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Sunday Morning

Service 11:00AM

Children's and Adult Classes 10:00AM

Interfaith Amigos April 27!

Services

April 20: Easter/Flower Ceremony,
April Velasquez and Children's RE

April 27: "Inner Spiritual Journey", Rabbi Ted &
Imam Jamal, Interfaith Amigos

Children's Religious Education

Picture Book World Religions

Intersections – Adult Religious Exploration

April 20: Origins of religious calendars, Justin
Deurmyer

April 27: Planning Session

Information

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- April 27:** “Inner Spiritual Journey”, Rabbi Ted & Imam Jamal, Interfaith Amigos

Services – Looking Ahead...

- May 4:** Congregational Meeting, Richard Hopson
- May 11:** “Wholehearted Children”, Laura Deurmyer



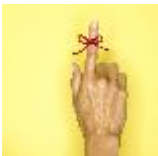
Adult Religious Exploration, where religion intersects culture, science, and politics –

Sunday Morning Intersections – Details...

- April 20:** Origins of religious calendars, Justin Deurmyer
- April 27:** *Planning Session*

Intersections - Looking Ahead...

- May 4:** Getting to know you, Gay Hedges
- May 11:** Cosmology: inclusive views, Rita Chamblin



Mark Your Calendar!

- April 20:** Potluck after service.
- April 20:** Common Read after potluck.

April 26: Fun at the Ranching Heritage Museum, see article for details.

April 27: Next newsletter deadline, 5:00PM

April 27: All Committees Meetings, Noon

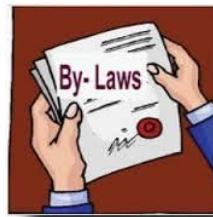
May 10: Church Auction, time *TBA*

May 17: Picnic at Wagner Park, time *TBA*

May 13: Board of Trustees, 7:00PM

The Board has changed its meeting time to 7PM through June 2014

October 4: Workshops led by our Southern Region consultant, Natalie Briscoe



Proposed Bylaws Amendment

By Duane Christian. Past President, Board of Trustees

Article IV: Membership, Sec. 4.03
~~Membership may be terminated by any member by written letter of withdrawal. Membership may be terminated by the Board of Trustees if it determines that a member has not met the financial contribution requirement or that a member has had no activity in the church during the previous twelve months. The Board may reinstate membership once the financial requirement is met, and activity in the CHURCH is resumed.~~

A member's name shall be removed from the Membership Roll following the member's death. A member who notifies the Board to remove his/her name from membership will have that done. If a member is inactive in attendance or either in financial support or tasks around the church for more than a year, the Board may, after reviewing the case, remove that person from membership. A member who is found to have acted in a manner that is a threat to the congregation may be removed from membership by a two-thirds vote of the Board.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS, Sec. 6.01

The officers of the CHURCH shall be President, Vice President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-

President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected by majority vote at the annual meeting to serve one year terms, ~~and the immediate Past President, who, if unable to serve, may be replaced by the most recent Past President who is able and willing.~~ The **1st** Vice President shall serve as coordinator of long range planning. The ~~Past President~~ **2nd Vice President** shall serve as coordinator of all standing committees.

Sec. 6.02

For the purpose of conducting the business of the Board and the CHURCH when ~~officers are absent, the order of succession of the officers of the CHURCH shall be president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and past president.~~ **the president is absent, a vice president shall preside (in their designated order).**



Children's Religious Education

By April Velasquez,
Director of Religious Education

EASTER EGG HUNT

Parents, please bring a dozen prefilled eggs by April 20th to help ensure that every child has eggs for their baskets during our Egg Hunt. The children have prepared their own paper baskets in class. If your child was not present no need to stress; they will be able to create a basket before the hunt. Be creative when filling eggs. You can use bounce balls, trail mix, pencil toppers, pennies, rubber bugs, and of course candy!

YOUTH SADDLE UP!

Yee-Haw! Let's wrangle up all the children and get together for the 44th Annual Ranch Day on Saturday, April 26th. This year's theme is "Pals of the Saddle". Featured activities include rope making, chuck wagon, horse stick racing, and just a good ole' time! We will meet at 10am at the

Ranching Heritage Museum and have lunch under the pavilion around noon. This event is free and open to the public. I will be sending more information to parents over specific details.

CHURCH PICNIC

Mark your calendars, because the First UU Church will be having a picnic in the park come Saturday, May 17! This will take the place of our monthly pot luck. We plan to meet and eat at Wagner Park. Stay tuned for specific details over food, entertainment, and time!



