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Sunday Morning

Service 11:00AM

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

Liberty in North Korea; First UU and St. John's Co-Hosting Sept 26th!

Services

September 25: "Water Ceremony",
Michael Farmer

October 2: "Women's Freedom in Iraq",
Kayt C. Peck, Organization of
Women's Freedom in Iraq (OWFI).

Children's Religious Education

Younger Children: Tapestry of Faith

Older Children: Social Justice

Forum

September 25: "Social Media in Community
Engagement", Michael Trice

October 2: "Education Reform in Texas",
Dr. Gary Bell

Intersections – Adult Religious Exploration

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led by Jamie Naquin

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and responsible search for truth and meaning.

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Sunday Morning Services – Details...

September 25: “Water Ceremony”,
Michael Farmer

October 2: “Women's Freedom in Iraq”,
Please join us for a special presentation by Kayt C. Peck, CFRE, Contract Chief Development Officer for the Organization of Women’s Freedom in Iraq (OWFI). Since 2003 OWFI has fought for the rights and safety of women in a country where ancient Islamic Sharia law is now practiced, robbing women of most modern personal, political, and property rights. OWFI's first program was providing shelters for women targeted for "honor" killings, a practice in which Islamic men can murder female family members if those women are suspected of "dishonoring" the family. One of the most common "crimes" is being the victim of rape. Over the years, OWFI's mission has expanded and they are now a leader in efforts to empower women and to address critical issues such as the epidemic in the trafficking of Iraqi women into prostitution and into slavery in the form of forced "marriages" easily dissolved when the woman's husband/owner no longer wants her. This program will address the plight of women in Iraq and OWFI's efforts to protect and empower those women. See the article on page 4 for more details.

Services – Looking Ahead...

October 9: "Final Exam", Duane Christian

October 16: “Walking From No to Yes”,
Rita Chamblin



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

Sunday Morning Intersections: Details...

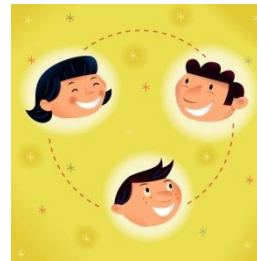
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Intersections - Looking Ahead...

October 9: *Will meet with Forum*

October 16: TBA



Sunday Morning Forums Fall Schedule

By Patsy Malin

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Engagement”, Michael Trice

October 2: “Education Reform in Texas”,
Dr. Gary Bell

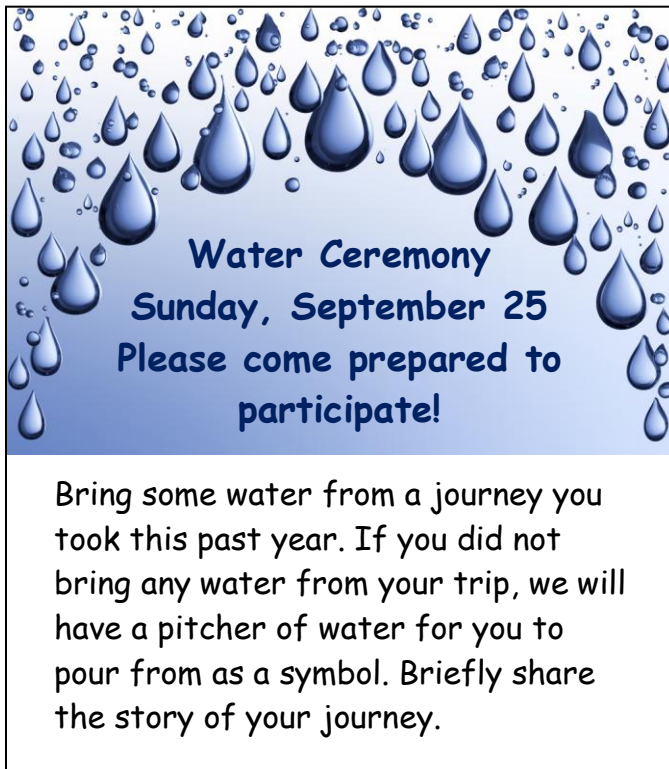
October 9: “Interfaith Dialogue: Theory and
Practice”, Dr. Mark Webb, Chair,
Philosophy Department

October 30: “The ACLU and Civil Liberties”,
Harvey Madison

November 13: “Filtering Ideas on the Internet”,
Michael Trice

December 11: “Teen Straight Talk”, Kathleen
McPherson and Linda Brice, UMC





Water Ceremony
Sunday, September 25
Please come prepared to participate!

