



# The Chalice Light

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## *Sunday Morning*

**Service 11:00AM**

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

## **Stewardship Campaign Kick-Off, March 6 !**

### Services

**February 27:** "Justice: Forgotten Virtue", Tom McGovern, Department of Psychiatry, TTUHSC

**March 6:** Stewardship Campaign Kick-Off, Sara McLarty and Barbara Holder

### Children's Religious Education- Fall Curriculum

**Younger Children:** Tapestry of Faith

**Older Children:** Social Justice

### Intersections – Adult Religious Exploration

**February 27:** UU World Article "The Wonder of Evolution", Sara McLarty

**March 6:** "The Immortal Self – Christianity", Richard Wilde

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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...

**February 27:** "Justice: Forgotten Virtue", Tom McGovern, Department of Psychiatry, TTUHSC. The importance of justice and fairness as an essential ingredient in a humane society, especially in the areas of public policy and health care.

**March 6:** Stewardship Campaign Kick-Off, Sara McLarty and Barbara Holder

## Services – Looking Ahead...

**March 13:** DVD "God and Disaster"

**March 20:** "Praying in Color", Scottie Johnson, seminary student at Perkins School of Theology. Do Unitarian Universalists pray? Can we pray?

"Praying in Color" is a wordless technique for meditation or prayer, which is well-suited to UU spirituality. It has been used and enjoyed by men, women and children; whether or not they feel they are good at either praying or coloring!



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

## Sunday Morning Intersections: Details...

**February 27:** "The Wonder of Evolution", Sara McLarty. The topic is based on an article in the spring 2006 UU World. Go to the websites below for a preview. More programs on CD on The Great Story as foundational myth begin in Intersections on May 15, end July 24th, titled "The Marriage of Science and Religion." Let Rita Chamblin, Sara McLarty or Pat Smith know if you are interested in facilitating one or more of these sessions, especially the ones in June when Rita and Pat plan to be at the

General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

[www.thegreatstory.org](http://www.thegreatstory.org)

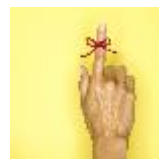
<http://www.youtube.com/user/ghostsofevolution#p/u/3/JH493NsM31Y>

**March 6:** "The Immortal Self – Christianity", Richard Wilde

## Intersections - Looking Ahead...

**March 13:** "The Immortal Self – Islam", Richard Wilde

**March 20:** "The Immortal Self – Hinduism", Richard Wilde



## Mark Your Calendar!

**March 6:** Next newsletter deadline

**March 7:** Sunday Services Committee, 7:00 PM

**March 8:** Board Meeting, 7:00 PM

**March 20:** Potluck after service

**April 9:** Workshop here with Midland and Amarillo UUs



## April 9 UU Workshop with Amarillo and Midland in Lubbock

By Pat Smith, President

The upcoming workshop facilitated by Reverend Susan Smith (SWUUC District Executive) has two main purposes: share ideas and decide what's next.

The three congregations will share what they are doing and how they are doing it, their strengths and weaknesses, and their challenges.

Participants will also develop some forward plans. For example, how SWUUC can help us further, how we might share resources, and frequency of congregational joint gatherings.

Please mark your calendar!



## Thanks to Our Kids!

By Rita Chamblin

A special thank you for contributing to our February 13 service on Re-envisioning Valentine's Day to:

- Avianna Vyff for playing the piano
- Megan Criswell and Avalyse Vyff for speaking, leading us in song, and handing out Valentine's Day cards
- Caitlyn Criswell for leading us in song and handing out Valentine's Day cards
- Matthew Criswell for taking pictures of the event



## Enjoying each other's company

Barbara Holder and Sara McLarty  
Stewardship Campaign Co-Chairs

Remember the letter and information about the Stewardship Campaign that came to you in the mail in January? You will soon get a call to set a time for a meeting with a church friend about the future of our church.

