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Sunday Morning

Service 11:00AM

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

Showing "Inside Job" movie March 27 at 3pm !

Services

March 27: "The Empathic Civilization",
Rita Chamblin.

April 3: Eric Strong, Storyteller

Children's Religious Education- Fall Curriculum

Younger Children: Tapestry of Faith

Older Children: Social Justice

Forum

March 27: "Water Issues and Solutions",
Suzanne Baker

Intersections – Adult Religious Exploration

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April 3: "The Immortal Self – Buddhism",
Richard Wilde

Information

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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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Intersections - Looking Ahead...

April 10: No Intersections – Dialogue Forum

April 17: "Affirmations of a Dissenter" by Sprague

Sunday Morning Services – Details...



March 27: “The Empathic Civilization”, Rita Chamblin. Can empathy be the “invisible hand” which will guide us to extend our sense of identity to all humans? To our fellow creatures? To the biosphere?

April 3: Eric Strong, Storyteller. Eric Enmerson Strong is a poet, an educator, a writer, a historical arts activist and a nationally recognized storyteller. Strong's stories speak to issues of tolerance, hope, and self-esteem. He garnered state and national recognition for innovation in college-prep programming for classroom teachers and limited income students. His awards include "Top Techsan" by Texas Tech University, where he received his Masters degree.

See more at www.ericstrongstoryteller.com



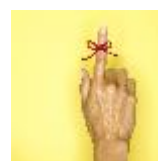
Forum - Water Issues and Solutions

By Patsy Malin

Sunday, March 27 at 10 am.

All come. Suzanne Baker will kick off our new Forum series with a talk on Lubbock water issues and solutions. She is a member of the citizen advisory board to the City Council and a past member of the Brazos River Authority Board. Suzanne will address the many facets of water planning for the city. She says, “...and it’s always changing.”

Please come and welcome Suzanne as we start a new series of forums and revive Forum! for the church.



Mark Your Calendar!

April 3: Next newsletter deadline

April 4: Sunday Services Committee, 7:00 PM

April 9: Workshop here with Midland and Amarillo UUs, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

April 12: Board Meeting, 7:00 PM

April 17: Potluck after service



Services – Looking Ahead...

April 10: “The Power of Liberal Religion” by the Rev. Susan M. Smith, District Executive, Southwestern Conference of the Unitarian Universalist Association

April 17: “Growing Up UU”, Alex Moore



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

Sunday Morning Intersections:

Details...

March 27: No Intersections – Forum (see article)

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Richard Wilde



All-Church Dinner April 16

By Barbara Holder and Sara McLarty
Stewardship Campaign Co-Chairs

Expect a mailed invitation, but, please, mark your calendars now, save the date and join us in celebrating "Getting to Know You." That will be our theme song. Already know it? Help us learn it. Don't know it? Come to practice. Let's have more singing in our lives, hymns, too. Children welcome.



Stewardship Campaign Visits

by Barbara Holder and Sara McLarty
Stewardship Campaign Co-Chairs

March is the month for our visits with each other to support our church with service to each other and to prepare to MAKE A DIFFERENCE in our lives with a free and responsible search for truth and meaning, fostering our spiritual growth and increasing the store of love on the planet.

How did we do? We would appreciate MORE response--beyond even what you wrote. As of Sunday, March 20th, 33 visits had been completed. We have 29 volunteer forms completed and 29 social action forms completed.

Let Barbara or Sara know if you thought of more you wanted to say. We will get our direction from your responses. And celebrate "Getting to Know You" at the all-church dinner April 16th.



West Texas UU Gathering Tentative Agenda

By Pat Smith, President

Amarillo, Lubbock, Midland UUs will meet April 9 at our church. We are still accepting ideas for discussion topics.

- 10:00 a.m. Welcome & Introductions
- 10:15 a.m. Gathering Worship
- 10:45 a.m. What Clusters Can Do: Clergy Support and Worship Sharing; Lifespan Faith Development and Leadership Training
- 11:30 a.m. Who We Are: Statistics, visioning, transitions in these congregations and our neighbors.
- 12 noon Lunch at Topic Tables: What we each do best and what help we could use from one another.
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch Table Reports: How might we cooperate?
- 2:00 p.m. Next Steps and Priorities
- 2:45 p.m. Appreciations and Closing
- 3:00 p.m. Adjourn



Inter Faith Council

By Dorothy Joiner

Barbara Holder and Dorothy Joiner participated in a panel discussion of The Meaning of Prayer at the Raindrop Turkish Center. Barbara gave the meaning of prayer from the viewpoint of Unitarian Universalism, and Dorothy gave the Buddhist

concepts. Other members of the panel gave their viewpoints starting with Hinduism, which was founded in 1400 BCE followed by Judaism, Buddhism, protestant Christianity, Islam, UU and Baha'i, founded in 1867.

