



# The Chalice Light

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## Sunday Morning

Service 11:00 a.m.

Children's and Adult Classes 10:00 a.m.

## Water Ceremony August 23!

### Services

- Aug. 23:** "Water Ceremony", Sara McLarty and Pat Smith
- Aug. 30:** "What We Learn From Our Students", Kristina Mitchell

### Children's Religious Education

- Aug. 23:**  
Cubbies: Water Ceremony Lesson  
Youth: Water Ceremony Lesson

### Intersections – Adult Religious Exploration

- Aug. 23:** "Women and Religion and the Connection to the Water Ceremony", Sara McLarty and Pat Smith
- Aug. 30:** **PLANNING SESSION**, *Bring your ideas!*

### **Information**

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## Sunday Morning Services – Looking Ahead...

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**Aug. 30:** "What We Learn From Our Students", Kristina Mitchell

**Sept. 6:** "Fifth Principle", Laura Deurmyer

**Sept. 13:** " Jewish High Holy Days", Professor Mark Webb



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

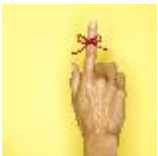
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**Sept. 13:** **DIALOGUE FORUM**  
instead of Intersections.



## Mark Your Calendar!

**Aug. 19:** Gratitude Circle, 6 p.m.

**Aug. 23:** Super Committee Meetings, Noon

**Aug. 24:** Special Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

**Aug. 27:** RE Committee, 6 p.m.

**Aug. 27:** Safety Committee, 7 p.m.

**Aug. 28:** Drum Circle, 6 p.m.

**Aug. 28:** Social Action Game Night, 6:30 p.m.

**Sept. 1:** Board of Trustees, 7:00 p.m.

*First Tuesday. This month only.*

**Sept. 6:** Membership Committee, Noon

**Sept. 8:** Sunday Services Committee, 7 p.m.

*Second Tuesday. This month only.*

**Sept. 13:** Social Action Committee, Noon

**Sept. 13:** Newsletter Deadline, 5 p.m.

**Sept. 27:** Congregational Meeting, Noon



## Special Board Meeting Held Tuesday, August 18

By Gay Hedges, President

A special Board meeting was held Tuesday evening to hear my report on the recommendations made by UUA regarding conflict resolution for our congregation.

These are not official minutes from that meeting, but I want as many members/friends or our congregation to know what those recommendations are.

Recommendations:

Option 1: To dissolve as a congregation.

Option 2: To engage in a process for conflict resolution that involves:

Stage 1: A 1 year period of conflict resolution geared toward preparing us for the hiring of a Developmental Minister.

Stage 2: A 2 year period of being led by said Developmental Minister, of UUA choosing.

This announcement resulted in many questions as, I am sure, is now the result for you who are reading/hearing this for the first time.

I encourage questions to be emailed to the church, uulubbockoffice@gmail.com.

The Board will meet again on Monday, Aug 24, 7:00 p.m., to begin to answer submitted questions.

While the Board did not engage in the proposal to dissolve the congregation, the Board did accept a motion to :

- 1) Move forward with exploring the specifics of the UUA conflict resolution procedures,
- 2) Investigate specific grievances already brought forward by members and friends of the church.



## Nominations for Members of the Board of Trustees

By the Nominating Committee:  
Sara McLarty, Murray Coulter,  
Jennifer Mora

The Nominating Committee has completed its work. Below are the nominees for the positions to be filled at the September 27<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting.

- 2nd Vice President: Ted Reid
- Secretary: Bill Stewart
- Treasurer: Terry Sires
- Trustee, 2 year term: Gio Ramirez
- Trustee, 1 year term: Harvey Madison

At the Congregational Meeting, nominations from the floor are permitted.



## Water Ceremony August 23

By Sara McLarty and Pat Smith

In this annual ritual at our 11:00 Sunday Service, all are invited to bring a small amount of water from a place that is special to them or water that

represents travel, movement, or change. Water from pitchers will be provided to symbolize the water you may not actually have from the source.

During the appointed time in the service, participants will be invited one by one to pour their water or symbolic water into a large container. As the water is added, each tells why this water is special. Children are invited to share this experience with their parents.

The combined water is symbolic of our shared faith coming from many different sources.



## A Renewed Sense of Self & Potential

Southern UU Fall Institute  
at The Mountain  
October 4-9, 2015

Award-winning storyteller David Novak and UU minister Reverend Roy Reynolds together inspire us to a destination of "A Renewed Sense of Self & Potential", a state of fresh thinking, new approaches, new understanding, aligned purpose and meaningful action. Balancing cerebral with sensual, SUUFI offers plenty of hands-on and heart-engaging activities.

