



# The Chalice Light

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## Sunday Morning

Service 11:00AM

Children's and Adult Classes 10:00AM

## Commemorating Selma, March 8 Service!

### Services

**March 8:** "Commemorating Selma"

**March 15:** "Tolerance or Acceptance",  
Pat MacManus

### Children's Religious Education

**March 8:**

Cubbies: We must care for our earth and its plants  
and animals

Youth: Bead 6: Earths Moon

**March 15:**

Cubbies: Differences are interesting

Youth: Bead 7: Rain Falls/Oceans Form

### Intersections – Adult Religious Exploration

**March 8:** Inequality and privileges,  
Laura Deurmyer

**March 15:** Plan B for the environment  
Louise Sanders

### **Information**

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## Sunday Morning Services – Details...

**March 8:** “Commemorating Selma”

**March 15:** “Tolerance or Acceptance”,  
Pat MacManus

## Services – Looking Ahead...

**March 22:** “Ostara Ritual”, Charree Mahoney

**March 29:** “Five Smooth Stones”, Rev. Tom Schmidt (Midland). Utilizing the work of James Luther Adams, Rev. Schmidt will discuss the principles of liberal religion and how they relate to our daily lives through this uniquely Unitarian Universalist perspective.



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

## Sunday Morning Intersections – Details...

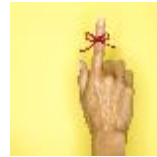
**March 8:** Inequality and privileges,  
Laura Deurmyer

**March 15:** A Continuum of social responsibility,  
Rita Chamblin

## Intersections - Looking Ahead...

**March 22:** Jesus for UU, Bill Stewart

**March 29:** Practicing Right Relations (Part 2),  
Gay Hedges



## Mark Your Calendar!

**March 7:** South Plains Food Bank Workday

**March 7:** Drum Circle, 5:30 pm

**March 7:** Social Action Game Night, 6 pm

**March 8:** Social Action Committee, after service

**March 10:** Board of Trustees, 7 PM

**March 15:** Next newsletter deadline, 5 PM

**March 15:** Potluck after service

**March 22:** All Committees meet after service

**March 25:** Green Sanctuary Committee, 6:30PM

**March 25:** Safety/RE Committee, 7pm

**March 27:** Social Action Game Night, 6 pm

**April 5:** Membership committee, noon

**April 7:** Sunday Services Committee, 7PM

**May 2:** South Plains Food Bank Workday



## Children’s Religious Education

By April Velasquez, Director of Religious Education

The Great Story has hit RE with a big bang! So far the little Earthlings have covered how the Universe was born, galaxies and stars, and how essential our Sun is. In the coming weeks they will cover Earth, its moon, and all the marvelous possessions it has. We are still welcoming volunteers who have passed a background check to participate in this exciting curriculum. You can visit the church's website and follow the link to The Great Bead Curriculum under the Children and Youth tab or check out the RE bulletin board in the fellowship hall which has copies of the lessons for March.

### Cubbies

Early Childhood Educator, Lisa Murphy, perfectly states that "Play is the foundation that supports the house of higher learning". If you have ever peeked

in or overheard the cubbies room from Intersections you would automatically know how important play is to them. However, these vibrant beings are doing more than play; they actively engage in lessons and contribute meaningful ideas and thoughts to the discussions during class. These little Unitarians will be covering why differences are important, all types of families, and cooperation as a whole group in the coming weeks.

### **Eggs-travaganza**

It's hard to believe that Flower Communion/Easter is four weeks away! When this was brought up in class, one child responded "Wow, this year is going by fast". So it is time to start collecting filled eggs for our egg hunt. RE is asking that each family please send a dozen filled eggs by **April 5, 2015** to be used after service in a traditional egg hunt for all children. Candy is an option but also feel free to use loose change, stickers, fruit snacks, small bouncy balls. The ideas are abundant!

It is great to see much enthusiasm with the Religious Education recently! A few reminders to those who are wanting to and who are actively participating with our youth. Please remember to contact me with information pertaining to \*ANY\* RE function, this includes summaries of any committees or curriculum meetings, questions or concerns about the program, and general assemblies that touch base over RE happenings. It is also important to remember to contact Stephanie Blackwell when planning such an event due to preventing any schedule conflicts between the church and other events as well as giving everyone involved a courtesy advance to plan ahead for attendance. It is vital to the well being of RE that all guardians and participants be well informed of any meeting that pertains to the youth. Again, I am very grateful for the participation and to provide help with any questions or concerns you may have. Sincerely, April Velasquez, Director of Religious Education



## **Summary of February 17, 2015 Board Meeting**

By Richard Hopson, Board President

The Board of Trustees of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Lubbock met on Tuesday, February 17, 2015.

Rita Chamblin presented the Financial Report. Our long time Treasurer, Patsy Malin, recently resigned. Wanda Clark was introduced as a possible replacement for the Treasurer position. She was nominated and the Board voted to appoint Wanda as treasurer for the remainder of the 2014-2015 year.

Wanda Clark is a full time professor of psychology, anthropology & humanities at South Plains College. She has recently become reacquainted with her love of music through participation in our first UU community and is currently taking piano lessons in an attempt to support all the current research which suggests playing a music instrument is a "full body workout" for the brain.

The Board had two strong candidates throw their hat in the ring to attend the Dwight Brown Leadership Experience 2015: Rita Chamblin and Gay Hedges. They fulfill the requirement of "congregational teams of two or more" plus both have been members of the church for two years or more and both have been in leadership positions. The Church has funds available for this event. Two to four members may attend each year from any single congregation. More information is available in the article in the February 1 newsletter. Attendees will be decided later when and if other members come forward. Several pages of information have been placed on the information board on the south wall in the coffee area. Please review the information and consider if this is of interest to you now or in the future.

