



# The Chalice Light

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## *Sunday Morning*

Service 11:00AM

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

## *How can we help Wheelock Elementary School? Dialogue Forum August 21<sup>st</sup> !*

### Services

**August 14:** "Change or Loss?" by Rita Chamblin

**August 21:** "Build Your Own Theology",  
 Pat Smith

### Children's Religious Education

**Younger Children:** Tapestry of Faith

**Older Children:** Social Justice

### Dialogue Forum:

**August 21:** Ways we can support Wheelock  
 Elementary School, Rita Chamblin

### Intersections – Adult Religious Exploration

**August 14:** Topic from "Letters to my Son"  
 by Kent Nerburg

**August 21:** Dialogue Forum on our support to  
 Wheelock Elementary, Rita Chamblin

### **Information**

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 religious community of free minds which supports your free  
 and responsible search for truth and meaning.

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## Intersections - Looking Ahead...

**August 28:** "Two UUs from the 19th century",  
Duane Christian

**September 4:** UU World Winter 2010  
"Dinner with Monsanto", Pat Smith

## Sunday Morning Services – Details...

**August 14:** "Change or Loss?" by Rita Chamblin  
Our living tradition draws from six sources. One of these sources is Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against the idolatries of the mind and spirit. I think of this as warning us against denying reality in order to maintain a fictitious belief. We'll explore how this applies to daily choices we make.

**August 21:** "Build Your Own Theology", Pat Smith. Unitarian Universalists are not handed a theology developed by experts. Nothing is written in stone, because we are a living tradition. We must figure things out and develop our own theology, with help from others.

## Services – Looking Ahead...

**August 28:** "Sunday Forums", Patsy Malin

**September 4:** "Happiness Does Not Cost the Earth"  
Nic Marks on DVD, led by Rita Chamblin



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

## Sunday Morning Intersections: Details...

**August 14:** Topic from "Letters to my Son"  
by Kent Nerburg

**August 21:** *No Intersections - Dialogue Forum*



## Mark Your Calendar!

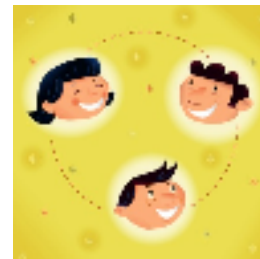
**August 21:** Next newsletter deadline

**August 21:** Potluck after service

**September 5:** Sunday Services Committee,  
7:00 PM

**September 13:** Board Meeting, 7:30 PM

**September 17:** West Texas UU Gathering (here)

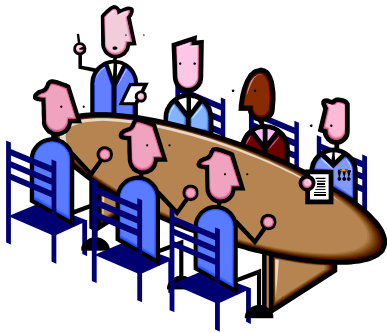


## Dialogue Forum

By Rita Chamblin

Please join us for a Dialogue Forum on August 21<sup>st</sup> to talk about our work with Wheelock Elementary. Rita Chamblin will lead the discussion, reviewing our tutoring and providing supplies for the school children. Do you have an hour a week you can devote to tutoring? Can you add some school supplies to your shopping list? Are there other ways we can support Wheelock? Come and join the discussion.





## West Texas UU Gathering, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>

By Pat Smith, Past President

Plan to attend our second West Texas UU Gathering on Saturday, September 17. Lubbock will host the Midland and Amarillo UUs, and we will invite others “nearby”. Currently, we have two topics for discussion and action:

- OWL (Our Whole Lives - Sexuality education for children and young adults)
- Stewardship in the broad sense of serving each other, visitors, and the outside community.

Watch for more details in future newsletters.



## Social Action

By Sara McLarty

I guess you have noticed school supplies are already on display in the stores. Have you thought of signing up to tutor?