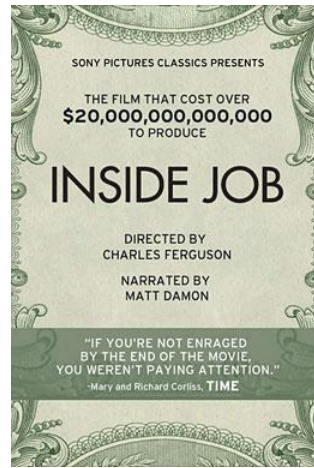
During the discussion, the Turkish ladies commented that they thought that there were many differences in the Christian religions, but our discussion did not indicate that. In our opinion, and in the opinion expressed by the others, the discussion emphasized the similarities of all of the religious groups.



National Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness

By Sara McLarty

April is National Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. A Candlelight Vigil in memory of the 242 children who died in Texas in 2010 of abuse and neglect will be held in Lubbock at First Church of the Nazarene, 6110 Chicago Ave., April 3rd, 5:30 pm. Our South Plains region has one of the highest rates of documented child abuse in the State.



“Must See” Movie

By Sara McLarty

The "economic situation" that is the excuse for cuts in or the elimination of federal funding for NPR and PBS is explained in "Inside Job," the 2011 Oscar winning documentary, detailing the 2008 economic crisis. See it here at the UU church, March 27th, 3pm, for 1 hr., 48 minutes. Please bring everyone you can. Free. If you want to see it, but can't come at that time, ask Sara McLarty to show it when you CAN see it. We can show it several times. Or you can rent it from Netflix. A "must see."



SWUUC Leadership Training

By Pat Smith, President

The Board of Trustees will nominate a 2-4 member team to attend the Southwestern UU Conference Dwight Brown Leadership Experience (DBLE), to be held August 7-12. Information can be found at <http://www.swuuc.org/>. Preference for selection of nominated teams by DBLE staff will be given to leaders who will be serving in board, staff (particularly ministers and DREs), or major committee/ministry leadership roles. Let me know if you are interested or have someone in mind for nomination.

Participants will gain practical understanding of healthy congregation concepts and tools, the value of intentional leadership process, and the vital connections between religious leadership, faith development, and the realization of beloved community. The goal is to translate the DBLE experience into tangible congregational health and vitality.

Factors that appear to make a difference in how DBLE affects congregational health include participants who come well grounded in Unitarian Universalism, participants who serve significant leadership roles in their congregation, participants who come in teams of two to four from a congregation, congregations who send teams of leaders to DBLE for several years in a row, and congregations that have an intentional process for selecting their DBLE registrants and integrating knowledge and skills from the experience into the life of the congregation. In addition to the actual week of DBLE, SWUUC will offer continuing support to participating congregations, assisting the leaders chosen in more fully using their strengths to advance their congregation's mission.



Social Action baskets

By Sara McLarty

Wheelock Elementary, Ronald McDonald Room at UMC, and Women's Protective Services, are all in need. The next few Sundays I will put the baskets up front to remind us of what we might do. Lists of what is needed are on the baskets. Let's fill them up a few times, Wheelock's until the end of April; the others, all year round.



Ethical Eating: News to Munch On

By Rita Chamblin

From the Organic Consumers Association:

“What is it going to take to launch an organic revolution in a country where 125,000 industrial mega-farms account for three quarters of all agricultural production and only about 25,000 of our 2.2 million farms are organic?”

First, we need more organic farmers. Peak oil theorist Richard Heinberg says we'll need tens of millions of backyard gardeners and small farmers.

Next, we need compost - billions of pounds, augmented by billions of gallons of compost tea. That's the amount of organic compost and compost tea we'll need to replace the 24 billion pounds of synthetic fertilizer that chemical and GMO farmers use each year to keep their crops on life support, even as they destroy the living soil.

That's a lot of compost! Where's it all going to come from? How about making compost from the 96 billion pounds of food we throw away each year in this country?

We need to reduce the amount of food we waste - our food waste alone would feed 20 million people - and use the rest to make organic compost.”



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:

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

President	Pat Smith
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Trustee	Jamie Naquin



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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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"If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."

- African Proverb