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Sunday Morning

Service 11:00AM

Children's and Adult Classes 10:00AM

Chalica and Hanging of the Greens December 7!

Services

November 30: "Thanksgiving and Hanukkah"
Rita Chamblin

December 7: Chalica and Hanging of the Greens,
With the children of the Religious Education
Classes

Children's Religious Education

November 30: Cubbies: Celebrating Chalica
Youth: Celebrating Chalica

December 7:
Cubbies: We All Belong to the Family of Earth
Youth: In Our Hands: Peace and Justice with Others

Intersections – Adult Religious Exploration

November 30: The Challenge of Change:
Our 3rd and 4th Principles

December 7: Four types of church growth,
Pat Smith

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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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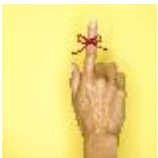
Rita Chamblin will speak about these two holidays and what they tell us about different reasons and ways to give thanks.

December 7: Chalica and Hanging of the Greens,
With the children of the Religious Education Classes

Services – Looking Ahead...

December 14: “First, we receive”, Pat Smith

December 21: “Christmas Stories”,
Kristina Mitchell & Rita Chamblin



Mark Your Calendar!

December 7: Next newsletter deadline, 5 PM

December 9: Board of Trustees, 7 PM

December 13: South Plains Food Bank, 9-noon

December 21: Potluck after service

December 28: All Committees meet after service



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

Sunday Morning Intersections – Details...

November 30: The Challenge of Change:
Our 3rd and 4th Principles

December 7: Four types of church growth,
Pat Smith

Intersections - Looking Ahead...

December 14: *Planning Session*

December 21: "Christmasy" discussion,
Kristina Mitchell



Children’s Religious Education

By April Velasquez

SECRET SANTA

Ho! Ho! Ho! Calling all Secret Santas! We desperately need volunteers to show our children some love this holiday season. With our growing numbers we now have **22 children** who can participate in this tradition. Secret Santa will kick off **November 30** and we will reveal who is who on December 14. If you are able to take on two children this would be most appreciated. Please contact April Velasquez at 1stuu.dre@gmail.com or 806.881.4539 to volunteer.



Special Collection for Employees

By Richard Hopson

First UU will be taking a special collection for the employees on December 7. Our employees have given us much loving help this year. Please consider them at this time.

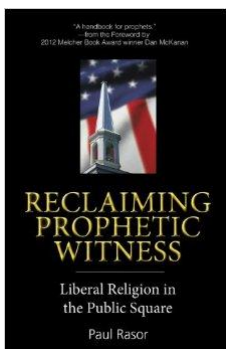




Christmas Shopping?

By Sara McLarty

10,000 Villages has a shop here -- again at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 48th and Salem. What could be better, interesting gifts, fair trade sources from all over the world? Saturday December 6 from 10 am to 3 pm.



Third Local UUA Common Read

By Rita Chamblin

Reclaiming Prophetic Witness: Liberal Religion in the Public Square by Paul Razor (Skinner House Books, 2013) has been selected as the 2014-15 Unitarian Universalist Association Common Read. The Common Read is a book, read and discussed in a group, and is a basis for deep, meaningful conversations. Our first Common Read together, *The New Jim Crow*, was an education. Next, *Behind The Kitchen Door*, was a spur to action.

The current book asserts that conservative Christianity is not the only valid religious voice in our national social policy. It includes insights from our liberal religious theological heritage that have bearing for us today, and calls us to prophetic, faith-based justice work. Razor explores the forces and tensions that have weakened our prophetic witness in the last quarter century. He also makes a strong

case for the necessity of a liberal religious presence in the public square to complement and strengthen secular voices raised for social justice. *Reclaiming Prophetic Witness* offers new ways to think about how to remain culturally engaged and yet able to speak and act for justice from a faith-based position.

Please contact Rita Chamblin, Sara McLarty, or Pat Smith if you are interested in joining us in reading and discussing this book. We have tentatively scheduled four 90 minute meetings at Rita Chamblin's house for the Common Read discussions: 7 pm on Wednesday evenings, Jan 14, Jan 28, Feb 11 and Feb 25. We are open to different suggested meeting dates, times and/or locations.

Learn more at:

<http://www.uua.org/re/multigenerational/read/>



Thank You! Thank You!

First UU's contribution to KTTZ-FM's fall fund drive was a formidable \$1540! This provides us with OUR BEST ADVERTISING through underwriting and supports the unique and valuable programming of public radio. Thank all of you so much for making this happen!



Social Action Opportunities

By Gay Hedges

We are scheduled to volunteer at the South Plains Food Bank **Saturday, December 13 9am to noon**. Assisting and volunteering at the SPFB is a First UU tradition and if you haven't had the chance to be involved before we hope you will join us this time. It is a wonderful way to support our

community and working together builds our church community as well. See you there! Contact Gay Hedges with any questions.

We support the Ronald McDonald House of the Southwest by providing a Sunday morning breakfast once a month. Thank you to all of the volunteers who have made this commitment a possibility. December's guest chefs are the Deurmyers. Contact Gay Hedges to see how you can help.



