



# 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

Our Stewardship Drive is moving forward. Please complete your pledge card and turn that in. Thank you to all who have already turned yours in. Pledges received show an average increase of 13%. That is great. We are on our way to our pledge goal of \$162,000. We need to reach this so we can afford a minister. The search committee is finishing their work and will have recommendations soon.

Colleen Brewer, Our Board Vice President is hosting a Church Council meeting Sat, Apr 1, at 1p with lunch. I am excited about setting up a functioning Council. This is where the work of the church happens—coordinating the calendar, planning out initiatives, setting priorities—the real nuts and bolts of church life.

Building progress: the roof leak in the RE wing has been repaired and the RE air-conditioning has been fixed. We are getting our church home in shape bit by bit. We have to keep Sudbury School's area functioning. As our cash flow improves, we can consider what is next on the fix-it list.

Is your picture on the APC Photo Board? Ros Hunter will be taking photos this Sunday, Get your smiling face on the board!

I am happy with how we are doing this year. When the new board met in January, we agreed that there was still work to do to get church operations and church life back to pre-pandemic level. We are making progress, but there is still work to do.

~Dan Sexton, Board President

## Hungry Hound Hustle

*Thank you to everyone who donates to Don't Forget To Feed Me each month.*

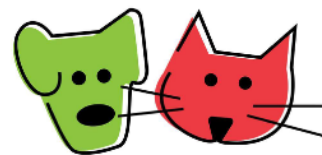
Many of you are regulars and we, and the pets (and owners) who ultimately receive the food appreciate it every time! Every donation you make goes directly to helping to feed hungry pets

DFTFM's large annual fundraiser is coming up on April 22. Each year they hold the Hungry Hound Hustle which is 5K fun run & 1K dog walk. Thanks to your continued contributions, All Peoples (along with our partners LGBTQ SAVES) is helping to sponsor the event and we will have a booth there. Hopefully this will help to raise our visibility among a segment of the local animal loving/supporting community.

If anyone is interested in participating in this laid-back outdoor race/walk that raises funds for our four legged friends most in need, we have discount codes available for entry in all events.

**Even if you are not a runner**, you can register for the **Catnap for Hunger** and don't run. *You don't even have to show up.* Your t-shirt will be mailed to you. Support the cause while staying off your paws!

*Please see Jo Burnham or Karl Thibodeaux if you would like to participate.*



*Don't Forget to Feed Me*

PET FOOD BANK, Inc.



## 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 and guest speakers for April 2023. Because we are still in an interim period between ministers, we rely on ourselves, the congregation, to develop and present meaningful worship each week. We are fortunate to have a cadre of guest speakers/ ministers to call upon. However, it does require an added level of commitment and accountability from us to sustain quality services 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.

### April 2

**A Peace of My Mind**

**Lori King-Nelson, M.Div. and All Peoples Church Choir**

Tik Tok, drag queens, and other nonsensical obsessions designed to disorient us from our acceptance of one another.

### April 9

**Jesus: Woke or Risen?**

**The Reverend Mark Christian**

A traditional question about Jesus at Easter is to ask is he risen? And the answer is usually yes he is. Perhaps the question this year may be: Is he woke?

### April 16

**Lori King-Nelson, M.Div. and All Peoples Church Choir**

### April 23

**Kendra Weddle, PhD**

### April 30

**Ashley Newlin**

## Save the Date: Easter hunt to benefit Eastside Ministries!

Easter is just around the corner (**April 9!**) On Easter Sunday we will have an Easter hunt for our children and youth to benefit one of our longstanding community service partners—Eastside Ministries. We invite everyone to please bring non-perishable food items to donate to Eastside Ministries and place them in the cart in the hall. **We ask you to consider bringing some boxed items as they are lighter for our youngest to carry.**

## Church Council Meeting April 1

**No fooling—meeting is tomorrow!**

The meeting will be **Saturday, April 1 at 1:00PM** in Coleman Hall (lunch provided).

Any church member who wants to participate in this process is also welcome to attend.

## Caring & Sharing Cart

Caring and Sharing is sponsoring a give-and-take cart, Sundays after church, at the corner of the foyer and the hallway that leads to Jagers Parlor. Take a look! It is not the orange grocery cart, which is only for donations to Eastside Ministries.

It is a utility cart stocked with essential non-food household items, such as paper goods, personal hygiene products, disposable dishes, cleaning supplies, and soap/detergent. Anyone who needs an item on the cart may take it. Church members and friends are invited to donate items as they are willing and able. There is also a cash donation jar on the cart for those who want to donate that way. The cart is available for give-and-take during the time after church each Sunday, and is kept locked up at all other times.

