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Sunday Morning

Service 11:00AM

Children's and Adult Classes 10:00AM

Congregational Meeting August 24 at 12:15pm!

Services

August 24: "Living With Grace and Gratitude:
Reflections on Ferry Beach UU
Summer Camp", Linda McGann

August 31: "Labor Day Service",
Rita Chamblin and children

Children's Religious Education

August 24: *Cubbies (3-5) & Youth (6-12):*
Our Earth: Joy In Nature: Animal Play

August 31: TBA

Intersections – Adult Religious Exploration

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Chapters 11/12, Charree Mahoney
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Information

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The First Unitarian Universalist Church of Lubbock is a religious community of free minds which supports your free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

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Sunday Morning Services –

Details...

August 24: “Living With Grace and Gratitude: Reflections on Ferry Beach UU Summer Camp”,
Linda McGann

August 31: “Labor Day Service”,
Rita Chamblin and children

Services – Looking Ahead...

September 7: “What are we about?”,
Wanda Clark

September 14: “Darkness & Light in Jewish Tradition”, Anne Epstein



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

Sunday Morning Intersections –

Details...

Summer series from the book “A Chosen Faith”

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Intersections - Looking Ahead...

September 7: Atheist churches take hold
(Time Mag. 8/4/14), Pat Smith

September 14: "Sanctuary" from *Fluent in Faith*,
Ariel Purkeypile



Mark Your Calendar!

August 24: Congregational Meeting at 12:15 pm

August 31: Next newsletter deadline, 5 PM

September 6: South Plains Food Bank, 9-noon

September 9: Board of Trustees, 7 PM

September 21: Potluck after service

September 28: All Committees meet after service

October 4: Workshops led by our UU Southern
Region consultant, Natalie Briscoe

December 13: South Plains Food Bank, 9-noon



Congregational Meeting

By Patsy Malin, Treasurer

All please come. On August 24, the Church will hold a Congregational meeting for the purpose of discussing, amending and adopting the fiscal year 2014-15 budget. The Board will be present to answer questions. The Board will also present a viable plan to re-roof the Church in the near future.



Children’s Religious Education

By April Velasquez

RE Pool Bash

The children from the Religious Education Program all grabbed their sunblock and beach towels and headed to the all famous Seahorse. It was a treat to

see them splish and splash in the pool. We had an amazing turnout of 19 children. Everyone enjoyed each other's company as well as sweet treats. This was a wonderful time for families to socialize from the church. These activities really help the children feel a sense of community from the church when they are able to engage in such fun events. We look forward to next year with another Seahorse swim bash!

RE Stewardship

Coming this fall, the religious education class will be practicing stewardship within the church. This will include door holding, offering, passing out order of service, and however else we can be of assistance. I will start a signup sheet in the coming weeks for the children. Please verify your child's date in order to ensure attendance. Please contact April Velasquez @ [806.881.4539](tel:806.881.4539) or lstuu.dre@gmail.com with any questions, comments or concerns.



End of Summer Hurrah & School Supply Drive!

By Stephanie Blackwell

Social Action is hosting an End of the Summer Hurrah and School Supply Drive on Friday, August 29 at 6:30 p.m. at Gay Hedges home (4905 11th Street, 79416). Everyone is invited. Admittance is free with any donation of school supplies. The party will be a celebration of summer with lighthearted water fun and an ice cream social. Water balloons, kiddie pools and a slip and slide will be on site. You are encouraged to bring water guns to add to the mix. We will provide ice cream. Please bring your favorite toppings to share. There will be bottled water to drink and you are welcome to BYOB. No one is too grown up to come enjoy this party and we can't wait to see you there!



Lubbock Hosts West Texas UUs for Workshops October 4

By Rita Chamblin and Pat Smith

We are hosting our West Texas UU neighbors for two workshops on *October 4*. We anticipate participation from the Amarillo and Midland UU congregations, and we have also invited congregations in Abilene and Alpine. *Natalie Briscoe* will facilitate these workshops. Natalie is a Congregational Life Staff Member from our Unitarian Universalist Association Southern Region (see info links below).

All Members and Friends are invited and encouraged to attend. It is through everyone's participation at workshops like these that we navigate our course as a lay led congregation.

The two workshops we've asked Natalie to lead will focus on *Children's Religious Education* and *Leadership Development*.

This is also a wonderful opportunity to meet UUs from outside our church community, sharing and comparing ideas. We can learn so much from others. What could be better? AND, yes, there will be a **free lunch**. AND **free child care**.

