



# The Chalice Light

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## Sunday Morning

Service 11:00AM

Children's and Adult Classes 10:00AM

## Congregational Meeting May 17!

### Services

**May 17:** "Flower Communion Ceremony", Gio Ramirez, April Velasquez, and the children. Bring a flower to share!

**May 24:** "Moral Injury and Soul Repair", Pat Smith

### Children's Religious Education

#### **May 17:**

Cubbies: We begin life in a wonderful way  
Youth: Review of 1st Half of Great Bead Story

#### **May 24:**

Cubbies: Bodies are different  
Youth: Review of 2nd Half of Great Bead Story

### Intersections – Adult Religious Exploration

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**May 24:** Earthing, Patsy Malin

### **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...

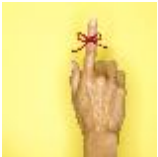
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### Services – Looking Ahead...

**May 31:** “Family Heroes: Caregiving Women”,  
Charlotte Dunham

**June 7:** “Blue Bucket Campaign”, Laura Deurmyer



## Mark Your Calendar!

**May 14:** Web of Life, Session 2, 6 PM

**May 16:** Spring Clean Up, 10 AM

**May 17:** **Congregational Meeting** after service

**May 17:** Potluck after **Congregational Meeting**

**May 17:** Humanist Group, 1PM

**May 19:** Green Sanctuary Committee, 6PM

**May 22:** Drum Circle, 6 PM

**May 22:** Social Action Game Night, 6:30 PM

**May 24:** Next newsletter deadline, 5 PM

**May 24:** All Committees meet after service

**May 28:** Religious Education Committee, 6PM

**May 28:** Safety Committee, 7 PM

**June 2:** Sunday Services Committee, 7PM

**June 7:** Membership committee, 1 PM

**June 9:** Board of Trustees, 7 PM

**June 14:** Social Action Committee, after service



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

## Sunday Morning Intersections –

### Details...

**May 17:** "Seek first to understand", Pat Smith

**May 24:** Earthing, Patsy Malin

### Intersections - Looking Ahead...

**May 31:** Jesus never had to grow old,  
Kit Herrington

**June 7:** Reclaiming Broken Places,  
Louise Sanders and Justin Deurmyer



## Children’s Religious Education

By April Velasquez, Director of Religious  
Education

### RE Committee Meeting

Please join the Religious Education program at  
church on May 28 at 6pm. We will be going over  
ideas for this year’s church day camp. This is also a  
great time to stop in and post questions, comments,  
or concerns about the program. If you need  
childcare please contact April Velasquez at  
[1stuu.dre@gmail.com](mailto:1stuu.dre@gmail.com).

### RE Social

Looking Ahead... June 19 RE will be meeting at the  
movies to see Inside Out. This coincides with Rita  
Chamblin's wonderful lesson Bag of Worries, which  
she has shared twice with RE. More information  
will be posted in the weeks ahead. If your child is  
able to attend please email April Velasquez at  
[1stuu.dre@gmail.com](mailto:1stuu.dre@gmail.com) so we may start our head  
count.





## ANNUAL MEETING

### "You're Invited!"

By Wanda Clark

Your presence is requested at the 2015 Annual Congregational Meeting. At this meeting, we will:

1. Elect the Board of Trustees for 2015-2016.  
Below is the candidate slate being offered by the Nominating Committee:  
President: Gay Hedges  
1st Vice President: Phillip Gill  
2nd Vice President: Laura Deurmyer  
Treasurer: Wanda Clark  
Secretary: Ariel Purkeypile  
Trustee I: Dorothy Joiner  
Trustee II: Ted Reid  
Nominating Committee: Jennifer Mora
2. Discuss and approve suggested changes to the By-Laws of the Church.
3. Discuss and approve the 2015-2016 budget proposed by the Board.
4. Address other Church business brought by congregants.

Potluck will follow the Congregational Meeting. Childcare will be provided.

Please join us in conducting the important work of running the First UU Church of Lubbock!



## Our Place in the Web of Life

By Louise Sanders

Come to the second session of *Our Place in the Web of Life: Mindfulness and the Stuff of Life* on Thursday, May 14 from 6pm – 8pm at the Church

sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Committee led by Jackie Driskill.

Fourteen people attended the first session last Thursday! We found the material to be engaging and we learned something about each other and our relationships to the places in our lives. In this second session we will look at how our relationship to our stuff has an impact on our local community and beyond.

When you come to this session, please bring 5 to 7 everyday items that you will eventually throw away or toss in the garbage—items that will not easily decompose—and be prepared to spend an entertaining and educational two hours. Call Louise Sanders (806-928-8016) if you require childcare. Light snacks.

On a different Green Sanctuary topic: We collected a total of \$118 from the sale of pollinator garden seeds. After we deduct the \$60 cost of the seeds, we are left with \$58 for use by the Green Sanctuary team.