## In April—

## Spectrum Chamber Music!

**Monday April 17, 2023 at 7:30PM**

*A Selection of Pets* by Yoni Fogelman, Winner, 2023 Spectrum Chamber Music Composition Prize

### PROGRAM

**Aaron Copland (arr. John Williams)—Simple Gifts**

**Yoni Fogelman—A Selection of Pets**

**Dmitry Shostakovich—String Quartet No. 3 in F major, Op. 73**

*See next week's email for more details.*



# Religious Education News

## We are lifelong learners

The Texas legislative session is maddening and overwhelming. Unfortunately, there are a lot of bills (over 140) being heard that target LGBTQ+ people for harm, and they are moving swiftly through the legislative process. There are many more that pander to other culture war issues that threaten to overwhelm potentially good legislation, such as bills that would improve maternal health outcomes. I was in Austin on Monday evening and Tuesday with the Texas Freedom Network and saw first-hand hearings on a bill which would interfere with parents' ability to access life-saving healthcare for their trans kids. One of the speakers at Tuesday's rally, a state representative, said that she knocked on a lot of doors last year and one of the most common things that she hears is along the lines of: "is that really happening? It sounds hyperbolic." You may know and be a trusted resource for people who feel similarly. There is a lot of bad stuff happening and it's real. How do Unitarian Universalist values inform our responsibilities in this moment? What are we called to do and who are we called to be in this moment?

## 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** will connect to each other and to community by exploring YRUU games and traditions. **NOTE time change:** Middle school class starts at 10:00AM

**High School Youth** Let's have a conversation about what would best serve you!

**Families Newsletter** We have a new newsletter for families! Please reach out to Sarah at [fristjeffre@gmail.com](mailto:fristjeffre@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: [allpeopleschurchuu.org/redocuments/RERegistrationForm\\_2022\\_2023.pdf](https://allpeopleschurchuu.org/redocuments/RERegistrationForm_2022_2023.pdf).

## Adults

We offer different opportunities every Sunday

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>—Unitarian Universalist Ethics** Following the curriculum *What We Choose* we will consider our guiding principles for moral decisions and examine how we each decide what is right. This month's session continues our exploration of Relational Ethics.

**April 9<sup>th</sup>—Social Justice Sunday** We welcome Mark Christian, who is also in the pulpit. We look forward to an inspiring time of discussion and song.

**April 16<sup>th</sup>—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: *Wings Set Me Free: Hopes, Dreams, And Expanding Vision*.

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>—Journeys** We will take time to engage our individual spiritual life, hear each others' stories and build deeper connections with one another.

**April 30<sup>th</sup>—Visions** our own Vision Statement Committee would like to continue the conversation that Rev. Foerster started about what such a statement might contain. If you're late, come on in; you are welcome. We encourage Youth and Young Adults to participate so that all age groups' perspectives are represented.

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

Our final online Real Talk class session discussing Consent & Boundaries, including Social Media, occurs on April 19 from 7–8:30PM. We will record the sessions so that registered participants can view them asynchronously. On the Saturdays following the evening sessions at 1PM, we invite all participants to an optional "continuing the conversation" session.

To pre-register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/SpringRealTalk>.  
~Sarah Berel-Harrop, DRE, [fristjeffre@gmail.com](mailto:fristjeffre@gmail.com)

## Adventures in Religion

October 2, 2022, through July 2, 2023

*Sundays at 9:45AM on Facebook Messenger and by phone.* 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

3. Culmination
  - Expansion
  - The Mongols (1220-1500)

## 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 Titles:

**Thursday, May 4 at 7:00 pm (CST) via Zoom—***The Marriage Portrait* by Maggie O'Farrell [fiction]

**Note:** The April 27 meeting has been rescheduled to early May.

**Thursday, May 25 at 10 am (CST) via Zoom—***War Doctor* by David Nott [nonfiction]

**Thursday, June 22 at 7:00 pm (CST) via Zoom—***Women Talking* by Miriam Toews [fiction]

## CUUPs News

### April—Join us for our May Day Celebration

**Saturday, April** 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!

## Crafters Group Welcomes All

Do you draw? Knit? Crochet? Paint? Jewelcraft? Write? Or any other craft that can be carried with you and done anywhere? Then bring your supply bring your supplies to All Peoples on the 2<sup>ND</sup> and/or 4<sup>TH</sup> Saturday of any month and join our social crafting group. Newcomers are always welcome. We meet on the 2<sup>ND</sup> and 4<sup>TH</sup> Saturday of the month in Jagers Parlor from 12:30pm until 2:30PM.

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