It is time to bring what you can to the church for the students at our neighborhood public school Wheelock Elementary. Remember the 60-page spiral notebooks need to be WIDE-RULED. Glue sticks are always needed. Rulers, scissors, pencils, erasers--all that will be needed now. All year there is a need for the notebooks, the glue sticks. Tissues in boxes are much appreciated all year.

Please keep bringing the gifts for Women's Protective Service and Ronald McDonald Room at UMC. Those needs are year round.



## Ramadan Iftar

By Barbara Holder

The Lubbock Interfaith Association, of which our church is a member, has been invited to join in two separate Iftar Dinners during this Ramadan season. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to the appropriate person so that they can insure there is sufficient food. Those attending will be invited to participate in the call to prayer at sundown, then to enjoy a wonderful meal with great conversation. If you would like to know more about Iftar you can go to <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iftar>

Monday, August 15, 2011, beginning at 8:30  
Islamic Center of the South Plains, 3419 LaSalle Ave. - west of Loop 289 just south of 34th St  
***If you plan to attend, RSVP no later than Thursday, Aug 11 to 792-9060***

**AND:**

Friday, August 19, 2011, beginning at 7:30 or 8:00  
Raindrop Turkish House/Center, #29 Briercroft Office Park - south of 50th ST, West of Ave Q  
***If you plan to attend, RSVP to Barbara Holder no later than August 15 at [bardarsr@juno.com](mailto:bardarsr@juno.com)***





## STAR PARTY!

By Harvey Madison

All kids and adults are invited to join Harvey Madison and lots of RE kids at Harv's dark site, about 15 miles south of town to get good views of the beautiful Milky Way and learn where the heck we are in the Universe. Also, the Orionid meteor shower will hopefully be warming up. The party will be Saturday, August 20, and we will meet up at the church and depart at 8:30 sharp, so don't be late. Car pooling encouraged. Parents: Harv and Gail can haul five kids. Bring binoculars if you can. Also, bring a light jacket because I guarantee that you will get surprisingly cool out there! The site will likely be mostly dry but tall grass, so quilts or other ground cover are advised if you want to recline and be comfortable. Bring any snacks or beverages you like, and join the fun!



## Building and grounds

By Murray Coulter, President

The small garden area along our entry walkway has seen better days. If no one has any objections, we will roto-till it to remove the weeds and start from scratch. Anyone who is willing to help in turning the sod and removing weeds please contact Jamie Naquin. If you would like to suggest a plan for the new garden give a detailed proposal with cost estimates to Murray Coulter. The best proposal will be selected with a heavy weighting given to submitters who are willing to supervise and implement the plan.



## New staff appointments

By Murray Coulter, President

We have a new Programs and Activities Coordinator (P A C). Please welcome Stephanie Blackwell who has replaced Susan Smith in that position. Many of you already know Stephanie because she's been working in our nursery for the past several months. We have all been impressed by Stephanie's initiative and ability and we're excited to have her move into this administrative position. Stephanie is a senior at Texas Tech University in Human Science and Family Studies with a minor in Horticulture. Her primary responsibility at the church will be to assist the Board of Trustees and the various church committees as a facilitator. She will be in the church office mid-day on Tuesdays and Thursdays and may be contacted at her new e-mail address: [PAC@nts-online.net](mailto:PAC@nts-online.net).



We also have a new nursery and child care assistant who began work in our nursery August 7th. She will also help supervise activities for our older children during the 11 o'clock hour when she is not needed in the nursery. She works full-time during the week as an office manager for Absolute Fuels and is a part-time student at South Plains College. She has two children of her own and we hope they will join our Sunday youth activities. Please introduce yourself and welcome her. We are fortunate to have her on our child care team.



