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## *Sunday Morning*

**Service 11:00AM**

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

## ***Amarillo UU Ryan Webber Speaks Sunday, January 16 !***

### Services

**January 16:** "The future of Unitarian Universalism in Lubbock, Texas", Ryan Webber, UU Amarillo.

**January 23:** "Salvation and UUs", Rita Chamblin

### Children's Religious Education- Fall Curriculum

**Younger Children:** Tapestry of Faith

**Older Children:** Social Justice

### Intersections – Adult Religious Exploration

**January 16:** "A House for Hope" by Buehrens and Parker (1 of 2), Sara McLarty and Rita Chamblin

**January 23:** "A House for Hope" by Buehrens and Parker (2 of 2), Sara McLarty and Rita Chamblin

### **Information**

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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...

**January 16:** "The future of Unitarian Universalism in Lubbock, Texas", Ryan Webber, UU Amarillo. With such a dynamic message of hope, love, and acceptance, where will Unitarian Universalism be in the decades to come in Lubbock? We will be exploring the possibilities and the realities of our future together.

**January 23:** "Salvation and UUs", Rita Chamblin. What does salvation mean to us? Is the term even applicable? Has the concept changed over time? Come and let's explore the different dimensions of salvation.

## Services – Looking Ahead...

**January 30:** "I Maccabees, Josephus, and the Origins of Christianity", Richard Wilde. Christianity did not originate full-blown in the early first century CE. It had deep roots in the Judaism of the first and second centuries BCE. This talk will explore these roots as recorded in I Maccabees and the writings of the Roman historian Josephus. It will explore the hostility that existed between the Jewish War and Peace parties and how this hostility fed into the origins of Christianity.

**February 6:** "O' What an Untangled Web We Weave ..." Reverend Byron Miller. What does it mean to be a Unitarian Universalist in the 21st Century world such as we live in today? Who, indeed, are we really? We are so often caricatured from the "outside" in unflattering and demeaning ways: Unitarian Universalists can (or don't) believe ANYthing. As "insiders," we all too often characterize ourselves in terms of who we are not. From the roots that are found in our name, through the principles that describe the "zone" of our community, our congregations, our covenant, we have more than an answer to who we are. We have a way of life that speaks volumes to humanity's greatest questions. This Sunday, we shall "untangle" that assertion and in the process,

the web of our "Faith". Come with intent to explore!



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

## Sunday Morning Intersections: Details...

**January 16:** Selections from A House For Hope by John Buehrens and Rebecca Parker, presented for discussion by Rita Chamblin and Sara McLarty (1 of 2). Sub-titled "The Promise of Progressive Religion for the Twenty-first Century," the premise is that "the shared hopes of religious progressives from many traditions [including Islam] can create a movement far stronger than fundamentalism." (Quote from the book jacket).

**January 23:** "A House for Hope" by Buehrens and Parker (2 of 2), Sara McLarty

## Intersections - Looking Ahead...

**January 30:** "The Future of Faith" by Harvey Cox, facilitated by Lynn Steele, (1 of 2). The first session will give the background of first two millennia of Christianity as practiced in the West. This will set the stage for the second session which will explain the observations of Mr. Cox that we have entered a new phase of Christianity which he calls the Age of the Spirit. This new phase is being driven by the fact that old Christian doctrines of belief and practices are being challenged in the prosperous West at the same time that the majority of Christians now live in other parts of the world. This is a timely subject that builds on former ideas we have broached in Intersections and should lead to an interesting discussion about where Christianity may be headed in this new century.

**February 6:** "The Future of Faith" by Harvey Cox, facilitated by Lynn Steele, (2 of 2)





## Mark Your Calendar!

- January 11:** Board Meeting, 7:00 PM
- January 16:** Potluck after service
- January 23:** Next newsletter deadline
- January 29:** Bill Westney Recital
- February 7:** Sunday Services Committee, 7:00 PM



## Visiting Speaker January 16

By Pat Smith, President

Ryan Webber will speak at the Sunday service January 16. See page 2 for details of his message. Ryan is a recent addition to the UU. He and his wife, Lillian, started attending the Amarillo UU with their 7 children last February and joined as members in May. They quickly became very active in the Amarillo UU. Ryan chairs the Building committee, Lillian chairs the Social committee, and they co-chair the Publicity committee. Ryan is a real estate investor and entrepreneur. Over the last 7 years, he and Lillian have bought and sold over 300 houses in Amarillo, Lubbock, and Abilene. Ryan is also an amateur astronomer and a licensed skydiver.



## Stewardship Campaign planning underway

By Barbara Holder and Sara McLarty, Co-chairs

*Stewardship is taking care of something you don't own*

We actually want to talk to you and LISTEN to you about how we can MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



# Thank-you!!!

By Sara McLarty

Who took down the Christmas decorations January 2<sup>nd</sup>? The Criswells: Billy, Susan, Matthew, Megan, and Caitlyn. They knew just how to do it even though they are new to us. Joining them in the task were Jarred Blount, Barbara Holder, Ray Kinserlow, and Pat Smith. There may have been others. I couldn't be there, family in town for the holidays. Let me know so you can be thanked, too. We need each other.



## Lubbock Will Host West Texas UU Churches April 9 for a Joint Retreat

By Pat Smith, President

Please join our own members and friends and those from the Amarillo and Midland congregations for a workshop Saturday, April 9, at our church. Reverend Susan Smith (SWUUC District Executive) will facilitate. I hope you will plan to participate.

We hope to form a collegial relationship with this “West Texas Scatter” of UU churches. We can learn from each other: what’s going well, how we can improve. We look forward to sharing some resources.

Please mark your calendar!



## Westney Annual Solo Recital

By Bill Westney

When: Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 p.m.

