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Sunday Morning

Service 11:00AM

Children's and Adult Classes 10:00AM

Common Read continues January 28, 2015!

Services

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

February 1: "You keep using that word",
 Kristina Mitchell

Children's Religious Education

January 25:

Cubbies: Old and Young Make Good Friends

Youth: Bead 1: Great Radiance (Big Bang)

February 1:

Cubbies: Winter Brings change to our earth

Youth: Bead 2: Galaxies (And our own Milky Way)

Intersections – Adult Religious Exploration

January 25: Monarch butterflies, Louise Sanders

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

Information

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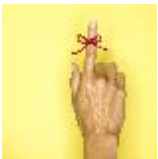
January 25: “Seeing Sound with Cymatics: Making Sound Waves Visible”, Justin Deurmyer

February 1: “You keep using that word”, Kristina Mitchell

Services – Looking Ahead...

February 8: “Why are one billion rising?”, Rita Chamblin

February 15: “Standing on the Side of Love”, Rita Chamblin



Mark Your Calendar!

January 24: Humanist Group w/Clay Naff, 7PM

January 25: All Committees meet after service

January 28: Common Read, 7PM

February 1: Next newsletter deadline, 5 PM

February 3: Sunday Services Committee, 7PM

February 4: Charter for Compassion Discussion, 7PM

February 6: *Take Time for Peace*, noon, wherever you are.

February 7: Interfaith Celebration, 7PM

February 10: Board of Trustees, 7 PM

February 15: Potluck after service

March 7: South Plains Food Bank Workday

May 2: South Plains Food Bank Workday



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

Sunday Morning Intersections – Details...

January 25: Monarch butterflies, Louise Sanders
Developing a Monarch Sanctuary at the church as a step toward joining the UUA Green Sanctuary program. The Green Sanctuary program offers congregations a path for reflection, study and action in response to environmental challenges.

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

Intersections - Looking Ahead...

February 8: Secular Scriptures - U.S. Constitution, Ariel Purkeypile

February 15: Symbology of religion in the public Square, Laura Deurmyer



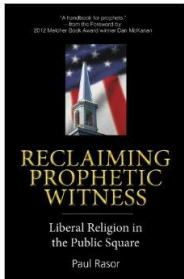
Special Congregational Meeting

By Richard Hopson, Board President

A special Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, January 18. The meeting’s purpose was to update the Congregation on final roof replacement and interior repair cost. The Board voted at their meeting on January 13 to continue on the course that had been previously approved by the Congregation. The Congregation approved the Board’s recommendation unanimously.

The Board would like to thank Board members Patsy Malin and Linda McGann for their service to

the community by serving with care and consideration for all the needs of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Lubbock. They each have resigned from their positions on the governing body of the church, but they plan to continue to actively participate in the many, many programs of the church.



Third Local UUA Common Read Continues January 28

By Rita Chamblin

Reclaiming Prophetic Witness: Liberal Religion in the Public Square by Paul Razor (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. Razor 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. **Our second of four 90 minute Common Read discussions will**

be at the church at 7:00PM Jan 28, and continuing Feb 11 and Feb 25.

Learn more at:

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



Clay Farris Naff on January 24

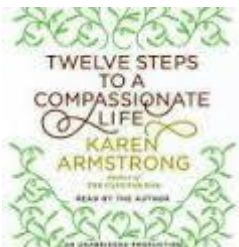
By Harvey Madison

Mark your calendar for a special treat!

The UU Humanist Group is sponsoring science and religion author Clay Farris Naff on **Saturday, January 24 at 7pm at the church**. Clay is a former member of this church and over the last few years has become quite a luminary. The talk is free and open to the public, so invite anyone you like. He will be speaking on nothing less than the prospects for humanity's future as we enter the era of artificial intelligence. Will it be our savior or our doom? The title of the talk is *Approach to the Singularity*. Don't miss this special occasion.

Clay Farris Naff is science and religion correspondent for The Humanist Magazine. An award-winning journalist and author, he has been a Tokyo correspondent for United Press International, a freelance reporter for National Public Radio, a science-and-religion columnist for the Metanexus Institute, and is the author or editor of numerous books, including most recently *Free God Now!* He regularly blogs on science and religion for the Huffington Post, and has written for Newsweek, Earth Magazine, and Scientific American, among other publications.





