



The Chalice Light

The Newsletter of the
First Unitarian Universalist Church of Lubbock, Texas
A Welcoming Congregation

Volume 54, Number 2

January 23, 2011

Church Office: 806-799-1617

Web site: <http://www.uulubbock.org>

Office Manager: Jan Hardin

Email: firstuu@nts-online.net

Programs and Activities Coordinator: Susan Smith

Email: susan_smith@nts-online.net

Board President: Pat Smith **Cell:** 806-778-0224

Email: presidentuulubbock@nts-online.net

Sunday Morning

Service 11:00AM

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

Guest Minister Miller Speaks on UU Principles Feb. 6 !

Services

January 30: "I Maccabees, Josephus, and the Origins of Christianity", Richard Wilde

February 6: "O' What an Untangled Web We Weave ...", Reverend Byron Carl Miller

Children's Religious Education- Fall Curriculum

Younger Children: Tapestry of Faith

Older Children: Social Justice

Intersections – Adult Religious Exploration

January 30: "The Future of Faith" by Harvey Cox, facilitated by Lynn Steele, (1 of 2)

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

Information

The Chalice Light is a publication of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Lubbock, TX. It is published every two weeks. Send newsletter items to firstuu@nts-online.net.

Contact uulubbwebmaster@yahoo.com with suggestions for the web site.

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.

In this Issue...

Sunday Morning	Page
Activities	1
Details and Looking Ahead	2

Mark Your Calendar	3
---------------------------------	---

Features

Dialogue Forum	3
Thank You!	3
Visiting Minister	3
Stewardship Campaign	4
Girl Scout Cookies	4
Do You Have One?	4
West Texas UU Churches	4
Because You Asked	5
Bill Westney Recital	5
Coat Rack	5

Columns

Ethical Eating: News to Munch On	5
--	---

The Usual

Ongoing Activities	6
Interfaith Dialogue	6
Board Members and Committee Chairs	7
Our Vision and Mission	7



Sunday Morning Services – Details...

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!

Services – Looking Ahead...

February 13: Reinvisioning Valentine's Day, Rita Chamblin

February 20: “And Be Holy Unto Your God: The Bible and the Liberal Religious Seeker”, Reverend Michelle LaGrave. The Bible need not be abandoned to the religious fundamentalists of the far right. There is a place, an important place, for the Bible in the spiritual life of a liberal religious seeker; we need only be willing to do the work of

engaging and re-engaging with the text so that we may reclaim it for ourselves.



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

Sunday Morning Intersections: Details...

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)

Intersections - Looking Ahead...

February 13: *No Intersections*

February 20: “Judaism”, Richard Wilde





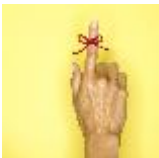
Sunday Morning Dialogue Forum

By Sara McLarty

Path to Collective Action

February 13 at 10 am

We will be seeking ideas for a path to social action **as a church.**



Mark Your Calendar!

January 29: Bill Westney Recital

February 5: Stewardship Campaign Workshop,
10 am to 3 pm

February 6: Next newsletter deadline

February 7: Sunday Services Committee, 7:00 PM

February 8: Board Meeting, 7:00 PM

February 13: Dialogue Forum, 10:00 AM

February 20: Potluck after service



Another Visiting Minister Scheduled!

By Pat Smith, President

Our guest minister for the February 20 service will be the Rev. Michelle LaGrave, who became a Unitarian Universalist thirteen years ago after following up on

a longtime childhood interest in Unitarianism. She has been actively involved as a member of the Caribou, Maine, and Manchester, CT, congregations and has served the Dorchester, MA, congregation as its interim Director of Religious Education. Michelle answered a call to ministry after reading a piece about Gandhi in which he said: “My life is my message”; a resonance she found once again with William Ellery Channing’s charge to a new minister: “May your life preach more loudly than your lips.” She followed this call to Andover Newton Theological School where she received her M.Div degree in 2010. Michelle was ordained by the First Parish in Framingham, MA, where she served as intern minister for two years. Michelle lives in Naugatuck, CT, with her partner, Micah; her mother, Nancy; and their four animal companions.



