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Sunday Morning

Service 11:00AM

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

Memorial Service for Keitha Hopson Sunday, Feb. 5 at 3:00PM

Services

January 29: "Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life" Part III. Karen Armstrong, DVD, Introduced by Rita Chamblin

February 5: "Embarrassment", Rev. Eliza Galaher, Wildflower Church, Austin, Texas

Forum:

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

Children's Religious Education

Younger Children: Peace and Social Justice

Older Children: Social Justice

Intersections – Adult Religious Exploration

January 29: "Our American Roots: Unitarian Universalism in North America" DVD, Part 1 of 4, led by Pat Smith.

February 5: "Our American Roots: Unitarian Universalism in North America" DVD, Part 2 of 4, led by Pat Smith.

Information

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Sunday Morning Services – Details...

January 29: “Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life” Part III. How we speak to each other matters. Can we be compassionate to our enemies? Do we know enough to have concern for everybody? Karen Armstrong, DVD, Introduced by Rita Chamblin

February 5: “Embarrassment”, Rev. Eliza Galaher, Wildflower Church, a UU Congregation, Austin, Texas

Services – Looking Ahead...

February 12: Stewardship Kick Off, Barbara Holder

February 19: TBA, Lahib Jaddo



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

Sunday Morning Intersections: Details...

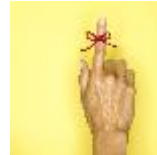
January 29: "Our American Roots: Unitarian Universalism in North America", DVD, Part 1 of 4, led by Pat Smith. In this first of a four-part series, we will view and discuss short video clips of comments from UU ministers about a particular historical period and influential UU figures. The historical perspective starts with the Pilgrims in Plymouth and then focuses on the 18th and 19th centuries. Those featured include Joseph Priestley, Thomas Jefferson, William Ellery Channing, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau, and Theodore Parker.

February 5: "Our American Roots: Unitarian Universalism in North America" DVD, Part 2 of 4, led by Pat Smith.

Intersections - Looking Ahead...

February 12: *Will meet with Forum*

February 19: "Our American Roots: Unitarian Universalism in North America", DVD, Part 3 of 4, led by Pat Smith.



Mark Your Calendar!

February 4: Service Auction 7:00 pm

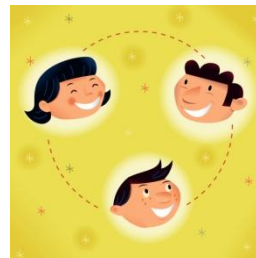
February 5: Next newsletter deadline

February 5: Memorial Service for Keitha Hopson

February 6: Sunday Services Committee, 7:00 pm

February 14: Board Meeting, 7:30 pm

February 19: Potluck after service



Sunday Morning Forums

By Patsy Malin

The following are forum topics for January and February:

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





Memorial Service

By Richard Hopson

An "After the Ball" service will be held for Keitha Hopson in the sanctuary Sunday, February 5 at 3:00 PM. Keitha, a member of the First UU for several years, passed away on December 31st, 2011.

She had been active with the UU Stitches, assisted with Religious Education, and was a past member of the Board of Trustees. Keitha was a retired high school teacher with Shallowater ISD and loved working with young people. Scrapbooking, quilting, and painting were things she enjoyed, after her grand children of course.

Keitha is survived by husband Richard Hopson, son Cameron and wife Missy, daughter Lichele Hudman and husband Richard, grandsons Tucker, Kaleb, Kohen, and granddaughter Kyna, and many other family members.

Please come to Keitha's "After the Ball" service but in lieu of flowers we ask everybody to bring a potted plant that they might trade with somebody else. Then everybody can go home with a new potted plant.



Thank You!

By Shannon Vyff

We want to thank everyone who stayed after Church on Sunday the 8th to help put up all our Christmas decorations. We very much appreciate those who stayed to help!



An Evening of Dessert and Conversation

By Barbara Holder

Our Stewardship Budget Campaign this year will hold Cottage Meetings at our First UU Church. You will be receiving a letter in a couple of weeks with more explanation. Be on the lookout for it! Right now you need to look at your calendar and reserve one evening between February 17 and February 26, EXCLUDING February 23rd. One of the Campaign Hosts will be calling each of you for your date to join us in an evening of dessert and conversation and planning.



