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## *Sunday Morning*

**Service 11:00AM**

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

## ***Rabbi Vicki Hollander May 22 !***

### Services

**May 22:** "The Wisdoms and Teachings of the Moon of *Iyar*", Rabbi Vicki Hollander

**May 29:** "Remembrances of Veterans"

### Children's Religious Education

**Younger Children:** Tapestry of Faith

**Older Children:** Social Justice

### Intersections – Adult Religious Exploration

**May 22:** "The Great Story" DVD - The Marriage of Science and Religion 2/9

**May 29:** "The Great Story" DVD - The Marriage of Science and Religion 3/9

### **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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## Sunday Morning Services – Details...

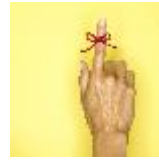
**May 22:** “The Wisdoms and Teachings of the Moon of *Iyar*”, Rabbi Vicki Hollander. The Hebrew calendar which moves in lunar-solar time, and whose monthly names hail from Babylonia, holds many symbols and lessons within her span. The month of *Iyar* which falls in this year’s month of May, traditionally was seen as a healing month, where the slaves, newly freed from bondage, restored. A lovely glimpse into the rounds of Jewish time, and specifically, the lessons of this particular season, it’s images, symbols, and metaphors which hold keys for spiritual nourishment in this season.

**May 29:** “Remembrances of Veterans”

## Services – Looking Ahead...

**June 5:** “Baha’i Theology: On the Nature of Divinity, the Messengers, and Mankind” Mike Kelley. Mike has been a Baha’i since 1970. He is a member of the Baha’i Faith in Lubbock and will speak on the Faith’s theological views: the Baha’i concept of God; the Messengers who have revealed religion throughout history - Buddha, Jesus, Muhammad, Baha’u’llah; and the nature of man as a spiritual being in a physical existence. Such questions will be posed as: Is God a creation of man or man a creation of God? Was Jesus God incarnate? Is man simply the highest evolved animal? These and other concepts will be explored.

**June 12:** Hans York, musician



## Mark Your Calendar!

**May 29:** Next newsletter deadline  
**June 6:** Sunday Services Committee, 7:00 PM  
**June 14:** Board Meeting, 7:00 PM  
**June 19:** Potluck after service



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

## Sunday Morning Intersections: Details...

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## Intersections - Looking Ahead...

**June 5:** "The Great Story" DVD - The Marriage of Science and Religion 4/9  
**June 12:** *No Intersections - Forum*





## Water as Sacred

By Shannon Vyff

*Day 13 of 40-Day Observance*

We signed up for the 40 Day Sacred Water observance mainly to have a reason to take the time to focus on water issues more often than we normally do and while doing so we learned more than I expected we'd learn. We always are grateful for water within our family and have talked about where it comes from here in Lubbock, as we have in other communities we lived in and how it is used in the communities around us. In our family we generally have a high respect for water, who funds its cleaning, who regulates its use within a community--the uses of a city vs. agriculture.

Some communities have an abundance of water, but in Lubbock there clearly have been problems with acquiring supply. Some areas of the world don't even have access to clean water so Lubbock is lucky to have the system it does. I've enjoyed learning more about the needs here in Lubbock and plans for the future, as well as using the 40 days observance as a reason to talk about these issues with my family. My teen Avianna had talked about the water issues in Lubbock in her Aquatic Science class and my husband Michael has helped through a Tech project to make a new Water Quality report for the city of Lubbock. It was great to have their input during our family discussions about water.

We read about the UU Earth Day 2011: Sacred Waters and the 40/40 for Earth Challenge, and learned more about Water Justice Issues around the world as well. Here is the link to a page with an overview of those honored during this observance: <http://uuministryforearth.org/2011-ED-WaterJusticeIssues>

I for one did not realize that 25 to 30% of all energy use in Oregon, California and Washington is used to move water for agricultural use. Our family had watched the documentary Gasland and knew about Fracking, as well as some of the problems with water quality in the US. I'm thankful First UU

Lubbock participated in the observance and I hope our own church community has all learned more from this experience. I know our own family will continue to pay attention to water issues and support water rights and legislation to help provide clean & affordable water for all people.



