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Sunday Morning

Service 11:00AM

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

Reverend Michelle LaGrave on February 20th!

Services

February 13: "Re-envisioning Valentine's Day",
Rita Chamblin

February 20: "And Be Holy Unto Your God:
The Bible and the Liberal Religious
Seeker", Reverend Michelle LaGrave.

Children's Religious Education- Fall Curriculum

Younger Children: Tapestry of Faith

Older Children: Social Justice

Dialogue Forum

February 13: Path to Collective Action

Intersections – Adult Religious Exploration

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February 20: "Judaism", 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 13: “Re-envisioning Valentine’s Day”, Rita Chamblin. What kind of love *do* we celebrate? What kind of love *can* we celebrate? How do we achieve a day when our Valentine’s Day celebration will be a holiday of love and acceptance for everyone?

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.

Services – Looking Ahead...

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



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

Sunday Morning Intersections: Details...

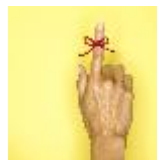
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Intersections - Looking Ahead...

February 27: UU World Article “The Wonder of Evolution”, Sara McLarty

March 6: “The Immortal Self – Christianity”, Richard Wilde



Mark Your Calendar!

February 8: Board Meeting, 7:00 PM

February 13: Dialogue Forum, 10:00 AM

February 13: Abraham Lincoln-Frederick Douglas Dinner, 4:00 PM

February 20: Potluck after service

February 20: Next newsletter deadline

April 9: Workshop here with Midland and Amarillo UUs



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.



Sunday Morning Dialogue Forum

By Sara McLarty

Path to Collective Action

February 13 at 10 am

As part of the Stewardship Campaign a conversation will begin about a Path to UU Social Action, as a church. Please look over the mailing you received and find the information on a path to social action. Let's begin our "meeting of the minds" on the way ahead in social action. No Intersections that Sunday.



UUSC Stands in Solidarity with the People of Egypt

By the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee

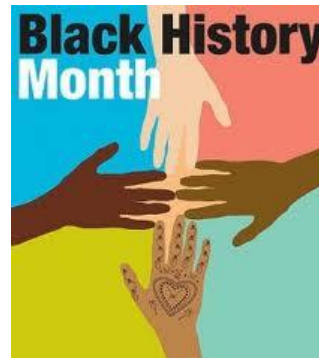
The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee stands in solidarity with the people of Egypt in their peaceful struggle for a fair, democratic government. The Egyptian people deserve justice, participatory government, and their full measure of human rights. They are demonstrating to the world their

commitment to those ideals by raising their voices and taking to the streets in nonviolent, peaceful protest in the face of government repression. UUSC deplores the violence by members of the police and security forces against the protesters. We are greatly encouraged by the Egyptian Army's announcement on Monday, January 31, that they will not use force against people participating in the protests. We hope that the security forces will continue to desist from armed action against an unarmed population. We encourage a peaceful transition to a government that responds to the needs and respects the rights of the Egyptian people.

Position was adopted by UUSC: February 1, 2011

Voice your support! Sign on to UUSC's Facebook event "Eye to Eye with Egyptians" and show your support on Facebook, Twitter, and other social-networking channels.

Take action! Express your concern about civil-liberties violations to the Egyptian consulates.



A way to celebrate Black History Month

By Sara McLarty

"An invitation from Emma Jackson"

Ms. Jackson's Mother was the founder of the Abraham Lincoln-Frederick Douglass event. It has become a dinner and a performance illustrating, by two accomplished actors, the relationship of the two men. I have attended in the past and it is a

quality event, well worth the \$20 per person. It is at the Memorial Civic Center, February 13th, a Sunday, beginning at 4 pm. If you want to go, send a check for tickets at \$20 each to Emma Jackson, memo line "Lincoln-Douglass. The mailing address is P.O. Box 12433, Lubbock TX 79452. Your name will be at the door.

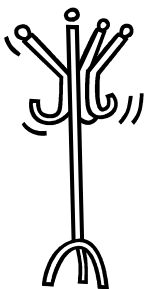


Lubbock Will Host West Texas UU Churches April 9 for a Joint Retreat

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!



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!!



Ethical Eating: News to Munch On

By Rita Chamblin

What Makes Communities Healthy?

Ogallala Commons is once again sponsoring the Annual Southern Plains Conference. It will be Wednesday, February 16 at the Home Mercantile Building & Community Hall in Nazareth, TX (20 miles west of Tulia). Essayist Wendell Berry writes that "community is the smallest measure of health, and that to speak of the health of an isolated individual is a contradiction in terms." Local and nutritious food production and availability will be discussed, among other local health and wellness issues. If you're interested, you can read more at www.ogallalacommons.org. and click on Events. Cost is \$50 per person and I think there's a student rate of \$25. Anyone wanting to carpool, let me know, as I'll be attending.



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:

- 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

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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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"A person has no religion who has not slowly and painfully gathered one together..."

D. H. Lawrence