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Sunday Morning

Service 11:00AM

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

RSVP for April 9 UU Gathering !

Services

April 10: "The Power of Liberal Religion"
 By the Rev. Susan M. Smith

April 17: "Growing Up UU", Alex Moore

Dialogue Forum

April 10: Rev. Susan Smith

Children's Religious Education- Fall Curriculum

Younger Children: Tapestry of Faith

Older Children: Social Justice

Intersections – Adult Religious Exploration

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April 17: "Affirmations of a Dissenter" by Sprague
 led by Rita Chamblin

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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...

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

Services – Looking Ahead...

April 24: Easter, Dwayne Windham

May 1: UUA 50th Anniversary, Sara McLarty and Rita Chamblin



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

Sunday Morning Intersections: Details...

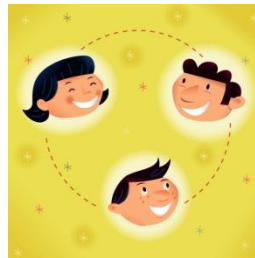
April 10: No Intersections – Dialogue Forum

April 17: "Affirmations of a Dissenter" by Sprague, led by Rita Chamblin. C. Joseph Sprague, a bishop in the United Methodist church, wrote Affirmations of a Dissenter in 2002, a few years before he retired. The book deals with issues such as biblical authority and the humanity and divinity of Jesus. He gives us examples of the use of metaphor in Biblical writings, and how that can reshape our understanding of the texts. He expresses his affirmation of his view of Christianity and dissents from “neoliteralists” and their fears as well as cynics on the left.

Intersections - Looking Ahead...

April 24: UU World Article - The Religious Left

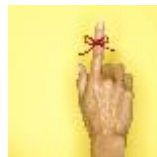
May 1: "Lost Christianities", Don MacNair



Dialogue Forum

By Pat Smith

Join us at 10:00 for a conversation with the Reverend Susan M. Smith, District Executive of the Southwestern Unitarian Universalist Conference. Add more ideas and develop those discussed at the Saturday UU Gathering.



Mark Your Calendar!

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

April 12: Board Meeting, 7:00 PM

April 16: Celebration Dinner, 5:45 PM

April 17: Next newsletter deadline

April 17: Potluck after service

May 1: Annual Congregational Meeting

May 9: Sunday Services Committee, 7:00 PM



It's here! UU Gathering

April 9

By Pat Smith, President

Please join Midland and Amarillo UUs Saturday, April 9, at our church to share ideas. This gathering

runs from **10:00AM – 3:00PM**, and includes a **FREE lunch! Please RSVP by April 7 so we can get a count for lunch.**

The morning session will focus on the role of the Southwestern District and how the staff can help us. Then over lunch, we will discuss what each congregation does best and what help we could use from one another. Topic tables will include

- Presidents & Vice-presidents
- Treasurers, Finance and Fundraising
- Lifespan Faith Development
- Social Justice & Service
- Worship Arts

In the afternoon, we will bring together our ideas about how we might cooperate and determine next steps and priorities.

This can help us make a big leap forward.
Come!! Share!! Learn!! Help decide our future!!



Celebration Dinner

By Barbara Holder and Sara McLarty
Stewardship Campaign Co-chairs

It is time for "Getting to Know You." Gather at the church at 5:45 pm on April 16th. We will learn to sing the song as celebration of the conclusion of the Stewardship Campaign. We think we really accomplished that part of the goal. Let one of us know if you have a "Getting to Know You" experience you would like to share at the dinner program.



Sacred Water April 17-May 26

By Sara McLarty

We will begin an experiment in thinking of water as sacred on April 17th. Please sign up on the list provided on the altar to be contacted to decide how we will each carry this out for forty days. Member Rita Chamblin has bought a water-saving filter. Sara McLarty has saved the information about where our Lubbock water comes from to start us off the 17th. Join in! (A UUA Bookstore initiative).



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.



Giving to KOHM Radio?

By Sara McLarty

If so, please give through our church. This provides us with advertising through underwriting. The campaign runs April 9-15, and we are already collecting! Make your check payable to KOHM, and write UU Church in the memo line. Drop your check in the offering basket or send to the church as soon as possible. Checks will be collected in the office, and taken to the studio. THIS IS OUR BEST ADVERTISING.



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

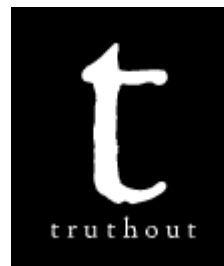
up front to remind us of what we might do. Lists of what is needed are on the baskets. Let's fill them up a few times, Wheelock's until the end of April; the others, all year round.



Because You Asked

By Rita Chamblin

Peter Mayer is the singer and songwriter of "Blue Boat Home", which we sang recently during service. I saw him perform this song at General Assembly last year and bought the CD then. Peter Mayer is a member of the White Bear UU Church. I'm grateful that so many of you appreciated this song.



Social Action

By Sara McLarty

The movie "Inside Job" was shown at our church on March 27th, with about 35 people attending. "Inside Job" is the Academy Award winning documentary about how the economic crisis of 2008 came to be. It's a powerful movie, and those attending found it enlightening. As a continuation of that discussion, we found a related article entitled "Debt, Austerity and How to Fight Back".

Here's the link:

<http://www.truth-out.org/debt-austerity-and-how-fight-back/1300320000>





Ethical Eating: News to Munch On

By Rita Chamblin

Fifty-Three Percent of U.S. Backyard Gardeners Growing Vegetables

A nationwide survey indicates that spending for vegetables and fruits grown in household gardens now surpasses spending for lawns, trees, shrubs - and even flowers. The same survey unearthed the following trends among gardeners:

53% grow vegetables in their gardens

90% plan to eat the produce fresh

66% will share with friends

36% will can or preserve produce

4% will donate food to others

Another survey, this one by the National Gardening Association, looked at the main reasons people grow food in their gardens:

58% desire better tasting food

54% want to save money on food bills

51% want better quality food

48% want to grow food they know is safe

--"Calling All Gardeners," by Jennifer Nelson, M.S., R.D. and Katherine Zeratsky, R.D., March 23, 2011, MayoClinic.com



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:

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| 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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| 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

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| 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 great end in religious instruction is not to stamp our minds upon the young, but to stir up their own..."

William Ellery Channing