Where: Hemmler Recital Hall, 18<sup>th</sup> and Boston

Admission: Free

Bill Westney invites everyone to his yearly piano recital as the Browning Artist-in-Residence at Texas Tech. As usual, the program will have lots of variety! The Tech calendar lists the recital’s theme as “Power, Poetry – and a Dash of Paganini.” The blend of power and poetic lyricism can be found in both the Ballade #2 by Chopin and the riveting and rarely heard Sonata #4 (1924) by Russian/American virtuoso Leo Ornstein. The program starts off with a set of Beethoven variations. After an intriguing suite of short works that juxtaposes Bach with modernists Stravinsky, Schoenberg and jazz composer Fred Hersch, Westney concludes with the witty set of variations on the famous Paganini theme by Robert Muczynski, entitled “Desperate Measures.”



## Ethical Eating: News to Munch On

By Rita Chamblin

From the article “What if Supermarkets Fail us?” by *Laetitia Mailhes*

“Food prices in America grew by more than 1.5 times the overall rate of inflation this year. The U.S. Department of Agriculture is forecasting a 2 to 3 percent food inflation rate in 2011, a number that many experts expect to be on the low-end. The culprits are identified as the rising costs of corn, soybeans and sugar (ubiquitous ingredients in processed foods that are also increasingly used for biofuels) and energy (namely gas and diesel). Oh yes, and a decision by Russia, the third-largest wheat producer in the world, to cancel all wheat exports after drought and wildfires destroyed 20 percent of its crop. The direct consequence of the higher cost of grain is the increased price of meat whose market, moreover, is heated up by the exponential growth of demand in China and India.

What does this tell us, but what the proponents of local foodsheds and sustainable farming have been warning us about all along? A food chain that is highly reliant on fossil fuel and international trade is not only vulnerable but unsustainable. In other words, what we’re witnessing here is but the premise of profound disturbances to come. Consumers who depend on their supermarket to provide them with their staple diet of processed foods may find the days ahead increasingly challenging.

The reality is, we have been spoiled into expecting that food spending should be less than 10 percent of the household budget, up to three times less than what our grandparents used to spend. We have also grown into a generation of hurried people, for whom convenience trumps quality. In the process, we have become slaves to a food industry who has managed to grow ubiquitous and hugely

powerful by pandering to our desire to outsource as much of our food needs as possible.

Now, I like to think that the current, and expected, food price hikes can give us an incentive to reevaluate our relationship to food all the way back to how we procure it. What if people quit eating out and eat more meals at home? What if, in the face of rising prices at the supermarket, local food emerges as a compelling alternative? What if consumers discover that their local producers are a more reliable, cost-predictable and trustworthy source than the supermarket and its international food brands?"



## Our Wheelock connection continues

By Sara McLarty

The week of January 10th re-starts our tutoring program at Wheelock. Ginger Angstadt, Rita Chamblin, Duane Christian, Sara McLarty and Pat Smith are joined by Tim Vignos for the spring semester.

Thank you to many others for all the continuous contributions of wide-ruled notebooks, tissues, glue sticks and other school supplies. The basket with the items is taken every time it is full to the staff at Wheelock where it is much appreciated.



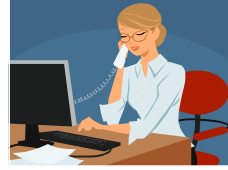
## Ongoing Church Activities



**Sunday Services Committee:** First Monday of the month, 7:00 PM.



**Board Meeting:** Second Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM.

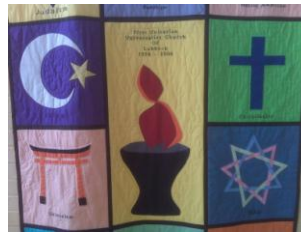


**Church Office Hours:** 11:00AM – 3:00PM, Monday through Friday



### Let's Sing!

Sunday morning from 9:30-10:00 in the sanctuary.



### Crafters' Group

Reorganizing date and times.



## Other Activities at the Church



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



### Lubbock Unitarian Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com>



### Board Members

President	Pat Smith
Vice-President	Murray Coulter
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Past President	Harvey Madison
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Trustee	Jamie Naquin



### Lubbock Interfaith Dialogue Dates and Dialogue Topics for 2010-2011

By Mary Vines, St. John's Methodist

Since February, 1985, Lubbock Interfaith Dialogue has been meeting monthly at St. John's United Methodist Church for a brown bag lunch. Meetings are from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., usually on the fourth Tuesday of the month except in December. A presenter gives an introduction to the topic during the first part of the hour. The remainder of the hour is spent in dialogue.

The following monthly topics have been chosen for 2010-2011:

- January 25** Tolerance in an Age of Diversity
- February 22** Insights: Dialogue of Interfaith Amigos: Pastor, Imam, Rabbi
- March 22** Global Poverty
- March 29** Planning Session
- April 26** GLBT and Faith
- May 24** The Role of Reason in Religious Belief
- June 28** Review of Karen Armstrong's The Case for God
- July 26** History of Theocracies & Their Effect on Religious Liberty
- August 23** Faith and Belief: Same or Different?



### Standing Committees/Chairs

Building/Grounds	Vacant
Membership	Duane Christian
Publicity	Team of 4
Religious Education	Charree Mahoney
Social Action	Sara McLarty
Sunday Services	Team of 9



### Our Vision

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



### Our Mission

Our mission is to promote the growth of Unitarian Universalism in Lubbock.

- We advocate and participate in our broader community to promote peace, social justice, mutual respect, and environmental stewardship.
- We are a welcoming, inclusive, and supportive liberal religious community which celebrates personal growth, upholds universal values, and provides a safe shelter for those searching for truth and meaning.

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*"We share...the conviction that one ought to be active in the affairs of the world."*

*- Robert Fulghum*