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Sunday Morning

Service 11:00AM

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

Documentary about working together to stop hate, Oct. 16, 2:00PM !

Services

October 9: "Final Exam", Duane Christian

October 16: "Walking From No to Yes",
Rita Chamblin

Children's Religious Education

Younger Children: Tapestry of Faith

Older Children: Social Justice

Forum

October 9: "Interfaith Dialogue: Theory and
Practice", Dr. Mark Webb, Chair,
Philosophy Department

October 16: *Will Not Meet*

Intersections – Adult Religious Exploration

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October 16: "Evolution for Everyone: How
Darwin's Theory Can Change the Way We
Think About Our Lives", by David Sloan
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and responsible search for truth and meaning.

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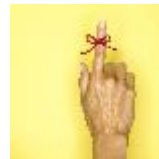


Sunday Morning Services – Details...

October 9: "Final Exam", Duane Christian
October 16: "Walking From No to Yes", Rita Chamblin

Services – Looking Ahead...

October 23: TBA, Rev. Pam Wat,
Denton Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
October 30: "Halloween", Charree Mahoney



Mark Your Calendar!

(See articles for more information)

October 9: Drumming Circle, 3:30 pm
October 11: Board Meeting, 7:30 PM
October 16: Potluck after service
October 16: Next newsletter deadline
October 16: Documentary *Not In Our Town: Light In the Darkness*, 2-4 pm
October 23: Drumming Circle, 3:30 pm
October 27: Death Penalty Vigil, 5:45 PM
November 7: Sunday Services Committee, 7:00 PM



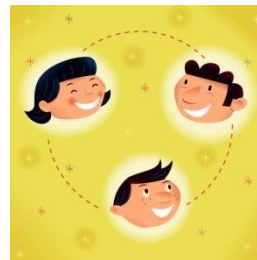
*Adult Religious Exploration,
where religion intersects culture,
science, and politics –*

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October 16: "Evolution For Everyone: How Darwin's Theory Can Change the Way We Think About Our Lives", by David Sloan Wilson, led by Pat Smith

Intersections - Looking Ahead...

October 23: "Selections from a Jewish Prayer Book", Justin Blount
October 30: "Thomas Jefferson's Qur'an", Rita Chamblin



Sunday Morning Forums Fall Schedule

By Patsy Malin

October 9: "Interfaith Dialogue: Theory and Practice", Dr. Mark Webb, Chair, Philosophy Department
October 30: "The ACLU and Civil Liberties", Harvey Madison
November 13: "Filtering Ideas on the Internet", Michael Trice
December 11: "Teen Straight Talk", Kathleen McPherson and Linda Brice, UMC





The Night the LiNK Nomads Came to Lubbock

By Rita Chamblin

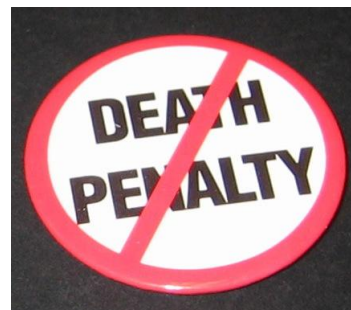
Do you remember when you lost the innocent idea that the world might *not* be an entirely good place? Today do you feel a twinge in your gut when you see pictures of malnourished African orphans? Well, on Monday, September 26th I saw such pictures of North Korean starving children and citizens beaten in secret prison camps in North Korea. This is where refugees are sometimes repatriated when their flights are interrupted by soldiers with guns. Such was the beginning of an evening of stories when 3 young people – Kyla, Steve, and Adrian came to St. John's United Methodist Church in a black van with huge green lettering with **LiNK** printed on the side. **LiNK** stands for **Liberty in North Korea**. These three young people are Nomads, unpaid interns travelling our country raising awareness and funding for this modern day underground railroad.

Can you imagine what it would take for you to decide to leave everything you know, thinking what you have is all there is, and be smuggled into another communist country where you must live in hiding or feel that you are constantly being chased? The stories of homesickness and fear of the unknown were deeply moving. To view the tension during the retrieval of a young woman trying to

escape a human trafficking situation in a karaoke club, the terror of leaving a marriage where you were purchased by your husband and often beaten and abused, but knowing that leaving will help your infant child have a better life...these are stories we heard and saw in the documentary film 'Hiding'.

Then was the story of **Joseph** who lived in the moment and enjoyed everyone and each experience of the underground because he believed in life and living it to the full. He indeed has come to the end of his flight from oppression and lives, works, and studies here in the United States. Some refugees choose to live in South Korea with relatives and others live in other democratic nations in the world. LiNK continues to rescue refugees and move them, at great risk to all involved, to safety.

A special thanks to St. John's United Methodist Church for hosting this event. We worked with St. John's UMC to bring the Nomads to Lubbock, and the teamwork with Craig Rutherford, St. John's UMC Missions Chair and Deborah Randolph Bratcher, President of United Methodist Women was awesome. There was lots of good food and warm hospitality thanks to the United Methodist Women. And, St. John's UMC members Kathy and Harvey Morton provided home hospitality for the Nomads after their presentation.



Death Penalty Vigils

By Rita Chamblin

Our UUA position on the death penalty is:

Holding capital punishment as inconsistent with human life on account of its retributive, discriminatory, and non-deterrent character.