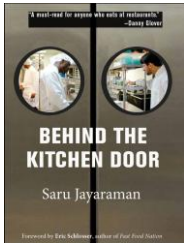
UU Yarn Storm Will Hit April 20

By Stephanie Blackwell
Programs and Activities Coordinator

The UU Yarn Storm is off to a great start! Stormers started this past Sunday. We will continue the install throughout the week, with it all set to be ready for viewing on Sunday, April 20. It will be a beautiful and colorful way to join the spirit of our Easter and Flower Ceremony service. The installation is planned to be in place for a month, but may stay longer if the wind and weather are kind.

The Storm installation will continue through April 19 and everyone is invited to help. Thank you, to everyone who delayed their lunch on the first day and joined us in wrapping trees. If you didn't get to be there, it's not too late. Call or email me 806-799-1617, pac@nts-online.net and I will coordinate with you. If you were there Sunday and feel inspired to do more, go for it! We've got lots of

yarn to allow everyone to participate. Do as much or as little as you want!



Common Read Continues Monthly

By Sara McLarty

Behind the Kitchen Door invites participants to intentionally consider their practices in restaurant dining. It makes visible the lives of people who are subject to discrimination and oppression based on economic status, race, ethnicity, gender, and/or immigration status.

We hope you join us at the next Common Read meetings in the Abernethy Room, third Sundays, at 12:50 after Pot Luck, **April 20, and May 18**, two chapters each meeting.

Copies of the book can be ordered from The UUA Bookstore at www.uuabookstore.org for \$21.95. If you can be there only once or twice or not at all, you can use some of these links to follow along.

[Ctrl+Click here to read "The Other NRA: National Restaurant Association Eviscerates Rights of Customers, Workers, and Children"](#)

[Ctrl+Click here to see UUSC President Bill Schulz speak about Raising the Minimum Wage](#)



Attention Mateys! Church Auction on May 10

By Gay Hedges

Aaay Mateys of the Auction!

If ye be wishin' to offer a service to be auctioned, but ye forgot to write it on the clipboard at church, we have ways of letting you give.

Feel free to call or email the office with your offerin'. Be sure to leave yer name and what y'be offerin'. All hands on deck mateys!



KTTZ-FM Spring Drive is Here!

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.

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





Donations Accepted Texas Poet Laureate Larry D. Thomas

By Stephanie Blackwell
Program and Activities Coordinator

First UU is hosting 2008 Texas Poet Laureate Larry D. Thomas for a poetry reading on Friday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. Admittance is free. Donations are now being accepted for hosting costs and childcare.

We are excited to announce that Mr. Thomas will be reading from his newly published book, *The Lobsterman's Dream*.

For more information about Larry Thomas and to hear him read his own work, check out his website.
<http://www.larrydthomas.com/>



Southern Region consultant leads workshops here on October 4

By Richard Hopson

The Vision Statement for the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Lubbock reads:

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

Is it true? I would like to invite all members of our Community to join the leaders from other UU Communities to attend the workshops led by our Southern Region consultant, Natalie Briscoe, on

Saturday, October 4, 2014. Lubbock leaders working with other leaders.



Wheelock Elementary

By Dorothy Joiner

If you are interested in tutoring, please contact me at 806-745-5791.

School supplies are needed:

- Spiral tablets (wide lined)
- #2 pencils
- Crayons (16 count)
- Colored pencils
- Scissors (children size)
- Kleenex (any size)
- Clorox wipes



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 2013 – 2014

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.

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| April 22 | <i>Muhammad: A Prophet for Our Time</i>
By Karen Armstrong |
| May 27 | The Case for Theistic Evolution |
| June 24 | U.S. Constitution's Religious Underpinnings? |
| July 22 | The Quest for Green Religion |
| August 27 | Early History of Islam and Writing of Quran |



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.



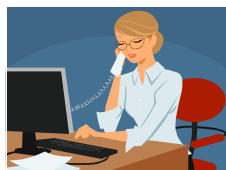
Ongoing Church Activities



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



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



Church Office Hours: 1:00PM – 3:00PM,
Monday through Friday



Social Action Committee: monthly meeting the last Friday of each month at 6 PM. In April there is

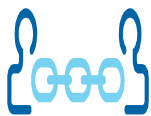
a conflict and they will pick another day for that month.

Other Activities at the Church



Board Members

President	Richard Hopson
Vice-President	Gay Hedges
Secretary	Leslie Darner
Treasurer	Patsy Malin
Past President	Duane Christian
Trustee	Jamie Naquin
Trustee	Jennifer Mora



Standing Committees/Chairs

Building	<i>Chairman - Open</i>
"Artist in Residence"	Linda Shough
Grounds	<i>Chairman - Open</i>
"Academic Advisor"	Murray Coulter
Children's RE	April Velasquez

Membership	Duane Christian
Potluck	<i>Open</i>
Recycling Team	Linda McGann, Wanda Clark
Social Action	Gay Hedges
Sunday Services	Rita Chamblin, Duane Christian, Barbara Holder, Pat Smith



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Our Mission

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Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

—Martin Luther King

