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Sunday Morning

Service 11:00AM

Children's and Adult Classes 10:00AM

Halloween Party on Saturday, October 25 at 5:30!!

Services

October 19: "Bowling Alone", Kristina Mitchell

October 26: "Water Ceremony", Richard Hopson

Children's Religious Education

October 19:

Cubbies: Everyone Is Afraid of Something

Youth: In Our Hands: Affirmation of Self

October 26:

Cubbies: We Can Be Angry Without Hurting Others

Youth: A Time for Heroes and Heroines:

All Saints Day

Intersections – Adult Religious Exploration

October 19: Emerson, Judy Brown

October 26: Friedman's Fables: Ethics of Empathy, Wanda Clark

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October 26: Next newsletter deadline, 5 PM
October 26: All Committees meet after service
November 11: Board of Trustees, 7 PM
December 13: South Plains Food Bank, 9-noon

**Sunday Morning Services –
 Details...**

October 19: “Bowling Alone”, Kristina Mitchell
October 26: “Water Ceremony”, Richard Hopson

Services – Looking Ahead...

November 2: “Dios de las Muertos”,
 Laura Deurmyer
November 9: TBA, Barbara Holder



Children’s Religious Education

By April Velasquez,
 Director of Religions Education



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

**Sunday Morning Intersections –
 Details...**

October 19: Emerson, Judy Brown
October 26: Friedman's Fables: Ethics of
 Empathy, Wanda Clark

Intersections - Looking Ahead...

November 2: "God" from *Fluent in Faith*,
 Jahan Rasty
November 9: Spiritual Care on the Job,
 Ariel Purkeypile

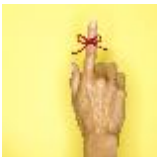


Halloween Party

Our annual Halloween Party will be on Saturday, October 25 from 5:30-7:30pm. Everyone is invited to partake in this event. Our Religious Education food drive will be coming to an end that weekend and we ask that everyone who attends bring canned food as an admission ticket. Also, pizza and drinks will be provided. Feel free to bring a “scary treat” to share during our party. This will be a fun time to play games, eat treats, and enjoy great company. Please contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Food Drive

The RE Food Drive is officially underway! Please help the children make their goal of filling the entire food drive bin by donating canned goods this October. The Food Bank is a life source to our community and with our help they can make eating a promise for some families. If you would rather make a monetary donation please see me.



Mark Your Calendar!

October 19: Potluck after service
October 19: Humanist Group, 1 PM
October 25: Halloween Party, 5:30PM



The Results are IN!

By Wanda Clark

The results of our small group discussions during the September 7 service are posted on the bulletin board. There are several common themes and many good ideas. These have been distributed to our congregational leaders and will be used to help guide future planning. Please take a moment to review our results and direct any additional feedback to board members or committee coordinators.



KTTZ-FM Fund Drive

By Stephanie Blackwell, Programs & Activities Coordinator

Have you received a request through the mail for a donation to KTTZ-FM, the local radio station? If so, and if you plan to contribute, we hope you will donate through the church. As underwriters, we have several radio spots that are aired each week. The number of spots is based on the amount we donate as a church at each fund drive.

If you would like to contribute through the church, make your check payable to First UU Church and write KTTZ-FM in the memo line. Drop your check in the offering basket on Sunday or mail it to the church by **November 3**. The radio station will thank First UU several times during the week of their fund drive, which begins October 18.

This provides us with OUR BEST ADVERTISING through underwriting and supports the unique and valuable programming of KTTZ-FM public radio.



Love Reaches Out Serving Your Congregation through Leadership

By Richard Hopson, Board President

On Saturday, October 4, the renewed effort of area UU Churches and Fellowships, meeting together in a group setting or "Cluster", took place at our church. The West Texas Cluster workshop led by Natalie Briscoe was very informative and very inspirational for the three participating communities: Abilene, Lubbock, and Midland.

Please say "Thanks so much" to Gay Hedges, Cluster Chairperson, and her many wonderful community action group members. They served and actually waited on everybody during our Fellowship Lunch.

