



# The Chalice Light

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## Sunday Morning

Service 11:00 a.m.

Children's and Adult Classes 10:00 a.m.

## Brandale Randolph June 28!

### Services

**June 28:** "Can You Change the World ",  
Brandale Randolph

**July 5:** "Our American Roots", via DVD

### Children's Religious Education

**June 28:** To Be Announced

### Intersections – Adult Religious Exploration

**June 28:** Right Relations 1 of 2, Gay Hedges

**July 5:** Church: A People with a Pastoral Vocation,  
Rita Chamblin

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## Sunday Morning Services – Details...

**June 28:** "Can You Change the World",  
Brandale Randolph

**July 5:** "Our American Roots", via DVD

## Services – Looking Ahead...

**July 12:** New Horizons Mission, Justin Deurmyer  
and the children

**July 19:** Stories from UUA General Assembly,  
Rita Chamblin and Pat Smith



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

## Sunday Morning Intersections – Details...

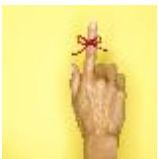
**June 28:** Right Relations 1 of 2, Gay Hedges

**July 5:** Church: A People with a Pastoral Vocation,  
Rita Chamblin

## Intersections - Looking Ahead...

**July 12:** Inquiring Minds, Sarah Mulkey

**July 19:** Moral Foundations Theory,  
Daniel Bontempo



## Mark Your Calendar!

**June 25:** RE Committee, 6 p.m.

**June 25:** Safety Committee, 7 p.m.

**June 26:** Drum Circle, 6 p.m.

**June 26:** Social Action Game Night, 6:30 p.m.

**June 28:** Super Committee Meetings, Noon

**July 5:** Membership Committee, Noon

**July 5:** Newsletter Deadline, 5 p.m.

**July 7:** Sunday Services Committee, 7 p.m.

**July 12:** Social Action Committee, Noon

**July 14:** Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

**July 19:** Pot Luck, Noon

**July 21:** Green Sanctuary Committee, 6 p.m.



## Brandale Randolph Speaks June 28

By Barbara Holder

Brandale Randolph is an author, blogger, advocate, and Executive Director of Project: Poverty.

Project: Poverty is a nonprofit organization that aims to design, create, and implement innovative strategies to reduce poverty. Part of his work includes teaching job readiness seminars at the South Plains Workforce Solutions Center, teaching financial literacy at the Lubbock County Detention Center, the Youth Transition Center, and among other under-served populations.

His writings have appeared in several different publications and on the internet, including Huffington Post. His book "Me and My Broke Neighbor", intended to help inner city children understand financial literacy, is available on Amazon.com.

Brandale is a husband, a father, a community activist, and a licensed curator for TEDxLubbock. He graduated from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and worked as a Commodities Broker before coming to Lubbock.



## Thank you from King's Dominion!

By Louise Sanders

Thanks to Social Action Game Night attendees who contributed funds to purchase shopping carts for the senior residents of the Courtyard at Kings's Dominion in East Lubbock. Everyone who needed one was provided with a shopping cart so they could take advantage of the newly instituted van rides to United Supermarket. We contributed around \$100 of the total \$700 that was collected to purchase the carts. Cindy Dorsett, Property Manager of the facility sent us a lovely thank you note. If anyone would still like to contribute to the residents of this facility, charitable donations are welcomed to support daily activities for residents. They accept money as well as food, clothing, prizes for Bingo, crafts supplies, and other items.



## Local UU helps Central American Refugees through the UU College of Social Justice

By a First UU Member

Last week I traveled to San Antonio as part of a program through the Unitarian Universalist College of Social Justice (UUCSJ) and Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES). RAICES is a non-profit law firm that has been assisting the women in the detention centers. The program was for skilled volunteers who had immigration experience and/or Spanish proficiency. I was humbled to find out I was accepted for the program as a legal aid and translator based on my many years of immigration and international advising.