Two of our elders will be attending The General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association in Portland, Oregon: Pat Smith and Rita Chamblin. This is wonderful news and there are other people mulling over the possibility of attending.

Congregations can now attend some GA sessions via live stream.



## "Share the Plate" Success

By Wanda Clark

Our first "Share the Plate" social action project was connected with the "One Billion Rising" service on Feb. 8. We were able to donate \$286 to Women's Protective Services, which was one half of the offertory plate donations for that Sunday. Thank you for your generosity and stay tuned for our next "share the plate" opportunity.



## South Plains Food Bank Workday

By Gay Hedges

Come one, come all, we're going to have a ball! It is time once again for South Plains Food Bank! All are welcome to join us as we sort food at the food bank the morning of March 7. We'll be there from 9am until noon, laughing, singing, and getting some work done. Kids are welcome. You don't want to miss it. Call Gay Hedges if you need a ride. [806-729-0563](tel:806-729-0563).



## Joint Meeting of Safety and Religious Education Committees

By April Velasquez,  
Director of Religious Education

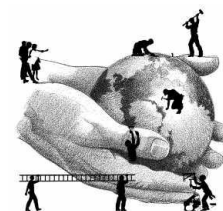
On Wednesday **March 25 at 7pm** there will be a meeting of the Safety and RE Committees that will be run jointly by Jennifer Mora, Justin Deurmyer and Adviser Emeritus Sara McLarty. This meeting will be covering information that pertains to the well being of the Religious Education program. We highly encourage parent/guardians and volunteers to attend as this time allows any questions, comments, or concerns to be addressed over the Safety and RE program. If you would like to attend but need to utilize childcare, please contact April Velasquez so that we can make arrangements.



## UU Prospective Member Orientation

By Gay Hedges

Rescheduling of the new member workshop to be announced soon. The new workshop will likely be near the end of March.



## Social Action

By Gio Ramirez

The social action committee strives to provide service for the congregation as well as the surrounding community. Monthly Ronald McDonald visits are still strong and going! In February Kit Herrington and Louise Sanders helped provide breakfast for the Ronald McDonald house,



while Gay Hedges will continue the service in March.

The social action committee is always taking donations for the Women's Protective Services. Please refer to the Order of Service for details on items that are needed.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the listed events, please contact Gay Hedges! All are welcome to join social action meetings which will be held immediately after service on the second Sunday of every month.



## Spring is a Good Time of Year for the Church Auction

By Patsy Malin

As the weather brings snow and moisture to Lubbock, spring peaks out of the ground, trees bloom. The "Merry Month of May" is perfect for offerings – your best goodies and services, your get-togethers and dinners. Save those dollars too, so we can plant a wildly blooming, fun, and celebratory fundraiser.



## The Deep Way Workshop

By Pat Smith

On Saturday, February 21, I attended a workshop for UU leadership graduates led by Connie Goodbread, a member of the UUA Southern Region Congregational Life Staff. The event was hosted by the Bay Area UU Church in Houston, which has an official membership of 242. I was surprised that I knew 8 of the 20 participants!

The workshop title, The Deep Way, came from a quote by Sophia Fahs, a 20th century Unitarian religious educator. Fahs wrote, "The religious way is the deep way. The religious way is the way that touches universal relationships, that goes high, wide and deep, that expands the feelings of kinship." We are all in a cycle of "becoming" and reconnecting with our faith tradition, and the focus was on personal introspection, soul searching, and calling. I was reminded that Unitarian Universalism is (1) covenantal, not creedal, (2) pluralistic, with its six sources and with a wide spectrum of beliefs ranging from atheists to believers in God, and all in between, and (3) a living tradition, allowing us to learn and change.

In addition to learning from the formal presentations and discussions, I brought back several ideas I had from conversations with other participants. One example is holding a refresher training for our Welcoming Congregation status. We have had some changes in our membership and congregational life since our original recognition in 2008. And the LGBTQ national landscape has changed dramatically. Refresher programming can help us recommit to inclusive practices and also take the next steps in deepening our welcome even further.

It's always good to connect with the wider UU community and broaden my perspective. I highly recommend it!



## 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>



## A Little UU History

By the UU Sunday Services Team

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

**Olympia Brown:** A Universalist minister in Racine, WI, and active in the Kansas Suffrage campaign. Became the first woman to be ordained by a denominational body.

**Margaret Fuller:** Early nineteenth-century feminist and transcendentalist. Literary critic and author who wrote *Woman in the 19th Century* and edited *the Dial*.



## 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](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.

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| 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 <i>Buddha's Brain</i> , 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        |





**Green Sanctuary Committee:** Meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM.



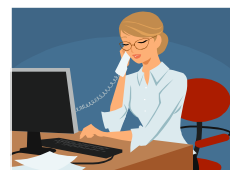
**Membership Committee:** Meets the first Sunday of the month following the service.



**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



### **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**



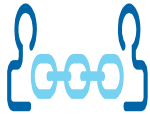
**Board Meeting:** Meets the second Tuesday of the month, 7:00PM.

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



## Our Vision

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



## Committee Contacts

Building	Richard Hopson
"Artist in Residence"	William Bengé
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	Judy Brown, Wanda Clark, Gay Hedges, Linda McGann
Potluck	<i>Open</i>
Recycling Team	Wanda Clark, Linda McGann
Religious Education	Justin Deurmyer, Sara McLarty
Safety	Jennifer Mora
Social Action	Gay Hedges, Laura Deurmyer, Linda McGann
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, Steven Poeling



## Our Mission

We nurture. We learn. We act.



*Every man is a volume if you know how to read him.*

**William Ellery Channing,  
19th century Unitarian**