Natalie presented Three Truths:

1. Faith Development is all we do.
2. Unitarian Universalism is all we teach.
3. The Community is the Curriculum.

These truths were my personal "Take Away" from the meeting and in my view should be at the center of our "Community Efforts". What was your takeaway?

The total of 27 UU individuals will surely be pondering but acting, informing but listening in their respective communities.

Now to put the "bottom at the top". We are all leaders. We are all followers. We are all teachers. We Are All Learners.





Humanist Group

By Harvey Madison

The Humanist Group meets this Sunday, October 19, at 1 pm in the sanctuary. The discussion topic is: Islam: a religion that causes evil or just an excuse for evil people to do evil acts?



6th Annual Pumpkin Trail

By Stephanie Blackwell, Programs & Activities Coordinator

First UU is a display host for the 6th Annual Pumpkin Trail 2014 at the Lubbock Memorial Arboretum in Clapp Park. This is our second year to participate. We had even more carvers than last year and submitted 21 awesome *Dr. Seuss* themed pumpkins...correction, 20 awesome pumpkins and one awesome watermelon.

Here are the dates and times the trail is open to the public:

EVENINGS – Pumpkin lighting begins at 5:30 p.m. with the trail fully lit by approximately 6:30 p.m.

- Fri., Oct. 17 6-10 p.m.
- Sat., Oct. 18 6-10 p.m.
- Sun., Oct. 19 6-9 p.m.

DAYLIGHT

- Fri.-Sun., Oct. 17-19 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

This event is so much fun and great exposure for the church. Thank you so much to everyone who

put their time and energy into making this a beautiful pumpkin trail for our community!

For more information about the pumpkin trail visit, <http://www.ci.lubbock.tx.us/departments-websites/departments/parks-recreation/pumpkin-trail>.



Stewardship at Camp Sumatanga

By Pat Smith

Love radically. Serve gratefully. Wonder daily. These were the first words at the opening worship for the UU stewardship training that I attended the weekend of October 10-12. The location was near Gallant, AL, at Camp Sumatanga, which means "rest and vision" in Himalayan. I received plenty of both!

A group of 10 UUs representing 7 congregations learned from each other and from Reverend Susan Smith, who led the sessions. Susan has visited our church a couple of times and helped organize our first cluster meeting in 2011.

Stewardship refers to time, talent, and treasure, all having both spiritual and emotional aspects. They figure into why people visit a UU church for the first time and why they continue to come. Or not! These components also underlie an individual's commitment to the church community.

Face-to-face conversations are recommended most years for the stewardship campaign. These are used to discern member interest in various activities because they affect the congregation as a whole. And a new strategic plan every 3-5 years keeps individual interests and congregational activities aligned. This is especially important if the membership has changed by as little as 20%. As individuals and as a congregation, we should focus on what interests us and what we think we can accomplish. This helps broaden participation in our

church community and encourages more commitment of time, talent, and treasure.

Please contact me if you have questions or would like to discuss further. I encourage you to attend a UU event to renew your spirit and broaden your UU world. And bring it back to Lubbock!!



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>



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 in the basket

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.

Dorothea Dix: Famous for her work in prison reform, superintendent of women nurses during Civil War; a pioneer in the field of mental health.

May Sarton: Poet, novelist, essayist, lecturer, and writer. Author of 12 volumes of poetry, 16 novels, and five books of nonfiction.



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 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.

- October 21 "Cosmology: Expander of Consciousness"
- November 25 Moral Challenges of a Christian Soldier
- December 16 A Spiritual Model of Aging
- 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.



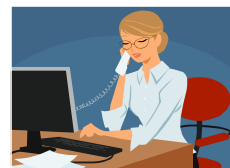
Ongoing Church Activities



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



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

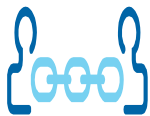


Social Action Committee: Fourth Sundays after church and the last Friday of each month at 6 PM.



Board Members

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



Standing Committees/Chairs

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



Our Vision

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



Our Mission

We nurture. We learn. We act.



We are never happy until we learn to laugh at ourselves.

Dorothy Dix, Unitarian