## Rabbi Vicki Hollander Guest Speaker May 22

Rabbi Vicki Hollander is a native of Cleveland, Ohio, growing up in the midst of a large, boisterous, Eastern European Jewish immigrant family. Despite being told girls could not be rabbis, she entered the rabbinate after graduating from the University of Cincinnati. She has served congregations in Larchmont, NY and Seattle and Mercer Island, WA. She did graduate work in Marriage and Family Therapy, later serving as the bereavement coordinator of Hospice of Seattle and then at Lion's Gate Hospital in Vancouver, Canada. Her initial writing led to publications in prose and liturgical poetry. In Vancouver, she started a therapeutic practice, also lecturing and teaching. After several years, she returned to the congregational rabbinate, joining the Congregation House of Israel in Hot Springs, AR. She is now serving the Lubbock Congregation Shaareth Israel, and celebrating the many days of sunshine, the amazing breath of sky, the incredible cloudscapes and moon risings, and the funny figures of the prairie dogs, who keep her laughing.





## Sad news

By Sara McLarty

Two weeks ago, the church had a call from Deborah Fillebrown, daughter of former member Mary Moore. She told us that Mary had died in October 2010 in Massachusetts where she had gone to live with Deborah. She also told us about the March 2nd death of Mary's son-in-law Roy Gilbert. Mary's daughter Sharon married Roy in our church. There was a need for an affidavit about Sharon and Roy's marriage. Roy's widow Sharon has moved to Massachusetts as of now. The address for Deborah Fillebrown and Sharon Gilbert is P.O. Box 6007, Plymouth MA 02362.



## The Forum Committee

By Patsy Malin

Any who want to meet with the Forum Committee can do so the third Sunday of the Month or Potluck Sunday. We may not always meet for planning purposes, but you can check with Caleb Crow or Patsy Malin to find out.



## 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.



## Ethical Eating: News to Munch On

By Rita Chamblin

### [Growing Green Awards](#)

During the last week of April, in San Francisco, the Natural Resources Defense Council's (NRDC's) [Growing Green Awards](#) celebrated four leaders of the American sustainable farming and food movement. "We started the Growing Green Awards three years ago in order to encourage and reward innovation in all aspects of sustainable food systems," Bob Epstein, a NRDC trustee and the program creator, said.

Organic strawberry farming [pioneer Jim Cochran](#) received a \$10,000-cash prize as this year's Food Producer Award recipient; Molly Rockamann, founder of [EarthDance](#), was the first one to receive the new Young Food Leader Award (for individuals under the age of 30) and its \$5,000-cash prize, for her unique apprenticeship program in Missouri; the famous "Renegade Lunch Lady" Ann

Cooper, also founder of the [Food and Family Foundation](#), was recognized for her tireless work transforming school lunches around the country (Knowledge Leader); Pam Marrone, founder and CEO of [Marrone Bio Innovations](#), was distinguished as this year's Business Leader for her work developing environmentally responsible bio-pesticide alternatives for organic and conventional farming.

For more information, go to [www.nrdc.org](http://www.nrdc.org).



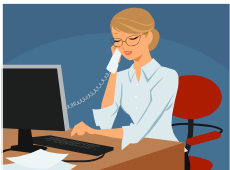
## Ongoing Church Activities



**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:

- 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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| Past President | Harvey Madison |
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| Trustee        | Jamie Naquin   |



### Standing Committees/Chairs

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|---------------------|--|
| Building/Grounds    | Murray Coulter<br>Tim Vignos<br>Alex Moore |
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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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*"I cannot afford the luxury of a closed mind. I go for anything new that might improve the post."*

*- Clara Barton*