Bring some water from a journey you took this past year. If you did not bring any water from your trip, we will have a pitcher of water for you to pour from as a symbol. Briefly share the story of your journey.



UU Gathering a Success!

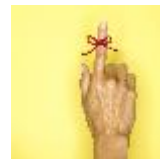
By Pat Smith, Past President

That conclusion is based on the written evaluations we received. One comment was, "I thought this whole meeting was awesome." And that was from an adult!

On Saturday, September 17, members of our church met with UUs from Amarillo, Midland, and Portales, NM. We were fortunate to have Reverend Jennifer Innis from First Jefferson Unitarian Universalist Church in Fort Worth facilitate major portions of the meeting as well as help with planning. She just concluded five years as the minister for the Unitarian Universalist Church of Midland, and she participated in that role at our joint meeting last spring.

We had 20 adults and 12 youths participating. We introduced the sexuality education program (OWL: Our Whole Lives) to the youths and their parents. Our Children's Religious Education Chair Shannon Vyff was one of the teachers. And because of our collaboration with these other congregations, we have enough teachers and youths to be able to have a program this year for grades 7-9 in joint meetings over several weekends. We also had discussions on stewardship. These included not only funding but also stewardship in the broad sense of service: how we serve each other, how we serve our guests, and how we serve the wider community. Participants exchanged ideas and learned new things to take back to their congregations.

Our next cluster meeting will be in Amarillo in the spring. An exact date and the discussion topics will be decided later. I hope you will keep an eye out for this and attend if you can.



Mark Your Calendar!

(See articles for more information)

- September 21:** Death Penalty Vigil, 5:45 PM
- September 26:** LiNK (Liberty in North Korea) "Reliance" Tour, 7 PM at St. John's UMC
- September 27:** Legislative Breakfast, 7:30 AM
- October 2:** Next newsletter deadline
- October 3:** Sunday Services Committee, 7:00 PM
- October 11:** Board Meeting, 7:30 PM
- October 16:** Potluck after service





Service Auction!

By Harvey Madison

This winter's service auction has been planned, and it will be a fun night of socializing and bidding. We need for you to start looking around the house for good items that you can donate, and thinking about what services you could offer. Whether it's a scrumptious homemade apple pie (or two), a power tool or laptop you haven't used in a while, dinner for eight or just a car wash, everyone can donate something, so write down your ideas and put aside those items so we can have a successful auction. We will be making forms available to list your donations on, so be ready to be generous!

Chair, Shannon Vyff

Foot soldiers: Shannon and Jason R., Harvey Madison



Organization of Women's Freedom in Iraq

Program for the October 2 Service.

Kayt C. Peck, CFRE, began working with the Organization of Women's Freedom in Iraq as a volunteer in 2003, helping the organization obtain start-up funding. When a grant from the Dutch government allowed OWFI to expand infrastructure in 2008, OWFI asked Peck to join the organization as a part-time consultant. While Yanar Mohammed, the inspirational president of OWFI, continues her work on the ground in Iraq and with audiences in Europe, Peck has assumed the role as

organizational spokesperson for many U.S. audiences. It is fitting in her 20 year career as a consultant for nonprofit organizations, specializing in serving "target" communities including gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender, Hispanic, Native American, African American and rural.



Death Penalty Vigils

By Rita Chamblin

Our UUA position on the death penalty is:

Holding capital punishment as inconsistent with human life on account of its retributive, discriminatory, and non-deterrent character.

General Assemblies of the Unitarian Universalist Association have opposed capital punishment restoration or continuance in any form (1961, 1966, 1974, 1979 and 2000). How much longer will we, as a nation aspiring to democracy and fair play, condone capital punishment? How much longer will we, as a nation aspiring to liberty and justice for all, condone the ultimate loss of liberty for so many, whose numbers include a disproportionate percentage of persons of color? As a community of faith promoting justice, equity, and compassion in human relations, we call for an end to the death penalty.

Come join us at St. John's United Methodist Church on the following dates from 5:45 pm to 6:15 pm to stand against the death penalty. On each of these dates, a prisoner in Texas is scheduled to be executed. We stand outside on the corner at St. John's parking lot, some of us holding signs for the passing cars to read for part or all of the vigil, depending on how hot it is. You may join in song and prayer, or stand silently with our friends and

neighbors, witnessing for an end to the death penalty.