We hope you can take time before your meeting to look over what we sent. Your visitor will be very interested in what you think of the plans we have made. We want very much to know the ways you want to get involved that can MAKE A DIFFERENCE for you, for our church and for the wider community. We hope our plan goes toward carrying out our UU third purpose: "Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregation".

P.S. Please keep the evening of April 16th on your calendar for our UU celebratory dinner.



## Social Action News

By Sara McLarty

Let's think positive! Time for some spring cleaning!

Thanks to all who have donated and continue to donate. There is always a need for so many things...even in an area like Lubbock. Remember, we have three baskets now for different donations.

First, there is the Wheelock School basket for school supplies and all types of office or paper-type items. Remember **wide-ruled** composition books are especially needed. We all like to support our local schools and the Wheelock Whippets are "our" adopted school kids. Susan Smith takes the donations to Wheelock.

Second, there is the basket for the Ronald McDonald Room at UMC hospital for snack items, individually wrapped food and small travel-size personal care supplies. The RMR serves the families of children in critical care at the hospital and works in conjunction with the Ronald McDonald house to help families dealing with a medical crisis.

Third is the Women's Protective Services basket for all personal care items (shampoo, lotion, soap, perfumes, make-up, etc) and cleaning products

(laundry soap, Windex, sponges and dish detergent, etc). The shelter helps anyone who is being abused (not just women), to not only gain safety but also provides training and counseling so people can overcome the negative situation and go on to positive, independent lives.

WPS works with the Guadalupe Economic Service Center for donations of clothing since they don't have lots of storage space at the shelter. Please take any gently used clothing, including things for men, women, and children to the center at 1502 Erskine Road.

Hours are Monday through Thursday, 8am to noon and 1pm to 5pm, phone (806) 744-4416.

Once again, thank you for participating in your community by donating to the baskets or the center (depending on what you have to give). Your sharing of the bounty is always appreciated and always put to good use! You can make a difference!



## **Ethical Eating: News to Munch On**

By Rita Chamblin

### **Are You Roundup Ready?**

The USDA recently decided to allow unlimited, nationwide commercial planting of Monsanto's GE (Genetically Engineered) Roundup Ready alfalfa. This decision came despite overwhelming numbers of expert comments from farmers, scientists, academics, conservationists, and food safety and consumer advocates asking the USDA to deny Monsanto's application. While essentially 100% of conventional corn, soybeans, and cotton were sprayed with herbicides before Monsanto's Roundup Ready GE versions of those crops were approved, less than 10% of alfalfa has been treated with any herbicide in recent years. The Center for Food Safety will be suing on this decision. In the coming months, we will be seeing USDA proposals to allow unrestricted plantings of GE sugar beets, and GE corn and soy crops designed to resist toxic

pesticides, such as 2-4D and Dicamba, highly toxic pesticides that pose a serious threat to our health and the environment. In addition to the pesticide use, this is considered a contaminating technology as the seeds migrate into organic fields and contaminate those crops.

What can we do? Buy organic as often as you can. Purchasing organic milk from a label such as Organic Valley, or organic meat from a local source such as Pai Dom, supports the entire organic food chain.



## **Wheelock Whippets Update**

By Ginger Angstadt

All Wheelock tutors:

Mary Turner is sending an email with details on TAKS Testing and days we will not be needed due to state testing. Please watch for it and put those dates in your calendar.



## 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.



## 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:

<b>March 22</b>	Global Poverty
<b>March 29</b>	Planning Session
<b>April 26</b>	GLBT and Faith
<b>May 24</b>	The Role of Reason in Religious Belief
<b>June 28</b>	Review of Karen Armstrong's The Case for God
<b>July 26</b>	History of Theocracies & Their Effect on Religious Liberty
<b>August 23</b>	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 Alex Moore
Membership	Duane Christian
Publicity	Jason R.
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.

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*"...the miracle of life entails not so much a discovery of the supernatural, but rather a discovery of the super in the natural."  
- Forrest Church*