In the fall coolness of western NC mountains, in Highlands, at 4200 feet elevation and with a 40 mile vista, join this "boomer week" to explore new concepts, hike new trails, meet old and new friends, find serenity and avoid traffic, and relax at our UU Retreat and Learning Center, The Mountain.

Register at  
<http://mountaincenters.org/pages/calendar.php>

by August 25 to get \$25 discount. Program Details, Flyer, Schedule & "Remembrances", 2014 photo essay on website. 4, 5 and 6 day packages priced at \$370, \$465, & \$560, respectively.



## Sermon Seminar for Lay People Begins Oct. 24

By Sunday Services Committee

The Sunday Services Committee is sponsoring an eight session workshop based on the book by Reverend Erika Hewitt entitled "The Shared Pulpit".

We can accommodate 8-10 people. All participants need to commit to the entire eight sessions. They must have their own book, hard copy or electronic. Books will be furnished by our committee.

The first two sessions will be Saturday, October 24, and facilitated by Reverend Jennifer Innis. Some of you know her from previous visits to our church and from the Spirit Play workshop that she led in Midland last month. The remaining six sessions will be scheduled at the first workshop.

We need a facilitator for the remaining six sessions. Let us know if you have suggestions. Here are a few things to keep in mind. The facilitator will need to attend the October 24 workshop and be available for the remaining six sessions, the dates for which have yet to be set. The facilitator should have good facilitation skills, understanding of reflection, and that the process leads us to express our voice and our truth as UUs. Our committee discussed the possibility of offering an exchange to someone at either the Amarillo or Midland church. Who else might we consider?



## Online Store for Coffee and more!

*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>



## Buddhist Weekly Class Schedule

By Chondzin, Resident Buddhist Nun

**Tuesdays:** 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.. Various Topics.

**Fridays:** 4:30-5:30 p.m.. HW108, 4410-50th St.

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

**Sunday Afternoons:** 4:00-5:00 p.m.

**Weekday Mornings:** Meditation and Buddhist Prayers, 7:30AM - 8:30 a.m.

**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](http://meditationinlubbock.org)





## Interfaith Dialogue 2014 – 2015

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

August 25      Diversity/Freedom in a Muslim Country, Atilla Hafizoglu

*Note: Beginning in September, we shall be meeting the SECOND THURSDAY of the month. The actual dates are as follows.*

10 September

8 October

12 November

10 December

14 January

11 February

10 March

14 April

12 May

9 June

14 July

11 August



## 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



**Board Meeting:** Monthly meetings at the church at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. *In September it will be the first Tuesday.*



**Children's Religious Education Committee:** Monthly meetings at the church at 6 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month.



**Green Sanctuary Committee:** Monthly meetings at the church at 6 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month.





**Membership Committee:** Monthly meetings at the church following the service on the first Sunday of the month.



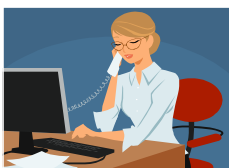
**Safety Committee:** Monthly meetings at the church at 7 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month.



**Social Action Committee:** Monthly meetings at the church following the service on the second Sunday of the month and host a game night at 6:30 p.m. on the last Friday of each month.



**Sunday Services Committee:** Monthly meetings at the church at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. *In September it will be the second Tuesday.*



**Church Office Hours:**  
MWF 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
TTh 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.



## Board Members

President	Gay Hedges
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Phillip Gill
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Ted Reid
Secretary	Bill Stewart
Treasurer	Patsy Malin
Trustee	Harvey Madison
Trustee	<i>Vacant</i>



## Committee Contacts

Building	<i>Open</i>
Grounds	<i>Open</i>
"Academic Advisor"	Murray Coulter
Green Sanctuary	Louise Sanders, Laura and Justin Deurmyer, Jackie Driskill, Patsy Malin, Linda McGann, Sue Weninger
Membership	Gio Ramirez, Taneika Stewart, Judy Brown, Gay Hedges
Potluck	<i>Open</i>
Recycling Team	<i>Open</i>
Religious Education	Sara McLarty, Gail Madison, Kristina Mitchell, Jennifer Mora
Safety	Jennifer Mora
Social Action	Taneika Stewart, Gay Hedges, Judy Brown, Laura Deurmyer
Stewardship	Laura Deurmyer, Gay Hedges, Jennifer Mora
Sunday Services	Rita Chamblin, Pat Smith, Leslie Darner, Laura Deurmyer, Barbara Holder, Gio Ramirez, Bill Stewart





## **Our Vision**

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



## **Our Mission**

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