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Sunday Morning

Service 11:00AM

Children's and Adult Classes 10:00AM

Stewardship Cottage Meetings start this week!

Services

February 22: "Giving in Community"
Linda McGann

March 1: "First Principle", Laura Deurmyer

Children's Religious Education

February 22:
Cubbies: Spring makes our earth beautiful in color
Youth: Bead 4: Our Sun

March 1:
Cubbies: Spring brings change to our earth
Youth: Bead 5: Earth and the Other Planets

Intersections – Adult Religious Exploration

February 22: Practicing Right Relations (Part 1)
Gay Hedges

March 1: "Plan B for the environment",
Louise Sanders

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Sunday Morning Services – Details...

February 22: “Giving in Community”
Linda McGann

March 1: “First Principle”, Laura Deurmyer

Services – Looking Ahead...

March 8: “Commemorating Selma”

March 15: “Tolerance or Acceptance”,
Pat MacManus



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

Sunday Morning Intersections – Details...

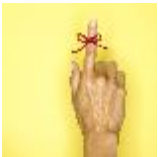
February 22: Practicing Right Relations (Part 1)
Gay Hedges

March 1: Cancelled due to bad weather.

Intersections - Looking Ahead...

March 8: Inequality and privileges,
Laura Deurmyer

March 15: "Plan B for the environment",
Louise Sanders



Mark Your Calendar!

February 22: All Committees meet after service

February 25: Green Sanctuary Committee, 6:30PM

February 25: Common Read, 7PM

February 27: Social Action Game Night, 6 pm

March 1: Next newsletter deadline, 5 PM

March 1: Membership committee, noon

March 3: Sunday Services Committee, 7PM

March 7: South Plains Food Bank Workday

March 8: Social Action Committee, noon

March 10: Board of Trustees, 7 PM

March 15: Potluck after service

May 2: South Plains Food Bank Workday



"The Great Story"

(The story of the cosmos)

By Sara McLarty

"If children can learn at church that they descend from the stars and that their ancestors once swam in the sea, perhaps they'll see there's no fundamental contradiction between having a religious understanding of the world – one that stands in awe of creation and finds meaning and value in existence – and embracing the profound offerings of science."

- Connie Barlow

Connie Barlow, along with her husband Michael Dowd, both Unitarian Universalists, took "The Great Story" all over the USA, very often in UU churches. The quote above appeared in the spring 2008 issue of the UU World. (See online)

Now the Unitarian Universalist Association has published an online curriculum based on their work. We are using it this Spring and next Fall. Our Director of Religious Education, April Velasquez, chose this series last summer after seeing how well the lessons were laid out.

Currently we have covered the lesson on The Big Bang, The Galaxies, the Stars, and on February 26, Our Sun. Next, the Planets and Earth. April, Justin Deurmyer, Louise Sanders, Sara McLarty, Jennifer Mora, and Linda McGann have volunteered as teachers. To be a teacher you need to have

a background check. Jennifer Mora has the form. You are invited to go to YouTube, type in Connie Barlow, to see what she offers that we are adapting for our classes. This is a story for all of us.



Game Night

By Louise Sanders

Friday, February 27 from 6-10 pm at the church

Please join us for another night of family fun. Bring a game and a snack to share and your beverage of choice. We usually pool our cash and order pizza. Our social action focus will be the Carpenter's Church homeless program; they request sample sized soap and shampoo and etc. for folks to use at their showering facility. \$\$ donations are also welcomed.

A special activity for this event will be tie dye. We will have white cotton T-shirts for sale. Consider buying your shirt from us so we can raise a little cash. If you want to tie die socks, bring your own. See you there!!!



UU Prospective Member Orientation

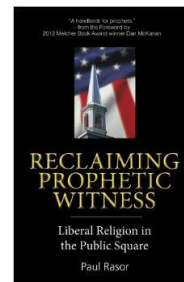
By Gio Ramirez

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that a 2-session workshop will be held on **Saturday, February 28, 1 pm - 4 pm, and Sunday, March 1, 12:15 pm - 3:15 pm**, in the sanctuary. Childcare will be available both dates. Lunch will be provided for the Sunday session.