Service Auction

By Shannon Vyff

If you have not filled out a form for donation to our Service Auction on February 4th, they will be available at Church on Sundays or you could email shannonvyff@yahoo.com with your donation ideas.

Mark your calendars to attend our Service Auction on February 4th at 7:00pm. If you are able to help with set-up or clean-up, email shannonvyff@yahoo.com. Otherwise, just come to have fun and find some things to enrich your life while at the same time helping local Lubbock non-profits.





Biosketch of Rev. Eliza Galaher

Rev. Eliza Galaher is in her fifth year serving as the first full-time minister at Wildflower Unitarian Universalist Church, in Austin. Wildflower is also Eliza's first congregation as a minister. Before that, she attended and graduated from Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago. While in Chicago, Eliza spent two years as part-time DRE at the Third Unitarian Church of Chicago. Before that, she was actively involved at her home congregation in Northampton, Massachusetts. Eliza was born and raised in Portland, Oregon, and has Unitarian roots on both sides of her family.



Death Penalty Vigils

By Rita Chamblin

Having just celebrated Martin Luther King Day, it's appropriate to remember that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. deeply opposed the death penalty, calling it "society's final assertion that it will not forgive." His widow, human rights activist Coretta Scott King, agreed. "Morality is never upheld by legalized murder," she said.

Please join us as we stand against the death penalty. The vigils are coordinated by Deborah Bratcher and Craig Rutherford, both of St. John's United Methodist Church. We usually meet at St. John's, though we have met at other churches from

time to time. So, let me know if you're interested in attending and I can let you know if there's a change in venue between newsletters. We meet at 5:45 pm for approximately 1/2 hour. We meet on dates that the State of Texas has scheduled executions. The upcoming schedule is:

- January 26 - Rodrigo Hernandez is scheduled to be killed by the people of Texas for the murder of Susan Versteegen.
- February 1 - Donald Newbury is scheduled to be killed by the people of Texas for his part in the murder of Officer Aubrey Hawkins.
- February 28 - Anthony Bartee is scheduled to be killed by the people of Texas for the murder of David Cook.
- February 29 - George Rivas is scheduled to be killed by the people of Texas for his part in the murder of Officer Aubrey Hawkins.
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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@swuuv.org if you have any questions. More information can be found @ www.swuuv.org





Lubbock Master Gardeners

By Murray Coulter

If you would like to become a “Friend” of the Lubbock Master Gardeners and receive advanced notifications of their workshops and programs, please send your name and email address to murray.coulter@sbcglobal.net. I will see that you are put on their mailing list.



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.



Ethical Eating: News to Munch On

By Rita Chamblin

Bag Gardens for Fresh Veggies

I’ve read two articles recently about “bag gardens”. One is an article by Jocelyn C. Zuckerman in the Winter 2011/12 OnEarth magazine (thank you Sylvia A.) detailing innovative ways that Africans are focusing on farming in the cities. Growing vegetables in recycled grain sacks allows for farming even in urban areas, where there’s room, but no arable land. The sacks stand upright with vegetables growing out of the top. Another method was brought in by the French nongovernmental organization Solidarites International for farming vertically. In this method, old flour sacks are filled with soil and rocks before poking holes in the sides and pushing in seeds. Kale, spinach and other vegetables can thrive in this environment.

The second article is by Shelley Stonebrook at Care2. She shows a “super-simple way to grow food”. To plant a bag garden, you simply purchase a few bags of topsoil. Lay the bags anywhere that gets full sun and has dirt below. Then, use a utility knife to cut out a large, rectangular window on the upper surface of each bag, leaving the sides and 2 inches of each top edge intact, resembling a picture frame. Stab each bag through at least a dozen times with a screwdriver or a big knife to create plenty of drainage holes in the bottom. Plant roots will eventually use these holes to grow down into the soil below the bags. Then, plant your seeds!





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.



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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Trustee	Justin Blount



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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.

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“Dreams, not desperation, move organizations to the highest levels of performance.”

Robert H. Waterman, Jr., “Renewal Factor”