



# All Peoples Church Unitarian Universalist Courier

*We are a liberal religious community of diverse individuals. We nurture spiritual growth, encourage lifelong education, work for social justice, serve the larger community, and celebrate life's gifts together through meaningful worship. We welcome and support others in their expression of religious freedom.*

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## President's Message

I see an exciting new year ahead of us at APC. We have a new name and soon a new sign. We continue to search for a new minister. We need to be ready to make a decision when the committee brings a minister candidate forward.

We have moved from closed for pandemic to full service with Adult and Youth RE. *But, I want to see more happening—more Sunday morning—more during the week.* I ask **everyone** to pitch in to make us that welcoming church where people easily feel part of the community.

We will schedule a Spring work day. This year's Stewardship Campaign will be in March. Our next congregational meeting will be in May.

~Dan Sexton, Board President

## Faith Forward Sessions

### Exploring Unitarian Universalism and All Peoples Together

Have you ever wanted to find out more about us? We are currently offering a series of drop-in sessions to learn about Unitarian Universalism in general and All Peoples in particular.

The Inquirers series is designed for you to drop in at any time! Later when Inquirers has another run you can pick up any classes you missed or repeat any that you found particularly informative and engaging.

That's all great, but additionally: **Lunch will be provided.** Please let us know of any dietary restrictions or accommodation that is needed. **The church will provide free child care on an as-needed basis.** Contact Tina Harmuth at (email at [tinascratch+fj@gmail.com](mailto:tinascratch+fj@gmail.com) , or see the church directory for my number to text) with questions or to RSVP (your RSVP will help us determine how many people to provide for, but you may certainly attend even if you haven't had a chance to RSVP). Join us!

*These sessions are open to visitors, church members, both new and long-standing, and inquirers of all kinds.*

# ALL PEOPLES CHURCH

# Unitarian Universalist



## Worship With Us This Month!

***Join us Sundays at 11am in the Sanctuary  
or on Facebook or YouTube***

Worship Arts announces the schedule of Sunday Services for November. Because we are still in an interim period between ministers without the guidance and inspiration of professional clergy, we rely on the congregation to develop and create meaningful worship each week. Thank you to all who care and remain dedicated to this goal. We're grateful for all who participate and we rely on you to come out and join us during this important hour of church life. We look forward to seeing you.

### **February 5**

***Jesus Is Just Alright With Me***

**Paul Schattman, PhD. and  
All Peoples Church Choir**

A reflection on blending the historical Jesus with the biblical Jesus. Using the work of noted Jesus Seminar scholar Dom Crossan, and other theologians, a meaningful and approachable Jesus begins to emerge.

### **February 12**

***The Church Of The Orthodox Heretic***

**The Reverend Mark Christian**

Mark is a 3rd generation UU now living and working in Stillwater, Oklahoma. He has served UU congregations in Las Cruces NM as well as Oklahoma City where he was born and raised. Prior to Mark's work in ministry he spent 20 years working in Radio.

### **February 19**

**Lori King-Nelson, M.Div.**

### **February 26**

**Kendra Weddle, PhD.**

A poster for the Phoenix Rising 2023 conference. The background is a fiery orange and red gradient. At the top, the words "Phoenix Rising" are written in a large, white, cursive script. Below this, "2023" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. Underneath "2023", the text "Save the Date: March 3-5" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. Below that, "Southwest Unitarian Universalist Women's Conference" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. Further down, "First Unitarian Church of Dallas, Tx" is written in a white, sans-serif font, followed by "Keynote Speaker Rev. Deneen Robinson" and "Performance by Satin Dolls Band" in a white, sans-serif font. In the center, there is a large, stylized phoenix rising from flames, with its wings spread wide. Below the phoenix, there is a logo for "SWUW" in large, bold, black letters, with "SouthWest UU Women" written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font below it. At the bottom left, there is a quote in a white, sans-serif font: "I look at fear not as cowardice, but as a call forward, a summons to fight for what we hold dear," Amanda Gorman. At the bottom right, there is text in a white, sans-serif font: "Many friends are booking their stay at Sonesta Select Dallas Central Expressway".

**Phoenix Rising**

**2023**

**Save the Date: March 3-5**

Southwest Unitarian Universalist Women's Conference

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**SWUW**  
*SouthWest UU Women*

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# Religious Education News

## We are lifelong learners

*"Oh, look, The Love People are here"* ~Reverend Susan Frederick Gray, then a parish minister in Phoenix, shared how community activists described Unitarian Universalists showing up for justice in their yellow Side with Love t-shirts. The shirts, an outward symbol of our inward fire, tell the world what we are about. This summer, the UUA will vote on changes to our bylaws that shift emphasis from principles to values, with the central core value being love. Over the next few months, I will be sharing information about the new proposed Article II as well as inviting exploration of the proposed core values and how they relate to the 8 principles while we refresh the bulletin board across from Jagers. In the meantime, you can download the report here: [https://www.uua.org/files/2023-01/a2sc\\_rpt\\_01172023.pdf](https://www.uua.org/files/2023-01/a2sc_rpt_01172023.pdf)

## Around the Congregation

### Let's Share the Love all month long!

Religious Education is teaming up with the Caring and Sharing Committee as well as with the Social Justice Committee to give you opportunities to share the love both inside and outside of our congregation! We encourage those of ALL ages to participate!

**February 5th—Making Valentines** During the potluck, after worship, we will set up stations so folks can make valentines that Caring and Sharing will send to members & friends who might like a little lift!

