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Sunday Morning

Service 11:00AM

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

Special Service January 1: "Turnings"

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January 8: "Pancakes and Promises", Jim Glatz

Forum:

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Children's Religious Education

Younger Children: Peace and Social Justice

January 1: Valuing the Group and the Individual

January 8: From Being Affirmed to Self-Affirmation

Older Children: Social Justice

Intersections – Adult Religious Exploration

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A meditation by Kathleen McTigue,
led by Pat Smith

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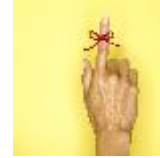
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Intersections - Looking Ahead...

January 15: *Will meet with Forum*

January 22: A topic from "The Book of Life",
by Ben Zion Bosker, led by Justin Blount



Mark Your Calendar!

(See articles for more information)

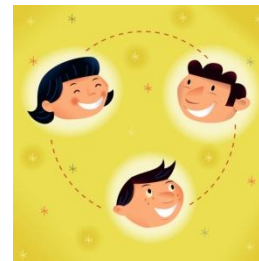
January 2: Sunday Services Committee, 7:00 pm

January 8: Next newsletter deadline

January 10: Board Meeting, 7:30 pm

January 15: Potluck after service

January 21: Unity Celebration, 7 pm



Sunday Morning Forum

By Patsy Malin

The following are forum topics for January and February:

January 15: "Epigenetics", Speaker: Dr. Ted Reid

January 29: "What Do You Say to a Creationist?"

Speaker: Harvey Madison

February 12: The Art of Happiness

Speaker: Dr. Liz Davidson

February 26: "Millennial Momentum, the Book and Some Thoughts"

Speaker: Vicky Vaughn



Sunday Morning Services – Details...

January 1: "Turnings", Rita Chamblin. The division of time into years is an arbitrary one, yet it does afford us an opportunity to stop and reflect, to mark the passage of our days. And it is right to do that in the context of religious community. What were your "turnings" this past year? (Adapted from the January 2010 Lubbock sermon by Reverend Becky Edmiston-Lange)

January 8: "Pancakes and Promises", Jim Glatz

Services – Looking Ahead...

January 15: "Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life" Part I. What is compassion? The positive and negative versions of the Golden Rule. Karen Armstrong, DVD
– led by Rita Chamblin

January 22: "Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life" Part II. How we look at our world informs our actions. How can we practice being compassionate?
Karen Armstrong, DVD – led by Pat Smith



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

Sunday Morning Intersections: Details...

January 1: "Thinking like a Stone",
A meditation by Kathleen McTigue, led by Pat Smith

January 8: 19th Century UUs: Lucy Stone and Henry Blackwell, led by Rita Chamblin



Art Exhibit at Texas Tech

By Marilyn Donati

Up Against the Wall: Posters of Social Protest brings an international and contemporary framework to the use of design as social protest. This exhibition of more than 70 posters by a group of internationally recognized graphic designers from Europe, the U.S. and Mexico highlights the power of design to engage people in creative thinking about world problems. Organized in part to celebrate the 2010 bicentennial of Mexico's independence and centennial of the Mexican Revolution, the exhibition raises awareness about the role of graphic design in fostering social and political change, just as it did during the Mexican Revolution.

On view in the Art Building at Texas Tech in the Landmark Gallery (room 104) through January 29th. The Art Building is on 18th between Boston and Flint. Landmark Gallery hours are M-F 8-5, Sat 10-5, Sun Noon-4.



Social Action Opportunity

By Sara McLarty

Who among us can go to a free conference on Saturday, January 7th, 9 am to 3 pm at the Science Spectrum Education Building at 2579 South Loop 289? Lunch will be provided. Teen Straight Talk will be there, addressing the high teen pregnancy rate in Lubbock.

Other topics on the agenda include our high rate of confirmed child abuse, the need for suicide

prevention education, and details on the toll of distracted driving.

South Plains Youth Leaders Summit, sponsored by Texas Department of State Health Services. See flyer posted at church.



Taking Down Christmas Decorations

By Sara McLarty

Part of welcoming in the New Year is surely putting away the symbols of Christmas. Please plan to stay a little while after Pancakes and Promises (Thank you , Jim Glatz for leading it again) to help put away our decorations. Children especially welcome. January 8th.



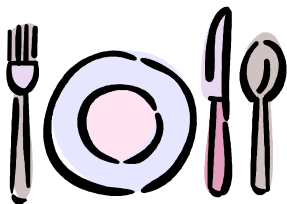
Piano recital January 22

By Bill Westney

Everyone is cordially invited to attend Bill Westney's annual solo recital at Texas Tech's Hemmle Recital Hall on Sunday, January 22. Admission is free. Please note that it will be in the afternoon this year: 3 p.m.