The workshop will be geared to prospective members, helping them know more about who we are and what we believe. The UUA website states that as Unitarian Universalists, we are committed to welcoming and supporting newcomers. Ours is a tradition that embraces a wide array of beliefs and identities. "No matter what stage of life you were in, you are welcome here."

Current members are invited to attend to connect with those new to our congregation, share what it means to them to be a Unitarian Universalist, and re-examine their own UU path.

Anyone wishing to attend and be counted for the Sunday lunch should RSVP to the church office.



Third Local UUA Common Read Continues February 25

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. **Our final 90 minute Common Read discussion will be at the church at 7:00PM Feb 25.**

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



Green Sanctuary Committee

By Louise Sanders

The Green Sanctuary Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 25 at 6:30 in the Abernethy room at the church.

Make one simple change in your habits to protect the environment (from www.50waystohelp.com) :

CHANGE YOUR LIGHT: If every household in the United States replaced one regular light bulb with a new, compact fluorescent bulb, the pollution reduction would be equivalent to removing one million cars from the road. Don't like the color of the light? Use those bulbs for closets, laundry rooms and other places where it won't irk you as much.

Do you have a special way of protecting the environment that others would find easy to follow? Share your idea with a member of the Green Sanctuary Committee and we will post ideas in the next Chalice Light.

Follow this link to the find out more about what it means to become a UU Green Sanctuary: <http://www.uua.org/environment/sanctuary/> .



Scheduling your Church meeting

By Jan Hardin, Office Manager and Stephanie Blackwell, Programs and Activities Coordinator

In the last newsletter we wrote instructions for scheduling meetings and events at the church, and the response was great! You all have been wonderful at communicating with the church office, and we thank you for your support. Thank you for helping us help you!



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>





A Little UU History

By the UU Sunday Services Team

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

William Ellery Channing: Grandson of a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Native of Newport, RI, and became a minister of Boston's Federal Street Church. In 1819 in Baltimore, preached an ordination sermon that became a milestone in denominational history, marking the beginning of the use of the name "Unitarian" for liberal Congregational churches in America. Was "always young for freedom."

Horace Mann: A New England reformer and educator known as the founder of the American public school system. Was a one-time president of Antioch College.



Buddhist Weekly Class Schedule

By Chondzin, Resident Buddhist Nun

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

Thursdays - noon time meditation at HWY 108 on 50th just west of Quaker.
12:15 - 12:45. \$5

Thursdays 6:30PM – 7:30PM.

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.

- February 19 Celebration of Lubbock Interfaith Dialogue's 30th Anniversary
- March 24 Remedies for Relating with Dogmatism, Dr. Stacy Patty
- April 28 U.S. Income Inequality: Religious Reaction, Dr. Ed George
- May 26 Review of *Buddha's Brain*, Dr. Maribeth Dennis
- June 23 Who is Jesus: Abrahamic Faith Perspectives, Dr. Clarke Cochran
- July 28 Jainism
- August 25 Diversity/Freedom in a Muslim Country, Atilla Hafizoglu





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.



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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



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



Membership Committee: Meets the first Sunday of the month following the service.



Social Action Committee: Meets the second Sunday of the month following the service and the last Friday of each month at 6 PM



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



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



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 Bengé

Grounds	<i>Chairman - Open</i>
"Academic Advisor"	Murray Coulter
Children's RE	April Velasquez
Green Sanctuary	Louise Sanders, Sue Weninger, Laura and Justin Deurmyer, Jackie Driskill, Linda McGann, Patsy Malin
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



Difficulties are meant to rouse, not discourage. The human spirit is to grow strong by conflict.

William Ellery Channing,
19th century Unitarian



Our Vision

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



Our Mission

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