



# The Chalice Light

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## *Sunday Morning*

**Service 11:00AM**

**Children's and Adult Classes 10:00AM**

## *Potluck on December 21!*

### Services

**December 14:** "First, we receive", Pat Smith

**December 21:** "Christmas Stories",  
Kristina Mitchell & Rita Chamblin

### Children's Religious Education

**December 14:**

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

**December 21:**

Cubbies: A Time for Joy to Be Born  
Youth: A Time for Joy to Be Born

### Intersections – Adult Religious Exploration

**December 14:** *Planning Session.* Bring your ideas!

**December 21:** "Christmasy" discussion,  
Kristina Mitchell

### **Information**

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## Sunday Morning Services – Details...

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

## Services – Looking Ahead...

**December 28:** “Music:Meditation/Peace/Harmony”,  
Wanda Clark, Justin Deurmyer

**January 4:** “Turnings”, Pat Smith



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

## Sunday Morning Intersections – Details...

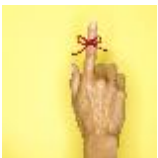
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## Intersections - Looking Ahead...

**December 28:** Ethics in the New Year,  
Wanda Clark

**January 4:** TBA



## Mark Your Calendar!

**December 21:** Next newsletter deadline, 5 PM

**December 21:** Potluck after service

**December 28:** Committees WILL NOT MEET

**December 28:** Music Team Pizza Party after service

**January 13:** Board of Trustees, 7 PM



## Special Collection for Employees

By Richard Hopson

First UU will be taking a special collection for the employees on December 14. Our employees have given us much loving help this year. Please consider them at this time.



## Don't Forget the Food Bank!

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. 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.





"I never thought it was such a bad little tree. It's not bad at all, really. Maybe it just needs a little love."

## Christmas Day with UU Friends

By Louise Sanders

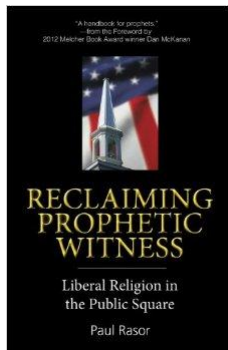
"Isn't there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?" - Charlie Brown

If you should find yourself at loose ends on Christmas day and would like to spend some time with friends, give one of these folks a call. The people listed below welcome your company. Please call first.

Laura & Justin Deurmyer 806-300-2566  
806-544-7062

Wanda Clark & Linda McGann  
806-319-3598  
806-791-5700

Linda Shough - go with Linda to a movie on Christmas Day afternoon 806-763-3613



## Third Local UUA Common Read

By Rita Chamblin

*Reclaiming Prophetic Witness: Liberal Religion in the Public Square* by Paul Rasor (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. Rasor 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/>



## 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=FR1390W>



## A Little UU History

By the UU Sunday Services Team

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

**Whitney Young:** Executive Director of the Urban League in the 1960's and a civil rights activist.

**Theodore Parker:** Grandson of a hero of the battle of Lexington. Was a gentle man but a fiery preacher and active abolitionist. Stirred the Unitarian denomination with a controversial sermon about miracles, and was thought dangerously radical by many of his ministerial colleagues. Died and was buried in Florence, Italy.



## 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](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. For further information, contact Mary Vines, 799-2494.

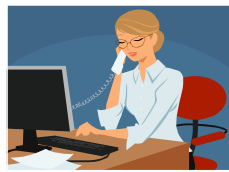
December 16	A Spiritual Model of Aging
January 27	Religious Exemption from Taxation
February 24	Celebration of Lubbock Interfaith Dialogue's 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
March 24	Remedies for Relating with Dogmatism
April 28	U.S. Income Inequality: Religious Reaction
May 26	Review of <i>Buddha's Brain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

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



## Standing Committees/Chairs

Building	<i>Chairman - Open</i>
"Artist in Residence"	William Bengé
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, Linda McGann, Laura Deurmyer
Sunday Services	Rita Chamblin, Wanda Clark, Barbara Holder, Pat Smith

## Ongoing Church Activities



**Sunday Services Committee:** monthly meetings at the church at 7pm on the first Tuesday of the month



**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.



*Democracy is "government of  
all the people, by all the  
people, for all the people."*

- Theodore Parker - Unitarian