Here is the listing from TTU's concert calendar: *In his first solo recital on Texas Tech's magnificent new Fazioli grand piano, Browning Artist-in-Residence William Westney highlights two contrasting masterpieces of the literature. Scriabin's Sonata #5, which was a signature piece*

of the legendary virtuoso Vladimir Horowitz, explores the fantastical and colorful extremes of piano writing, while Brahms' Variations on a Theme of Handel (which ends in a triumphant fugue) is a towering monument of nineteenth-century music. Shorter works by Bach, Scriabin and Albeniz will round out the program.



They're Back --The Circle Supper

By Gail Madison

The RECONSTITUTED CIRCLE SUPPER returns in January. Old timers will be asked to host. A mix of newbies and oldies will then fill in the slots for each dinner. The idea is to get a combination of folks who have been here awhile mixed in with some who are newer to our community to sit down and break bread together. Start wetting your appetites. More info will follow in early January.



Unity Celebration

By Barbara Holder

The Lubbock Interfaith Association will be presenting an evening of celebration on Saturday, January 21st, at 7:00 PM at our First UU Church. In the past few years they have presented the Abrahamic Faith Celebration, but this year they are expanding to include 6 faiths.

Those that have attended in the past know how inspirational the Abrahamic Faith Celebrations have been. This year's program will be even more so.

There will be refreshments and conversation following the celebration.



Service Auction

By Shannon Vyff

February 4th, 7:00pm

If you have any items you would like to donate for the auction, contact Shannon Vyff at shannonvyff@yahoo.com, or (806) 445-6417



Exploring the UUniverse of Women's Spirituality

By Carol Currie, President, Southwest UU Women

February 24-26, 2012 with speaker Meg Barnhouse! Please join us at the Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake, TX. Where is that? Clear Lake City is really a part of Houston but don't think of the downtown skyline or busy freeways. The 2012 SWUW Conference will be held in the beautiful Hilton hotel overlooking Clear Lake and across from NASA Space Center. It is located 25 miles south of downtown Houston, 17 miles from Houston's Hobby Airport and is a perfect place to relax, rejuvenate, reconnect and join us in Exploring the UUniverse of Women's Spirituality. Contact convener Lynn Young at conference@swuww.org if

you have any questions. More information can be found @ www.swuuv.org



Ethical Eating: News to Munch On

By Rita Chamblin

Occupy the Food System (Abridged)

By Willie Nelson, Reader Supported News

Thanks to the Occupy Wall Street movement, there's a deeper understanding about the power that corporations wield over the great majority of us. It's not just in the financial sector, but in all facets of our lives. No one knows this better than family farmers, whose struggle to make a living on the land has gotten far more difficult since corporations came to dominate our farm and food system. We saw signs of it when Farm Aid started in 1985, but corporate control of our food system has since exploded.

From seed to plate, our food system is now even more concentrated than our banking system. Most economic sectors have concentration ratios hovering around 40 percent, meaning that the top four firms in the industry control 40 percent of the market. Anything beyond this level is considered "highly concentrated," where experts believe competition is severely threatened and market abuses are likely to occur.

Many key agricultural markets like soybeans and beef exceed the 40 percent threshold, meaning the seeds and inputs that farmers need to grow our crops come from just a handful of companies. Ninety-three percent of soybeans and 80 percent of corn grown in the United States are under the control of just one company. Four companies control up to 90 percent of the global trade in grain. Today, three companies process more than 70 percent of beef in the U.S.; four companies dominate close to 60 percent of the pork and chicken markets.

Our banks were deemed too big to fail, yet our food system's corporations are even bigger. Their

power puts our entire food system at stake. Despite all they're up against, family farmers persevere. Each and every day they work to sustain a better alternative - an agricultural system that guarantees farmers a fair living, strengthens our communities, protects our natural resources and delivers good food for all. Nothing is more important than the food we eat and the family farmers who grow it. Corporate control of our food system has led to the loss of millions of family farmers, destruction of our soil, pollution of our water and health epidemics of obesity and diabetes.

We simply can't afford it. Our food system belongs in the hands of many family farmers, not under the control of a handful of corporations.



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



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



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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<http://www.facebook.com>



"Tell me and I'll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I'll understand."

- Chinese Proverb



Board Members

President	Murray Coulter
Vice-President	Jim Glatz
Secretary	Jamie Naquin
Treasurer	Rita Chamblin
Past President	Pat Smith
Trustee	Billy Criswell
Trustee	Justin Blount



Standing Committees/Chairs

Building/Grounds	Murray Coulter
Membership	Duane Christian
Religious Education	Shannon Vyff
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.