Vigils currently scheduled for:

September 20, September 21, October 27, and November 9. If you plan to attend and would like updates in case of stays of execution, please email me at murphyhamblin@yahoo.com



Social Action

By Sara McLarty

On Tuesday, September 27, The League of Women Voters will host a public Legislative Breakfast to hear reports from Senator Duncan and Representative Perry and possibly Representative Frullo about the recent legislative session and to give those attending the opportunity to ask the legislators questions. The event is at 7:30 a.m. in the Arnett Room of Covenant Lakeside. The cost, which includes breakfast, is \$20 for individuals and \$200 for a table of eight. [Invite your friends and neighbors to this informative and interesting event.](#) For reservations and additional information, call 744-0023 or email lwvlubbock@att.net



Wheelock Whippets

By Sara McLarty

If you are interested in tutoring, contact Rita Chamblin at murphyhamblin@yahoo.com.

Remember, the need at Wheelock is ongoing. We also support Women's Protective Services year round. See the list of needs near the collection center for all our gifts.



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(Residents who renounced North Korea)

LiNK(Liberty in North Korea) "Reliance" Tour

By Rita Chamblin

September 26th, 7 PM

St. John's United Methodist Church

A joint effort between St. John's United Methodist Church and First Unitarian Universalist Church. Screening of a documentary about the crisis surrounding North Korean refugees.

Representatives of LiNK will speak before and after the documentary.

Admission is free; contributions are welcome and merchandise will be available for purchase to help fund their work.



Nothing to Do on Saturday Night (NTD)

By Patsy Malin

NTD will have its first activity on Oct. 1 at 6:00 p.m. We will have game night. Bring a sandwich and/or chips and/or drinks - for yourself or to share. Bring games and we will set up tables and learn some new games or old. If you have young

children, please bring a game for them. Call Patsy for more information – 744-7910
P. S. Oh yes. Please bring friends to join the fun.



Drumming Circle

By Patsy Malin

The first meeting of the Drumming Circle will be at 3:30 pm Sunday, September 25. Bring blanket and pillow to lie on and a drum or rattle. Spare rattles will be available.

If you have journeyed before, you might bring at least one intended purpose for one journey. Each meeting, the leader or drummer will suggest one topic. Experienced persons can journey as they please.

We will drum two journeys: a fifteen and a twenty minute. If you have not journeyed previously, you might want to come early, about 3:00; some background to aid in your first journey will be provided. Donations will be appreciated. Call Patsy Malin 744-7910 for more information.



Ethical Eating: News to Munch On

By Rita Chamblin

Do You Still Have Vegetables in Your Crisper at the End of the Week?

I found this recipe online, and it's my favorite kind of recipe – it doesn't require specific ingredients. How does that work, you ask? Well, what vegetables do you have on hand at the end of the week? What's your favorite flour? Oil? Egg or egg substitute? Here goes:

Recipe: Vegetable Pancakes

Ingredients

- 2 cups shredded veggies (Try a mix including things like white potatoes, sweet potatoes, zucchini, yellow squash and/or carrots...whatever you have on hand)
- 2 eggs or egg substitute
- 1 tablespoon whole-wheat (or spelt or oat) flour
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- Olive oil for cooking
- Optional garnish: sour cream and/or applesauce

Directions

1. Combine the shredded veggies with the eggs, flour, and salt. Mix thoroughly.
2. Heat a thin layer of olive oil in a sauté pan over medium heat. It is important that the heat is the right temperature because you want the pancakes to cook all the way through the middle by the time they are brown on the outside.
3. Once the oil has heated up add pancake size dollops of the veggie mixture into the pan. Cook for several minutes until the bottom starts to brown. Then flip and repeat.
4. Transfer cooked pancakes to a plate lined with paper towels.
5. Serve warm with sour cream and/or applesauce.





Lubbock Interfaith Dialogue Dates and Dialogue Topics for 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 2011:

- September 27: "Women's Protective Services"
- October 25: "The Surprising History of Abortion as an Issue for Evangelicals"
- November 22: "The Churches and U.S. Immigration Policy"



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.



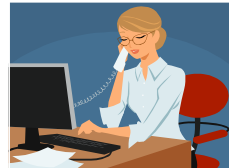
Ongoing Church Activities



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.



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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.



"Activism is my rent for living on this planet."

- Alice Walker