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Sunday Morning

Service 11:00AM

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

Forum on Sustainability, May 8!

Services

May 8: "Mother's Day", Gail Madison and the children

May 15: "Flower Ceremony"

Children's Religious Education

Younger Children: Tapestry of Faith

Older Children: Social Justice

Forum

May 8: What Sustainability Means to a City, Caleb Crow

Intersections – Adult Religious Exploration

May 8: Forum

May 15: "The Great Story" DVD - The Marriage of Science and Religion 8/9

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Sunday Morning Services – Details...

May 8: “Mother’s Day”, Gail Madison and the children
May 15: “Flower Ceremony”

Services – Looking Ahead...

May 22: “The Wisdoms and Teachings of the Moon of *Iya*”, Rabbi Vicki Holander
May 29: “Remembrances of Veterans”



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

Sunday Morning Intersections: Details...

May 8: Forum (*see article on page 3*)
May 15: "The Great Story" DVD - The Marriage of Science and Religion 1/9

Intersections - Looking Ahead...

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



Mark Your Calendar!

May 10: Board Meeting, 7:00 PM
May 15: Next newsletter deadline
May 15: Potluck after service
June 6: Sunday Services Committee, 7:00 PM



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.



Forum: What Sustainability Means For a City

By Patsy Malin

Forum will feature our own Caleb Crow as speaker on May 8. Caleb worked for Bill White in Houston on environmental issues in the Office of

Sustainability. He will talk about what sustainability means for a city. Caleb is now working under Dr. Catherine Hayhoe in geology/geophysics. She is an internationally recognized expert on global warming and models ongoing climate change. I feel really honored that Caleb will speak on issues affecting the Gulf Coast city: the Houston ship channel had the reputation of being the most polluted body of water in the world (and it may still wear that badge of disgrace). The good news: I hear from a Houstonian that the city has really cleaned up its act in recent years. Come and hear the news about Houston and the challenges of a city.



An Outlet for Inmates

By Maria Sprow, County Magazine

Each week for three and a half months this past fall, inmates in the Lubbock County Jail dabbled with their own creativity. They created group murals and communal art about what it means to be free. They expressed their emotions through abstract paintings and sculptures, some of which they sent home to family and loved ones. In the process, they also managed to break the stereotypes of what jail is like, who they are as inmates, and whether they can rehabilitate themselves enough to not recidivate, said Texas Tech fine arts professor *Dennis Fehr*, whose dozen or so students led the inmates in those exercises. Read the story at this Web link:

www.county.org/resources/library/county_mag/county/231/outlet.asp



Water as Sacred

By Louise Sanders

Day 2 of 40-Day Observance

This morning as I was running the hot water so it would heat up for my shower, I filled my usual bucket with water—my shower is in the front of my house and my water heater in the back so I fill a bucket with water every morning waiting for the water to get hot—then I dump the water on the shrubs in my front yard.

I was thinking that I need also to put a container near my kitchen sink to catch the water that I run when I'm rinsing dishes, so that I could use that water on my plants as well.



UTwest Lubbock

By Ricky Waite, Pride Committee Chair

I know you all are stretched for time (aren't we all), but I'd like to invite the Board of PFLAG Lubbock to the next OUTwest Lubbock meeting on May 19th at 5:30 p.m. at Project CHAMPS (3307 Ave. X) As many of you know, this will most likely

be my last semester serving on the [OUTwest Lubbock](#) Pride Committee and my involvement in other organizations may be very limited due to school requirements this Fall. So, as one of my last acts as Committee Chair I'm asking community leaders like yourself to come together on this day to get to know each other. I've asked as many organizations and individuals as I can think of who support Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered and Straight Ally individuals to come together so we can all get to know each other. Please invite anyone within your organizations you feel we should know as leaders in the GLBT community.

Hope you all can make it!! If there is someone you think I should invite, please let me know!!

You can RSVP at:

<http://glbtqawareness.groupsie.com/calendar/event/2011/5/19/268670>



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

Farm Workers

When we eat our meals, we remember and are grateful for the farm workers and their labor which bring us this bounty. It's therefore painful to acknowledge that many of those workers suffer in extremely poor and hazardous conditions. Cesar Chavez, founder of the United Farm Workers (UFW), said that farm workers are society's canaries because they show the effects of pesticide poisoning before anyone else. The State of California has now certified a dangerous pesticide – methyl iodide – to replace methyl bromide, which the UFW successfully worked to ban. This will be used on fruits and vegetables, most notably on strawberries. The UFW is fighting this decision, which was made in the final days of former Governor Schwarzenegger's term. But, the UFW isn't alone in this fight. More than 35 California legislators, including Speaker of the Assembly John Pérez, submitted a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency urging policymakers to “suspend and cancel all uses of iodomethane (methyl iodide) in the United States...” They cite scientific evidence that this pesticide is a carcinogen, neurotoxin, and mutagen with potential for groundwater contamination. As one farm worker said, “even when it's not raining, the strawberry rows are filled with water and even like this they make us work.” And, now, that water may be laced with yet another poison. I'll be looking for organic strawberries this year, and researching the brands to see if they claim fair labor standards.



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:

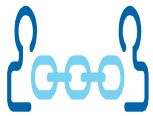
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| May 24 | The Role of Reason in Religious Belief |
| June 28 | Review of Karen Armstrong's The Case for God |
| July 26 | History of Theocracies & Their Effect on Religious Liberty |
| August 23 | Faith and Belief: Same or Different? |





Board Members

President	Pat Smith
Vice-President	Murray Coulter
Secretary	Don MacNair
Treasurer	Rita Chamblin
Past President	Harvey Madison
Trustee	
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 Universalists believe that God is too good to damn them,
whereas the Unitarians believe they are too good to be damned."
- Starr King*