Thanks!

Thanks, Suzi Duffy for faithfully watering our plants.



Visits with Every Member and Friend

By Sara McLarty

Plans are made for visits with everyone. You will get a call after February 5th for an appointment with a Visiting Steward. We will be seeking ideas for a path to social action **as a church**, starting the conversation at a forum at 10 am, February 13th. No Intersections that day.





Stewardship Campaign Workshop

By Barbara Holder and Sara McLarty, Co-Chairs

Saturday, February 5th
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Stewardship volunteers must attend this mandatory training workshop. All necessary information will be distributed at this time. A light lunch will be served at noon.



Girl Scout cookie sales

By Susan Criswell

The sales start this weekend and cookie booths start next weekend. Megan and Caitlyn are in a real need for every bit of help they can get. Every box they sell goes towards helping to pay for summer camp (which they have never been able to experience), troop fees and any supplies they need to be in Girl Scouts and for different outings the girls do with their GS troop. We will have cookies on hand this Sunday and also have a list of where our girls will be working next weekend if anyone is interested in coming out to support them.



Do you have one???

By Rita Chamblin

I've been told that everyone has at least one good sermon in them a year. Do you? If you have an idea for a sermon, let us know. Or, if you'd like to be inspired by looking through our list of themes for the year, contact us. We welcome your interest and ideas.

If you can't make the Sunday Services Committee meeting on February 7th at 7 p.m., please email or call one of the following committee members:

- Rita Chamblin
- Duane Christian
- Pat Smith



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!





Because You Asked

By Rita Chamblin

The Gandhi quote I used in my sermon “Salvation and UUs” on January 23rd is:

“There are seven sins in the world:
Wealth without work,
Pleasure without conscience,
Knowledge without character,
Commerce without morality,
Science without humanity,
Worship without sacrifice
and politics without principle.”



Westney Annual Solo Recital

By Bill Westney

When: Saturday, January 29th, 8:00 p.m.
Where: Hemmle Recital Hall, 18th 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

A New Paradigm

"So far, the world has always managed to meet the challenge of food productivity. In fact, today we have 25% oversupply measured in calories after losses. The challenge is to provide access to food for the poor. The strategy of ecological-intensification using organic principles and practices is a new paradigm to feed the world while empowering the poor and mitigating climate change and biodiversity loss."

-Anne English, *The Financial Times' Food Security Briefing*, October 14, 2010



Coat Rack

By Sara McLarty

Please check the coat rack for anything that might belong to you. I will take the leftovers to the coat collection center. SOON!!



Ongoing Church Activities



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



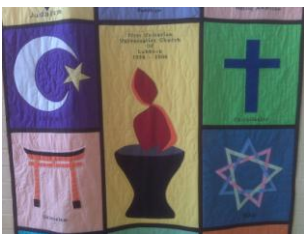
Board Meeting: Second Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM.



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>



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:

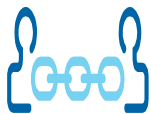
- | | |
|--------------------|--|
| February 22 | Insights: Dialogue of Interfaith Amigos: Pastor, Imam, Rabbi |
| March 22 | Global Poverty |
| March 29 | Planning Session |
| April 26 | GLBT and Faith |
| May 24 | The Role of Reason in Religious Belief |

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?



Board Members

President	Pat Smith
Vice-President	Murray Coulter
Secretary	Don MacNair
Treasurer	Rita Chamblin
Past President	Harvey Madison
Trustee	Ray Kinserlow
Trustee	Jamie Naquin



Standing Committees/Chairs

Building/Grounds	Murray Coulter Tim Vignos
Membership	Duane Christian
Publicity	Team of 4
Religious Education	Charree Mahoney
Social Action	Sara McLarty
Sunday Services	Rita Chamblin Duane Christian Pat Smith



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.

First Unitarian Universalist Church

2801 42nd Street

Lubbock, TX 79413

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

The Chalice Light is a publication of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Lubbock, Texas. 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. To learn more, visit our website at <http://www.uulubbock.org>



"...I am a heretic. The word 'hairesis' in Greek means choice; a heretic is one who is able to choose."

- Forrest Church