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Sunday Morning

Service 11:00AM

Children's and Adult Classes 10:00AM

Reverend Barbara Jarrell on April 13!

Services

April 6: "A Place of Safety" AND "Three Interfaith Amigos" DVD, Pat Smith, Jacob Deurmyer, Justine Mora

April 13: "What Good Does It Do", Reverend Barbara Jarrell

Children's Religious Education

Picture Book World Religions

Intersections – Adult Religious Exploration

April 6: Rituals, Wanda Clark

April 13: Nature, earth religions, spirituality, Laura Deurmyer and Jennifer Mora

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Sunday Morning Services – Details...

April 6: “A Place of Safety” AND “Three Interfaith Amigos” DVD, Pat Smith

April 13: “What Good Does It Do?” Rev. Barbara Jarrell will explore these questions. Do we have a lasting impact through our best efforts for peace, justice, the environment, or spiritual development? Where do we look for evidence, affirmation, and renewal?

Services – Looking Ahead...

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

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



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

Sunday Morning Intersections – Details...

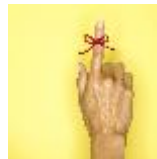
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Intersections - Looking Ahead...

April 20: Origins of religious calendars, Justin Deurmyer

April 27: *Planning Session*



Mark Your Calendar!

April 8: Board of Trustees, 7:00PM

April 13: Next newsletter deadline, 5:00PM
*The Board has changed its meeting
time to 7PM through June 2014*

April 20: Potluck after service.

April 20: Common Read after potluck

April 27: All Committees Meetings, Noon

May 10: Church Auction, time *TBA*

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



Children’s Religious Education

By April Velasquez,
Director of Religious Education

Easter Egg Hunt

April 20 is our annual Flower Communion Service and children’s Easter Egg Hunt. I am asking parents to please donate 12 pre-filled eggs by or before 10:00 am on April 20. This will ensure that every child is guaranteed to collect eggs during our hunt. If you have any questions, please email me or call 806.881.4539.

Planting a Garden

The children will be planting and caring for their garden in a grow box this month. If you have any advice or would like to stop by and give the class tips on how to grow successfully, we would greatly appreciate it! The class is excited to watch their seeds in action over this Spring and hope to harvest not just produce but lots of knowledge too.

A Beautiful Day in [Someone Else's] Neighborhood!

What can you learn from a walk or ride to a neighborhood where you do not live? Even if it's close by, this time go as a traveler. Take what you will need. Prepare to respectfully experience someone else's place. Observe.

How are homes, stores, and public activity different than in your neighborhood? What seems the same?

What ages of people do you see "out and about"? Where do people seem to be going? How are they dressed? What languages do you hear spoken?

Talk to people. Buy something in a store. Make eye contact when you say "Hello." If you feel comfortable, admit you have not explored the neighborhood before. You might ask, "What do you enjoy most about this neighborhood?" or "What does this neighborhood mean to you?"

Courtesy of UU News Families Edition



South Plains Humanist Group

By Harvey Madison

UU Humanists will meet Sunday afternoon on April 6 at 1 pm at the church. The topic will be Victimless Crimes - the tension between freedom and control. This is a topic guaranteed to generate diverse opinions as we take on prostitution, the varieties of drugs, and laws such as helmets and seatbelts. Come and help us as we exercise the UU principle of the "responsible search for truth and meaning!" As always, everyone is welcome.



First UU for Mobile!

By Stephanie Blackwell
Program and Activities Coordinator

Need to know what is going on at First UU right now? You can easily access our new website uulubbock.org on your smartphone. It is designed to get you the information you need on the go!



Palo Duro Canyon Picnic and Hike

By Stephanie Blackwell
Programs and Activities Coordinator

On Friday, March 21, several families from First UU met at Palo Duro Canyon for a picnic lunch and hiking. We hiked to the cowboy Dugout. We also hiked the breathtaking CCC Trail which descends the canyon. A fun time was had by all. New friends were made and old friendships were bolstered. The weather was perfect, not too hot and not too cold with some wind to remind us that we were definitely still in West Texas. To top it all off, the views of the canyon were gorgeous. See the Fridge Door bulletin board for photos of our antics.

Thank you everyone who came and I wish those who couldn't, could have. There are plans to have another hiking trip in the fall, maybe to Caprock Canyons State Park?



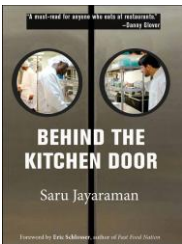


UU Yarn Storm Gathering April 9 at 7pm

By Stephanie Blackwell
Programs and Activities Coordinator

We have about 3 weeks before our First UU Spring Yarn Storm hits. Next week we will have a gathering for yarn working on Wednesday, April 9 at 7pm in the Abernethy Room. If you would like to be involved, but are hesitant to claim a spot just for you, we have areas that need group collaboration. Many people have been interested in wrapping the trees and this is something that everyone can be involved with. To get involved, show up at a meeting, sign up on the Fridge Door bulletin board or call or email me 806-799-1617, pac@nts-online.net.

Installation is the week before Easter, April 13 to 19. There will be a lot of flexibility of when you can come that week to install your pieces.



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 Patsy Malin

Attention mates and ye in the hold: Church Auction is May 10. Be placing yer doubloons in yer piggy bank. Ha ha! Fun for the mates! Ye who are in chains...well. Pirate-in-chief be Terry Sires. We take yer gold or ye walk the plank. More soon.



Donations Accepted Texas Poet Laureate Larry D. Thomas

By Stephanie Blackwell
Program and Activities Coordinator

Donations are now being accepted for hosting

2008 Texas Poet Laureate Larry D. Thomas who will read his poetry at First UU on April 25. Hosting costs will include transportation, lodging, and providing childcare during the poetry reading.

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.



An Interfaith Extravaganza! April 26

By Barbara Holder

Late registration available!

Registration postmarked by April 5

(Or turn in to Barbara at church on April 6)

The Lubbock Interfaith Association is presenting a day to remember on Saturday April 26 at the Holiday Inn Park Plaza from 9:45 AM to 4:30 PM. The cost is \$20, including lunch! Students are free!

The morning session will be the internationally famous three Interfaith Amigos: a Rabbi, an Imam and a Christian, [http://interfaithamigos.com/About Us.html](http://interfaithamigos.com/About_Us.html)

The afternoon sessions will give one the opportunity to hear from 4 different faith groups and ask questions about those groups. The closing session will be A Unity Celebration with ten different faiths, traditions and perspectives addressing the theme of Darkness and Light. (Similar to but not the same as the Forum held at our church on January 25).

An opportunity not to be missed! If you have any questions, you can contact the church office or email Barbara Holder at bardarsr@juno.com.



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.

- April 22 *Muhammad: A Prophet for Our Time*
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.



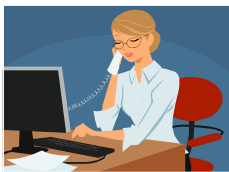
Ongoing Church Activities



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



Yoga classes with Ann Moore (\$5.00 per class):
Tuesday and Thursday: 6:00PM
Saturday: 10:00AM.



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>
Social Action	Gay Hedges
Recycling Team	Linda McGann, Wanda Clark
Sunday Services	Rita Chamblin, Duane Christian, Barbara Holder Pat Smith



Our Vision

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Our Mission

We nurture. We learn. We act.



*Live out of your imagination,
not your history.*

- Stephen R. Covey