# Universal Life Faire

By Charree Mahoney

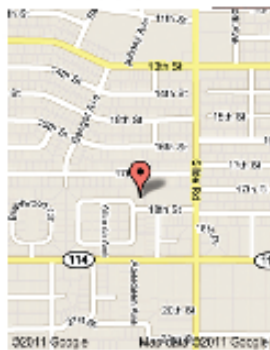
## Universal Life Faire

Join us for a day of events celebrating alternative spiritual and healing practices. Vendors, a raffle, massages, lectures, mini-workshops and so much more!



Free Admission!  
Bring a donation to the South Plains Food Bank or Woman's Protective Services and receive a free raffle ticket!

**Saturday, August 27, 10-5**  
**at the House of Spiritual Teaching at 5218 18th St. Lubbock, TX**



Universal Life Faire  
<https://sites.google.com/site/universallifeaire/home>

Gain your mind, strengthen your body, and renew your spirit!



## Ethical Eating: News to Munch On

By Rita Chamblin

*What the USDA Doesn't Want You to Know about Antibiotics and Factory Farms*

Adapted from an article by Tom Philpott at Mother Jones

There's a document the USDA doesn't want you to see. Back in June, the USDA put a "technical review" on their National Agricultural Library website. The review is a blunt summary by a research assistant at the University of Maryland of recent academic findings on the growing problem of antibiotic-resistant infections and their link with factory animal farms. By the third week in July, the

USDA has removed the review and silenced the author. The topic is a serious one. A single antibiotic-resistant pathogen, MRSA – just one of many now circulating – now claims more lives each year than AIDS.

Altogether, the US meat industry uses 29 million pounds of antibiotics every year. To put that number in perspective, consider that we humans in the US – in all of our prescription fill-ups and hospital stays combined – use just over 7 million pounds per year. Thus the vast bulk of antibiotics consumed in this country, some 80 percent, go to factory animal farms. Sweden banned this practice 20 years ago, the European Union took action to curtail routine antibiotic use on farms in 2006, but here in the US, our regulatory approach has been completely laissez-faire.

Some of the concerns cited in the review, which is still available thanks to the Union of Concerned Scientists, are:

- Food animals, when exposed to antimicrobial agents, may serve as a significant reservoir of resistant bacteria that can transmit to humans through the food supply
- Several studies conducted by the CDC showed that antibiotic resistance in salmonella strains was most likely due to the antimicrobial use in food animals
- Farmers and farm workers may become exposed to resistant bacteria by handling animals, feed and manure and can transfer the resistant bacteria to family and community members
- Resistant bacteria can also spread from intensive food animal production areas to outside boundaries due to transmission by insects, flies, rodents and wild birds who are particularly attracted to animal wastes and feed sources

This is not the first time these concerns have been raised by a government official. In 2009, the deputy commissioner of the FDA delivered testimony before the US House opining that routine use of antibiotics on farm animals should be severely restricted and banned outright for non-medical uses like growth promotion. By January of this year, that government official had resigned his post. It's disturbing that government regulators

know that serious trouble is brewing from antibiotic abuse on factory farms and seem incapable of acting to stop it.



## 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.



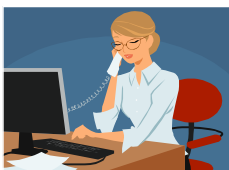
## Ongoing Church Activities



**Sunday Services Committee:** First Monday of the month, 7:00 PM.



**Board Meeting:** Second Tuesday of the month, 7:30PM



**Church Office Hours:** 11:00AM – 3:00PM,  
Monday, Wednesday, 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.

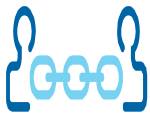
The following monthly topics have been chosen for 2010-2011:

**August 23** Faith and Belief: Same or Different?



## Board Members

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Secretary	Jamie Naquin
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Past President	Pat Smith
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Trustee	James Holder



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Building/Grounds	Murray Coulter
Membership	Duane Christian
Religious Education	Shannon Vyff
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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*"Be not afraid of growing slowly. Be afraid only of standing still."  
—CHINESE PROVERB*