The program involved working with women and children refugees from Central America. Most of the women and children were fleeing extreme violence in Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala. In 2014, around 70,000 unaccompanied children and 68,000 families made the journey from Central American countries to the United States seeking refuge. Sadly most of the women are being placed into detention centers with their small children until their case can be processed. These women and their children sometimes wait anywhere from a couple of weeks to over a year. This system of detention is very difficult on the women and children. As volunteers we worked with women and children being held at the Karnes and Dilley detention facilities.

As part of the program the UUSC volunteers helped with RAICES. As volunteers our team included lawyers and legal aides, and we visited the detention centers and did both intake interviews and credible fear preparation. Volunteers also assisted with the hotline for women inside the detention centers needing legal aid, referrals for legal assistance, and other duties. In addition, RAICES provides a bond fund to help women who do not have family who can help post their bond to be released. We also visited a couple of immigration courts and witnessed removal hearings.

Additionally, we worked with The Interfaith Welcoming Coalition (IWC). The IWC is a group of individuals from many denominations across San Antonio who assist with several critical projects, including assisting women who have been recently released at local bus stations. They meet the women and children there and provide food, water, and a backpack containing essentials such as diapers, toothbrushes, etc. Many of these women have no

possessions when they arrive at the station, which makes traveling with infants and small children very difficult, as some trips last several days to reach their family members. The IWC also runs a house where women and children can spend the night in a bed instead of having to wait overnight or several days in the bus station. I worked with both of these projects and the work they are doing is very powerful and life changing.

During the program I met many women and children who had recently been released from the detention centers. Women and children fleeing horrific and unimaginable violence. I met indigenous Guatemalan women and children, unaccompanied minors as young as five who had made the trip to the US on top of the train "La Bestia" by themselves. I met teenagers who had fled their country due to the staggering rates of sexual trafficking. I met mothers who were victims of domestic, sexual, and emotional abuse by husbands, boyfriends, and gangs. The experience was very emotional and difficult and made me aware that we are experiencing a humanitarian crisis. A crisis that is occurring just six hours away from us. Unitarian congregations in both San Antonio and Austin have answered the call to help. The UU Church of San Antonio has been helping the UU College of Social Justice with housing and transportation for volunteers, and in addition they are collecting items for the backpacks for the women and children. I would like to encourage our congregation to consider assisting with this project. Many of you have asked how you can help out, and I have provided some resources below.

#### **Here are ways you can participate:**

The Family Bond Project: This project collects money to help pay for the bonds for the release of the women. The bonds are typically \$5,000- \$8,500. <http://www.raicestexas.org/pages/bondfund>

The Backpack "Mochilla" Project: These backpacks are given to each woman and child leaving the detention center and upon arrival at the bus station. <http://www.raicestexas.org/pages/backpack> and <http://www.myregistry.com/visitors/?registryId=850453> and <https://gallery.mailchimp.com/46f55bd6914f18139b>

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By volunteering with RAICES:

<http://www.raicestexas.org/pages/volunteer>

The Interfaith Welcoming Coalition Newsletter:

<http://us10.forward-to-friend.com/forward/preview?u=46f55bd6914f18139b50c82c9&id=65482603d8>

By signing this UUSC petition to end family detention:

<http://actnow.uusc.org/site/PageNavigator/StandUpforRefugeeWomeninDetention.html#petition>

**Here are several articles and websites to learn more:**

Unitarian Universalist College of Social Justice:

<http://uucsj.org/>

RAICES: <http://www.raicestexas.org/>

Article on our work in the LA Times:

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/la-na-immigrant-mothers-20150615-story.html#page=1>

Video on families we were working with:

<http://us1.forward-to-friend.com/forward/show?u=274e1483bbf4e53fa64d4afd4&id=3acbb6f561>



## **Vamos a Pescar, Let's Go Fishing August 8, 2015**

By Gio Ramirez

Los Hermanos Familia is a collaborative group of men and women, organizations, and volunteers who value God, family, and community and serve as organizers of the 7th Annual "Vamos a Pescar, Let's Go Fishing". This year's event will be held **Saturday, August 8, 2015, between 6 a.m. and 2 p.m.** It is free, but in order to participate in the added amenities you must register! You can register on line at [www.letsfishinglubbock.com](http://www.letsfishinglubbock.com)

What to bring? Fishing poles, chairs, sunscreen, bug spray, water bottles, bait, shade, snacks, all while wearing comfy clothes.