## Wheelock Elementary

By Louise Sanders

First UU has several projects at Wheelock Elementary school, which is located just west of the church on 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. Twice a year we supply the school with bicycles which are then given as attendance awards to Wheelock students at the end of the first semester and at the final assembly on the last day of school. We collect school supplies for Wheelock students at the beginning of each school year and throughout the year, and several of our members have volunteered at the school as reading and math tutors.

It is bicycle awards time again and most of you have probably noticed the bicycles sitting out in the fellowship hall. I would like to say a hearty “thank you!” to the members of the congregation who donated funds for the bikes. We collected just enough to cover their cost. Also I want to thank Justin Deurmyer, Linda Mc Gann, and Wanda Clark for their help associated with picking out, picking

up, and delivering the bikes to the church. Last week I met with Cindy Andrews, the principal, to let her know that we would be again supply bikes for her students. She was very grateful for our continuing interest in the school and she will be contacting us about the date of the awards assembly so possibly someone from the church might attend.

We will be looking for Wheelock tutors come next fall. If you are available during the school day, during the week, consider spending an hour or two working with students at Wheelock. I have tutored there and it's very rewarding work.



## Intersections - Because You Asked About GA

By Rita Chamblin

Intersections on May 10, led by Pat Smith and me, was a presentation on the upcoming General Assembly (GA) for the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). GA will be held in late June and Pat and I will attend; we are also delegates for our congregation. In Intersections, we talked about the schedule, programs, worship opportunities, Ware lecture, business sessions, programs on social justice, and public witness for this year's GA. A great deal of interest was shown in the social justice issues and the processes by which our Association's social justice issues are studied and statements are crafted.

I was asked to provide links to help members find relevant information on the social justice issues currently being studied. Please see below.

[Commission on Social Witness | UUA.org](http://www.uua.org)

This will provide information on the process and links to a variety of social justice material.

[http://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/rj\\_soc\\_04-15draft.pdf](http://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/rj_soc_04-15draft.pdf)

This is the link to the draft of the Statement of Conscience on Reproductive Justice which will be taken up by the delegates at this year's GA.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.



## Whip It! Whip It Good!

By Jamie Mathis

Let's whip the kitchen into shape! Spring Clean! Saturday, May 16 10am until noon, whatever you can do, whenever!!!

Be there, or be square for your UU church home!



## A Little UU History

By the UU Sunday Services Team

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

**Whitney Young:** Executive Director of the Urban League in the 1960's and a civil rights activist.

**Theodore Parker:** Grandson of a hero of the battle of Lexington. Was a gentle man but a fiery preacher and active abolitionist. Stirred the Unitarian denomination with a controversial sermon about miracles, and was thought dangerously radical by many of his ministerial colleagues. Died and was buried in Florence, Italy.





## 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>



## Buddhist Weekly Class Schedule

By Chondzin, Resident Buddhist Nun

**Tuesdays** –6:30PM – 7:30PM. Various Topics.

**Fridays** - 4:30-5:30PM. 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** - 4:00-5:00pm.

**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](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. For further information, contact Mary Vines, 799-2494.

- 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.



## 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 7:00PM on the second Tuesday of the month



**Children's Religious Education Committee:** monthly meetings at the church at 6PM on the fourth Thursday of the month



**Green Sanctuary Committee:** monthly meetings at the church at 6 PM on the third Tuesday of the month



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



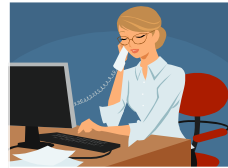
**Safety Committee:** monthly meetings at the church at 7 PM on the fourth Thursday of the month.



**Social Action Committee:** monthly meetings at the church following the service on the second Sunday of the month and 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

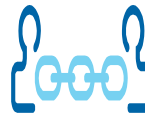


**Church Office Hours:** MWF - 1:00PM – 3:00PM  
TTh – 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM



## Board Members

President	Gay Hedges
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	<i>Vacant</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Laura Deurmyer
Secretary	Ariel Purkeypile
Treasurer	Wanda Clark
Trustee I	Jennifer Mora
Trustee II	<i>Vacant</i>



## Committee Contacts

Building	Kit Herrington
Grounds	<i>Chairman - 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, Judy Brown, Wanda Clark, Gay Hedges, Linda McGann
Potluck	<i>Open</i>
Recycling Team	Wanda Clark, Linda McGann
Religious Education	Justin Deurmyer, Sara McLarty, Louise Sanders
Safety	Jennifer Mora
Social Action	Gay Hedges, Laura Deurmyer, Linda McGann
Stewardship	Laura Deurmyer, Gay Hedges, Jennifer Mora
Sunday Services	Rita Chamblin, Pat Smith, Wanda Clark, Laura Deurmyer, Barbara Holder, Bill Stewart



## 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 responsible for our own spirituality, our own salvation, and for doing all that we can to make the world better.*

- UU minister Rev. Bob Klein