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=FI1390W>



A Little UU History

By the UU Sunday Services Team

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

Mary A. Livermore: Raised a Calvinist and married a Universalist minister. Became a

newspaper writer and editor and an associate in the Civil War Sanitary Commission. Started a Chicago newspaper, *The Agitator*, which favored temperance and women's rights.

Dana McLean Greeley: After serving as president of the American Unitarian Association, became the first president of the merged Unitarian Universalist Association.



Nighthawks II – A Free Arts Event

Please join the Ad Hoc Writers Group for its second Nighthawks Event, which will include literary readings, coffee, wine and other refreshments, on **Thursday, Dec. 4, at 7:00 PM.**

Barbara Brannon and Kay Ellington will read from (and sign copies of) their newly published novel *The Paragraph Ranch*, set in present-day West Texas. Barbara is a published poet who studied with James Dickey, and who currently serves as the executive director for the Texas Plains Trail Region. She also was the marketing manager for Texas Tech University Press. Kay has enjoyed an extensive career in newspapers, working for Knight Ridder, *The Lubbock Avalanche Journal*, and currently for the Blackburn Media Group as a contributing editor and consultant. You can learn more about *The Paragraph Ranch* here:

<http://www.amazon.com/The-Paragraph-Ranch-Series-Volume/dp/1620154617>

Richard Jespers will read from his soon-to-be-published collection of short fiction *My Long-Playing Records*. Richard holds a master's degree in English from Texas Tech University. Stories most recently receiving honors can be found in *Boulevard* (a Pushcart nominee), *Blackbird* (anthologized in Dzanc Book's *Best of the Web 2008*), and *The Ledge*. His latest fiction appears in the *Beloit Fiction Journal*, while his short story "My Mother's Night Out with Alain Delon" is forthcoming in *The Chaffin Journal* out of Eastern Kentucky State. You can read more about Richard and his work here:

<http://www.richardjaspers.com/>

Melissa Brewer is a poet, playwright, and screenwriter. A scene of her play “In the Meantime,” involving a potentially violent interaction between a man struggling with life issues and a taxi driver, was presented by actors at a previous Ad Hoc Writers event to wide acclaim. Currently, she is working on a collection of poetry centered on relationships among family members with roots in Texas and the greater Southwest. Her poetry was recently published in the Southern Poetry Review.

Michelle Kraft is a Professor of Art and Assistant Dean in the College of Arts and Liberal Education at Lubbock Christian University. She submitted her first story while in the eighth grade, under a “pen name,” to Omni Magazine. While she has published scholarly work in both journals and books in the field of Art Education, she is now equally interested in writing creative non-fiction and memoir that delves into issues of creativity (especially the artistry of her father), family difficulties that are simultaneously comic and tragic, and the loss of childhood innocence. She has also written essays about whimsical events during travels in Europe.



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 on 50th just west of Quaker.
12:15 - 12:45. \$5

Thursdays 7:00PM – 8:30PM.

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



Interfaith Dialogue 2014 – 2015

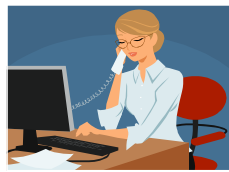
Since February 1985, Lubbock Interfaith Dialogue has met for brown bag lunch at noon on the 4th or 5th Tuesday of each month (except for 3rd Tuesday in December) at St. John’s United Methodist Church, 15th Street and University Avenue. Please join us as we find unity in the sharing of our diverse perspectives on many topics. For further information, contact Mary Vines, 799-2494.

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| December 16 | A Spiritual Model of Aging |
| January 27 | Religious Exemption from Taxation |
| February 24 | Celebration of Lubbock Interfaith Dialogue’s 30 th Anniversary |
| March 24 | Remedies for Relating with Dogmatism |
| April 28 | U.S. Income Inequality: Religious Reaction |
| May 26 | Review of <i>Buddha’s Brain</i> |
| 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.



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.



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.



Board Members

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



Ongoing Church Activities



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

Standing Committees/Chairs

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| Building | <i>Chairman - Open</i> |
| "Artist in Residence" | William Benge |
| Grounds | <i>Chairman - Open</i> |
| "Academic Advisor" | Murray Coulter |
| Children's RE | April Velasquez |
| Membership | <i>Open</i> |
| Potluck | <i>Open</i> |
| Recycling Team | Linda McGann, Wanda Clark |
| Social Action | Gay Hedges |
| Sunday Services | Rita Chamblin, Wanda Clark, Barbara Holder, Pat Smith |

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

UU Tunes/
Music Team

Wanda Clark,
Justin Deurmyer,
Kristina Mitchell,
Ariel Purkeypile,
Noel Ramirez



Our Vision

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



Our Mission

We nurture. We learn. We act.



*Honor always the primacy of
conscience over any external
authority which we believe to
be immoral.*

Dana McLean Greeley, Unitarian