What to know: Any child under 17 years must be accompanied by an adult. Limit 4 fish per person. No fishing license needed! Good sportsmanship required!

We hope to see you there!



## Online Store for Coffee and more!

*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>



## Buddhist Weekly Class Schedule

By Chondzin, Resident Buddhist Nun

**Tuesdays:** 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.. Various Topics.

**Fridays:** 4:30-5:30 p.m. HW108, 4410-50th St.

**Sunday Mornings:** Prayers for World Peace, 10:30-11:45 a.m., "Inspiring Solutions for Difficult Times" - a series on this topic. Donation.

**Sunday Afternoons:** 4:00-5:00 p.m.

**Weekday Mornings:** Meditation and Buddhist Prayers, 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.



**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)



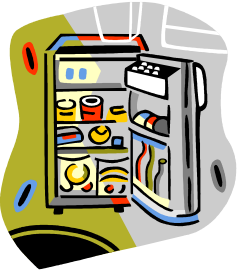
## Interfaith Dialogue 2014 – 2015

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.

July 28	Jainism
August 25	Diversity/Freedom in a Muslim Country, Atilla Hafizoglu

*Note: Beginning in September, we shall be meeting the SECOND THURSDAY of the month. The actual dates are as follows.*

10 September  
8 October  
12 November  
10 December  
14 January  
11 February  
10 March  
14 April  
12 May  
9 June  
14 July  
11 August



## 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:** Monthly meetings at the church at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month.



**Children's Religious Education Committee:** Monthly meetings at the church at 6 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month.



**Green Sanctuary Committee:** Monthly meetings at the church at 6 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month.



**Membership Committee:** Monthly meetings at the church following the service on the first Sunday of the month.



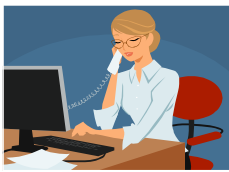
**Safety Committee:** Monthly meetings at the church at 7 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month.



**Social Action Committee:** Monthly meetings at the church following the service on the second Sunday of the month and the last Friday of each month at 6 p.m.



**Sunday Services Committee:** Monthly meetings at the church at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month.



**Church Office Hours:**

MWF 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
TTh 9:30 – 11:30 p.m.



**Board Members**

President	Gay Hedges
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Phillip Gill
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Ted Reid
Secretary	Bill Stewart
Treasurer	Patsy Malin
Trustee	Harvey Madison
Trustee	<i>Vacant</i>



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Building	<i>Open</i>
Grounds	<i>Open</i>
"Academic Advisor"	Murray Coulter
Green Sanctuary	Louise Sanders, Laura and Justin Deurmyer, Jackie Driskill, Patsy Malin, Linda McGann, Sue Weninger
Membership	Gio Ramirez, Judy Brown, Gay Hedges
Potluck	<i>Open</i>
Recycling Team	<i>Open</i>
Religious Education	Sara McLarty, Jennifer Mora
Safety	Jennifer Mora
Social Action	Gay Hedges, Judy Brown, Laura Deurmyer
Stewardship	Laura Deurmyer, Gay Hedges, Jennifer Mora
Sunday Services	Rita Chamblin, Pat Smith, Laura Deurmyer, Barbara Holder, Bill Stewart, Gio Ramirez



**Our Vision**

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



**Our Mission**

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