General Assemblies of the Unitarian Universalist Association have opposed capital punishment restoration or continuance in any form (1961, 1966, 1974, 1979 and 2000). How much longer will we, as a nation aspiring to democracy and fair play, condone capital punishment? How much longer will we, as a nation aspiring to liberty and justice for all, condone the ultimate loss of liberty for so many, whose numbers include a disproportionate percentage of persons of color? As a community of faith promoting justice, equity, and compassion in human relations, we call for an end to the death penalty.

Come join us at St. John's United Methodist Church on the following dates from 5:45 pm to 6:15 pm to stand against the death penalty. On each of these dates, a prisoner in Texas is scheduled to be executed. We stand outside on the corner at St. John's parking lot, some of us holding signs for the passing cars to read for part or all of the vigil, depending on how hot it is. You may join in song and prayer, or stand silently with our friends and neighbors, witnessing for an end to the death penalty.

Vigils currently scheduled for:

October 27, and November 9. If you plan to attend and would like updates in case of stays of execution, please email me at murphyhamblin@yahoo.com



Giving to KOHM Radio?

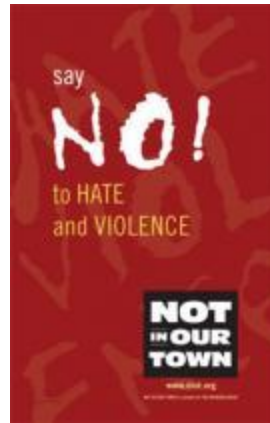
By Pat Smith

If so, please give through our church. This provides us with advertising through underwriting.

Make your check payable to First UU Church and write KOHM in the memo line. NOTE: This is a change from last year and what we announced previously.

Drop your check in the offering basket or send to the church as soon as possible. Checks will be collected in the office and taken to the studio.

THIS IS OUR BEST ADVERTISING.



A Compelling, Hopeful Story Coming Your Way

By Rita Chamblin

Join us on Sunday, October 16th from 2 - 4 pm for a screening of the 1 hour documentary *Not In Our Town: Light In the Darkness*. This is a PBS documentary that tells the story of residents of Patchogue, Long Island after a series of anti-immigrant attacks ended with the hate crime killing of Marcelo Lucero. After the tragedy, the story follows residents as they address the underlying causes of the violence, heal divisions and begin to take steps to ensure that everyone in their community feels safe and respected. While starkly revealing the trauma of hate, the film provides a blueprint for people who want to do something before intolerance turns to violence.

The film screening will be followed by a discussion about what local residents can do to stop hate in Lubbock. Intolerance, as we know, is not limited to immigrants, and the lessons of this film are applicable to all groups. The discussion following the film will help us explore specific ideas and insights from the film.





Wheelock Whippets

By Sara McLarty

New Awareness - We are glad Wheelock staff feels free to let us know what is most needed. COLORED PENCILS go to the top of the list

Please remember school supplies are needed for Wheelock students year round. The first six weeks' work is done, but there is always a need for glue sticks, Kleenex style tissues, and wide-ruled notebooks of 60 pages. Thankfully our connection is also ongoing through the services of our volunteer tutors: Rita Chamblin, Pat Smith, Don MacNair, Dorothy Joiner, Duane Christian, and Sara McLarty.

If you are interested in tutoring, contact Rita Chamblin at murphychamblin@yahoo.com.



violent crime. Controlling for factors such as the influx of new residents, high numbers of young men, and the number of immigrants, she found that a link really existed. An average-sized slaughterhouse with 175 employees would annually increase the number of arrests by 2.24 and the number of reports by 4.69. The larger the abattoir, the worse the local crime problem. The correlation was not as strong for small farms where animals were killed. More studies are needed to determine the specific causes of the problem. However, Fitzgerald was able to determine that the violence cannot be blamed on factory work itself. She compared slaughterhouse communities to those with comparison industries involving dangerous, repetitive work that did not involve killing animals; and these were not associated with a rise in crime at all. "There is something unique about the slaughterhouses" says Fitzgerald [with] "people who are actually responsible for slaughtering thousands of animals a day." One can only imagine how dehumanizing it is, how disconnected from pain and suffering one must become and how desensitized someone must become to all beings to face that job on a daily basis. It makes my heart hurt.



Ethical Eating: News to Munch On

By Rita Chamblin

Probing the Link Between Slaughterhouses and Violent Crime

Last year, the Toronto Sun ran an article on the research of Amy Fitzgerald, a Criminology professor at the University of Windsor. Fitzgerald was inspired by Upton Sinclair's novel *The Jungle* to look at the connection between the arrival of slaughterhouses in communities and their rates of



Lubbock Interfaith Dialogue Dates and Dialogue Topics for 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 2011:

October 25: "The Surprising History of Abortion as an Issue for Evangelicals"

November 22: "The Churches and U.S. Immigration Policy"



Church Office Hours: 1:00PM – 3:00PM,
Monday through Friday



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.



Ongoing Church Activities



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



Board Meeting: Second Tuesday of the month, 7:30PM



Let's Sing!
Sunday morning from 9:30-10:00 in the sanctuary.



Other Activities at the Church



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



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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.



"Dare to be naïve."

- R. Buckminster Fuller