Charter for Compassion Discussion February 4

By Rita Chamblin and Pat Smith

As part of the Lubbock Interfaith Association (LIA) participation in World Interfaith Harmony Week February 1-7, 2015, we will give a presentation and have discussion on the Charter for Compassion, initiated by Karen Armstrong. We will give an introduction to the launch of the Charter in 2008 and provide an update. We will also give a brief overview of her book "Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life", which details how we might practice compassion. Questions and discussion will follow. Read about the individuals, organizations, and cities that have signed the Charter at www.charterforcompassion.org.

Please join us **February 4 at 7:00PM** at the church. The event will last approximately 2 hours.



Take Time for Peace, February 6

By Pat Smith

During World Interfaith Harmony Week, February 1-7, the Lubbock Interfaith Association (LIA) invites you to play a part in the *Take Time For Peace* world event. People all over the world are invited to take a few minutes at noon, their local time, to say silently or aloud, words of peace using phrases appropriate for their faith tradition. National and international interfaith and interreligious groups will participate.

When: February 6

Time: Noon

What: Say words of peace

In essence, we will be encircling the world for a day with words of peace. You can tweet your involvement at [#TakeTimeForPeace](https://twitter.com/#!/TakeTimeForPeace). Or send an email or share on facebook.



Interfaith Celebration Saturday, February 7 at 7:00 PM

By Barbara Holder

The Lubbock Interfaith Association (LIA), of which our church is a member, is once more having its annual Celebration at our church. The theme for this Celebration is "PEACE" and will be a forum with many different faith groups presenting a short statement on their personal or their faith's look at "Peace". There will be a question and answer period with the presenters, followed by refreshments and conversation.

This year's Celebration will be the culmination of World Interfaith Harmony Week, February 1-7. There will be several activities during this week. See the previous two articles in this newsletter and in the Orders of Service in the coming weeks.



William Westney to perform

By William Westney

Church member William Westney invites everyone to his annual recital at Texas Tech. This year Bill will incorporate some chamber music. After a tasty solo piece by Haydn, two monumental

and thrilling masterpieces of the Romantic era anchor this “hybrid” recital. The solo first half features Robert Schumann’s virtuosic Grande Sonata #1, full of adventurous creativity, narrative power and youthful ebullience. Guest artists Annie Chalex Boyle (violin) and Jeffrey Lastrapes (cello) then join Westney for the passionate Piano Trio in D minor by the brilliant Russian pianist Anton Arensky.

When: **Thursday, January 29, 8 pm.**

Where: Hemmle Recital Hall, Boston and 18th

Admission: Free.



Jacob Deurmyer won 3rd Place in the Roscoe Wilson Elementary Science Fair.



Justin Deurmyer on PBS

By Justin Deurmyer

The PBS television Show *24Frames* is featuring Justin Deurmyer. The show sent a remote crew to Justin's guitar making workshop to interview and film him for an upcoming episode. The episode

featuring Justin will likely air the 1st or 3rd Saturday in February. *24Frames* is an original PBS series highlighting Film, Art, Culture, and Music in Texas. The show airs at 9pm after *Austin City Limits*.



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=FI1390W>



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 30th Anniversary
- March 24 Remedies for Relating with Dogmatism
- April 28 U.S. Income Inequality: Religious Reaction
- May 26 Review of *Buddha’s Brain*
- 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.



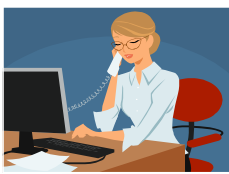
Ongoing Church Activities



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	<i>Vacant</i>
Treasurer	<i>Vacant</i>
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
Wanda Clark,
Justin Deurmyer,
Kristina Mitchell,
Ariel Purkeypile,
Noel Ramirez

UU Tunes/
Music Team



Our Vision

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



Our Mission

We nurture. We learn. We act.



To commit to creating a prophetic congregation today is to grapple with what it means to take responsibility for co-creating the holy right here on earth.

- Meg Riley (Unitarian Universalist, clergy, activist)