

OUR CHURCH LIFE

CHURCH CALENDAR

AUGUST 2015

2nd: Sunday Service 10a.m. Sheri Philabaum; Draw the Circle Wide. As religious people, we struggle to be the best moral beings we can be. Many of us aspire to be better than we are. Is it possible that insights from science – biology, genetics, neuroscience -- have lessons to teach us about our moral lives? Today we will explore just a few ideas about what makes us “tick” as human beings, and perhaps glean some simple insights into our lives as moral creatures.

7th: Friday 11:30a.m.: Men's Fellowship Lunch in the Annex. News, views and thought-provoking discussion

9th: Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.: The First Smooth Stone: “Revelation Is Not Sealed” Ms. Scottie (Marion) McIntyre Johnson Although Unitarian Universalists make much of the fact that we are a creedless religion, we do hold certain important beliefs in common. James Luther Adams, the most influential Unitarian theologian of the 20th century, outlined five of them in an essay called “The Five Smooth Stones of Religious Liberalism”. The first of these foundational beliefs of our faith is the idea that “Revelation is continuous” – that is, new religious truths are always being revealed, in many ways and many places. If that is correct, what does “revelation” mean for us? **CAM Sunday soap, shampoo & toothpaste.**

12th: Wednesday 6:30 p.m.: Board Meeting,

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES AUGUST 22 Blazing Saddles

Politically incorrect and relentlessly funny, Mel Brooks's take on Hollywood Westerns follows the tortured trail of freed slave Bart, who's elected sheriff of the racist town of Rock Ridge. He must foil a land-grabbing governor (Brooks) with help from a washed-up, pot-smoking gunslinger (Gene Wilder).

Bring your favorite beverage (share if you like) and a snack (share if you like). Popcorn will be provided. Chairs are hard, bring a cushion if you want. Everyone is welcome. Come have fun. In the church Annex, 6:45 start prelude - 7:00 sharp movie starts.

Annex

14th: Friday 2:00p.m.: Needles, a crafting group in Annex. Please call Shari Gore if you are unable to attend.

16th: Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.: Service: Crosses, Stars and Chalice: We All Have Our Own Symbol To Bare by Bob Lentner. Bob is president of the board of our church. **POTLUCK SUNDAY**

21st: Friday 11:30a.m.: Men's Fellowship Lunch in the Annex. News, views and thought-provoking discussion

22nd: Saturday Night at the Movies 6:30p.m.: Palmer Annex (see below)

23rd: Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.: To Be Announced. Information not available at time of publication. Contact June Hartley, Service Chair, 896-5131 for details.

CAM Sunday Cereal

28th: Friday 2:00p.m.: Needles, a crafting group in Annex. Please call Shari Gore if you are unable to attend.

30th: Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.: To Be Announced. Information not available at time of publication. Contact June Hartley, Service Chair, 896-5131 for details.

COMING SOON! SILENT AUCTION...WATCH FOR DETAILS.

Chalice Table/Greeter

Following is the roster for decorating the chalice table and greeting members and guests. If you cannot participate on the Sunday listed, please contact Shari Gore, 367-3142

Aug. 2 Fannin Family Aug. 9 Galland Family
Aug. 16 Gore Family Aug. 23 Hartley Family
Aug. 30 Hensley Family

SEPTEMBER WATER SERVICE

The water service is a UU ritual, conducted on the first Sunday in September when friends and members return from their summer travels. All are invited to bring a sample of water from their travels or water that has other significance for them. Water is poured into a common bowl or vase to signify coming together again. It's a way of symbolizing that many are one, and a way of getting reacquainted.

News from The Texas Justice Ministry

TXUUJM is growing. Currently there are 28 congregations in our coalition representing over 5,000 UU's in Texas. Our congregation is proudly one of them.

The legislative session this year was reported to be one step away from brutal. Bills were being thrown right and left, committees met in the wee hours of the morning to prevent anyone from testifying, deals were made, etc. Or, as one person put it...just an ordinary day at the statehouse! Rev. Chuck Freeman and the Austin contingent worked tirelessly to prevent some and pass others.

A very few of the TXUUJM accomplishments for the Legislative Session include the following. Along with other great partners more than 20 anti-choice bills were prevented from becoming law. TXUUJM helped defeat a bill to ban abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy in the case of fetal abnormality. TXUUJM helped defeat a bill that would have prevented health insurance coverage for abortion for any reason. TXUUJM helped secure \$5 million dollars for the Adult Career Education Fund to provide long term job training for low-income adults allowing them to train for sustainable jobs. Rev. Freeman testified in favor of raising the minimum wage to \$10.10/hr. None of these bills made it out of committee. TXUUJM helped defeat LGBT bills that would have withheld salaries from state officials that granted licenses or recognized same-sex marriages. Rev. Freeman testified against and helped defeat a fistfull of anti-Sharia bills. These are just a few of the accomplishments recorded for this legislative session.

Currently, all member congregations have been asked to submit 3 issues that involve direct action that can be done locally for the years between legislative sessions. After the announcements the past two Sundays, our congregation has come up with several ideas. Our group will then add a few sentences about each idea and submit to Rev. Freeman. In September your two congregational representatives (Jan Lentner and Karen Burkett) will be voting on all the combined issues to come up with 3 to be worked on statewide between sessions.

If you have an idea about a local justice issue you would like to be considered by TXUUJM, please contact either Jan or Karen before August 20. Sub-
mitted by Jan Lentner

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Social/Outreach/Congregational Committee Chair Jan Lentner (above) (Care, Social, Webpage, Facebook, Publicity, Men's Fellowship Lunch.)

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