You can learn more about Natalie at <http://www.seduua.org/staff/uuaregionalstaff.html> and by reading her latest article at <http://myemail.constantcontact.com/News-from-Southern-Region-of-the-UUA.html?soid=1101393926380&aid=9ArkQKdmEKY>.

Please do not hesitate to ask us if you have questions.

More UU Opportunities

By Richard Hopson

Fall Harvest 2014 Conference

November 7-9, 2014

Glen Lake Camp and Retreat Center

Glen Rose, TX

Join us at "Fall Training 2014: Oh! The Places You'll Go!" to explore the dynamic nature of congregations and their leaders and gain tools for navigating these often choppy waters.

www.uuasouthernregion.org/fallharvest2014.html

SWUUC Women's Conference

March 6-8, 2015

San Marcos, TX



Roof Replacement Pledges Update Looking Very Good

By Richard Hopson, President

The picture above is not a fabrication. If you've been down the hall to Intersections or the children's rooms, you've seen the pots that have been collecting water.

Pledges to date:

Anonymous	\$1,000
Anonymous	\$250
Donor	\$600
Donor	\$1000
Duane Christian	\$400
Francesca Di Poppa	\$23
Jason R.	\$500
John and Sara McLarty	\$1,000
Richard Hopson	\$1,000
Ted Reid	\$1,000
Terry Sires	\$500

These pledges will make a down payment to the roofing contract. Then we will borrow from existing funds to complete the contract. The board will select the roofing company by August 25, 2014. At that time we will sign the contract.

We will make payments to ourselves to replenish the funds over a period of 2-4 years. **So, everyone**

will have a chance to help in the amount that works with their budget.

This roofing situation is NOT a setback to our continued growth as a community or our efforts to extend LOVE and SERVICE to the larger community. It is only a minor blip - PERIOD!



The Great Story Beads

By Sara McLarty

Working with the beads to make necklaces or beaded strings to tell the story of evolution helps tell the story that "we are at home in the center of this Great Mystery. We belong."

Please bring beads for use in children's religious education classes. Leave them on the space provided under the children's bulletin board, where more detailed information is posted. Classes will begin in January.



A Little UU History

By the UU Sunday Services Team

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

- James Luther Adams: A leading UU theologian of the twentieth century; a pioneer in the study of and participation in voluntary associations; a teacher to generations of ministerial students; a minister; and the author of *On Being Human Religiously*.

- Hosea Ballou: Came from a hard life as a New Hampshire country boy and a Baptist. Authored the first important American book on liberal Christian theology. Went from being an itinerant New England preacher earning \$5 a week to becoming the popular minister of a Boston Universalist church that seated one thousand people and held three services each Sunday.



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 near juncture of Quaker and 50th.
12:15 - 12:45. \$5

Thursdays 7:00PM – 8:30PM. Class is at Yoga Bean, 34th and Gary.

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 (except Thursdays) 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 2013 – 2014

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.

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| August 27 | Early History of Islam and Writing of Quran |
| September 23 | "A Call to Action: Women, Religion, Violence, and Power" book by Jimmy Carter |
| October 21 | "Cosmology: Expander of Consciousness" |



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.



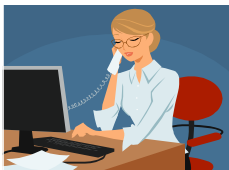
Ongoing Church Activities



Sunday Services Committee: *Now meets the fourth Sunday of the month following the service.*



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



Church Office Hours: 1:00PM – 3:00PM,
Monday through Friday

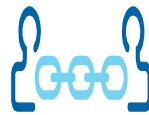


Social Action Committee: Fourth Sundays after church and the last Friday of each month at 6 PM.



Board Members

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



Standing Committees/Chairs

Building	<i>Chairman - Open</i>
"Artist in Residence"	William Bengé
Grounds	<i>Chairman - Open</i>
"Academic Advisor"	Murray Coulter
Children's RE	April Velasquez
Membership	Duane Christian
Potluck	<i>Open</i>
Recycling Team	Linda McGann, Wanda Clark
Social Action	Gay Hedges
Sunday Services	Rita Chamblin, Duane Christian, Barbara Holder
	Pat Smith
UU Tunes/ Music Team	Wanda Clark, Justin Deurmyer, Ariel Purkeypile, Kristina Mitchell



Our Vision

Hey, you! What're you lookin' at?



Our Mission

We nurture. We learn. We act.



*Don't compromise yourself.
You are all you've got.*

—Janis Joplin