**February 12th—Making Cards** During the RE hour (9:45 AM) we will set up stations to make cards, such as "thinking of you," "get well," or for other occasions, that Caring and Sharing normally send out throughout the year. We will also have a craft that involves sweet foods!

**February 19th & February 26th—Postcards to Legislators for Equality Texas** We will provide materials, including take-home packs, for you & your friends to write postcards supporting LGBTQ+ rights that Equality Texas will hand-deliver. We may even have a postcard party!

## Religious Education Programming

*All Religious Education programming begins at 9:45AM on Sunday mornings.*

### Children's and Youth Programming

**Elementary** age Children and **High School** youth continue to engage the multi-age curriculum *Circle of Trees*.

*"Circle of Trees is a multigenerational program of workshops that nurture deep connection with trees, nature, and all of earth's living creatures. The program uses trees as an entry point to understand and connect with life on earth."*

**Nursery:** Our nursery is open during worship for children under 8 and during the RE hour for children not participating in scheduled curriculum.

**Middle School Youth** are exploring their UU faith and heritage as part of the *Coming of Age* program.

**New Families Newsletter** We have a new newsletter for families! Please reach out to Sarah at [firstjeffre@gmail.com](mailto:firstjeffre@gmail.com) if you would like to receive it.

It's easy to join our cohorts! To enroll children and youth, please complete the registration form: [https://firstjefferson.org/redocs/RERegistrationForm\\_2022\\_2023.pdf](https://firstjefferson.org/redocs/RERegistrationForm_2022_2023.pdf).

## Adults

*We offer different opportunities every Sunday*

### February 5th—Unitarian Universalist Ethics

Following the curriculum *What We Choose* we will consider our guiding principles for moral decisions and examine how we each individually decide what is right.

**February 12th—Social Justice Sunday** Our own Jim Wilson will discuss *Protecting Our Digital Lives*. Your digital life is an open book for people who are looking. This is a quick presentation to learn how to more effectively protect yourself and your digital identity while being an activist. This isn't just for activists, but also for anyone wanting to learn more on protecting your digital freedom.

**February 19th—Spirit of Life** Ashley Newlin continues to facilitate *Spirit of Life*, which offers participants space, time, and community to explore their Unitarian Universalist spirituality. This Month's session is: Giving Life The Shape Of Justice: The Spirituality Of Working For Change.

**February 26th—Journeys** We will take time to engage our individual spiritual life, hear each others' stories and build deeper connections with one another.

### New Online Class! Real Talk: How Parents and Caregivers Can Support Healthy Sexuality for their Children and Youth

We will hold three stand-alone class sessions on the third Wednesdays, February 15, March 15, and April 19 from 7-8:30 PM. We will record the sessions so that registered participants can view them asynchronously. On the Saturdays following the evening sessions at a time to be determined, we invite all participants to an optional "continuing the conversation" session.

Topics include: Communication & Relationships (Feb), Sexual Health (March), and Consent & Boundaries, including Social Media use (Apr.). Come to one, two, or all!

To pre-register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/SpringRealTalk>.



## Around the Denomination



### Save the date for Texas UU Justice Ministry Lobby Day!

Texas UU Justice Ministry will have a lobby day at the Capitol in Austin on March 13, 2023. As occurred in prior years, NTUUC does plan to charter a bus. Lobby day is an important way to

make a difference and feel connected to UU's all over the state. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/TXUUJMgetinvolved> to register your interest in this or other ways to get involved!

~Sarah Berel-Harrop, DRE, [firstjeffre@gmail.com](mailto:firstjeffre@gmail.com)

## Adventures in Religion

October 2, 2022, through March 26, 2023

*Sundays at 9:45AM on Facebook Messenger and by phone. We will return to church, after COVID cases abate. Watch for announcement. We explore world religions. We are discussing Islam: A Short History, by Karen Armstrong. 2002 Modern Library Paperback Edition. The Modern Library, New York, 2002. Paperback: ISBN: 0-8129-6618-X. We read out loud together. No need to read in advance. No religion in the modern world is as feared and misunderstood as Islam. This book demonstrates that the world's fastest growing faith is a much more complex phenomenon.* [Amazon, excerpt]

Contact: Marian Wendel, [mwendel@netzero.net](mailto:mwendel@netzero.net).

### This Month's Estimated Preview

2. Development
  - The Esoteric Movements
3. Culmination
  - A New Order (935 – 1258)
  - The Crusades

## Book Discussion Group

All Peoples book discussion group currently meets via Zoom. We read and discuss a variety of books. Suggestions for books are encouraged. For information, contact Ana Evans 817-939-2763

### Upcoming Title:

**Saturday, February 25 at 10 am (CST) via Zoom—**  
*The Vanishing Half* by Rick Bennett [fiction]

**Saturday, March 25 at 10 am (CST) via Zoom—**  
*Jesus and John Wayne* by Kristin Kobes Du Mez [nonfiction]

**Thursday, April 27 at 7:00 pm (CST) via Zoom—**  
*The Marriage Portrait* by Maggie O'Farrell [fiction]

## CUUPs News

### February—Join us for Beltane

**This Saturday, February 4** Doors open at 7pm. Ritual begins at 7:30pm with Potluck Dinner afterwards.

### Every Month—Full Moon Fridays

Your friendly UU Pagans do enjoy the Turning of the Seasons and the Cycles of the Moon. In addition to our 8 holidays on the Wheel of the Year, we meet on the Friday closest to the full moon each month to celebrate and honor a different goddess and god. *Doors open at 7:30PM with ritual starting at 8:00.* Bring a snack to share and your favorite divination tool. We hope to see you there!

### Also in February

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