmyer
Secretary	Linda McGann
Treasurer	Patsy Malin
Trustee I	Jennifer Mora
Trustee II	Ariel Purkeypile



Committee Contacts

Building	Richard Hopson
"Artist in Residence"	William Benge
Grounds	<i>Chairman - Open</i>
"Academic Advisor"	Murray Coulter
Children's RE	April Velasquez
Membership	Judy Brown, Wanda Clark, Gay Hedges, Linda McGann
Potluck	<i>Open</i>
Recycling Team	Linda McGann, Wanda Clark
Social Action	Gay Hedges, Linda McGann, Laura Deurmyer
Stewardship	Laura Deurmyer, Gay Hedges, Jennifer Mora
Sunday Services	Rita Chamblin, Wanda Clark, Barbara Holder, Pat Smith
UU Tunes/ Music Team	Wanda Clark, Justin Deurmyer, Kristina Mitchell, Ariel Purkeypile, Noel Ramirez



Our Vision

We are Lubbock's leader in liberal religion, spiritual exploration, and rational inquiry.



Our Mission

We nurture. We learn. We act.



Controversy is only dreaded by the advocates of error.

Benjamin Rush - Universalist