



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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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 May 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 30

Ashley Newlin

A Celebration of Our Creative Nature

Doing the important work as a church that we have been called to do is very difficult. The amount of creativity and ourselves it takes is immense and can be overwhelming at times. Sometimes it is okay to sit back, reflect, and celebrate the work that the divine has done through us already. So that we can be energized for the next chapter of ministry.

May 7

Laura Wooten

Maintaining Sanity: Spiritual Tips for Daily Life

You may be able to relate to a meme that's been going around on social media that states—"My desire to stay well informed is at odds with my desire to stay sane." With the news filled with stories of gun violence, racial injustices, limited access to women's healthcare, and the attack on our planet, how can we stay educated and informed without falling into a state of hopelessness and depression? How do we work to restore our peace so that we can stay grounded and be our best in the world? In this sermon, worship leader Laura Wooten will help you identify and commit to daily practices that combat the tensions of the world.

Laura Wooten is a life-long seeker, always interested in trying new things—from taking singing lessons (still can't stay on pitch) to testing the waters as a standup comic (ummm, it's hard), to preaching (you be the judge). She's been a UU since 1997 and serves in a variety of volunteer roles at Horizon UU Church in Carrollton.

May 14

**Kendra Weddle, PhD and
the All Peoples Church Choir**

May 21

Paul Schattman, PhD

Prayer, Why Bother?

Since the dawn of religion Prayer has been and remains a common feature of all faiths. Why do we pray? Is Someone listening? What, if anything, does prayer accomplish? These are a few of the persistently annoying questions. This is an attempt to pose some not always satisfying answers.

May 28

**All Peoples Church Choir
under the direction of Michael Nguyen
Spring Concert**

All Church Clean Up May 6 at 10AM

Religious Education News

We are lifelong learners

Religious Education Programming

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

Children's and Youth Programming

Elementary age Children 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 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: allpeopleschurchuu.org/redocuments/RERegistrationForm_2022_2023.pdf.

Adults

We offer different opportunities every Sunday

April 30TH—Bonus Social Justice Sunday Gun Safety. We are so thrilled to welcome students from Arlington ISD who are engaged in conversations about gun safety in our communities.

May 7TH—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.

May 14TH—Social Justice Sunday We welcome our own Rosalyn Hunter, who will lead a discussion related to the 7th Principle and earth justice.

May 21ST—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: *Come to Us: Closing and Continuing On*.

May 28TH—Journeys We will take time to engage our individual spiritual life, hear each others' stories and build deeper connections with one another.

New Collaboration Opportunity

Pathways UU is working on organizing volunteers to assist with the after-school program at John T. White Elementary school, where many of our congregation members already work with Reading Partners! The programming includes art and a poetry slam! Could our two congregations collectively anchor one or two afternoons a week? Let me know if this sounds interesting and you want more details!!

Opportunities from the Tarrant County Justice Network

LGBTQ+ Advocacy Training—Saturday, May 6 at Broadway Baptist Church, 305 W. Broadway Ave., Room 302. Suggested donation \$25. Register in advance here: <https://broadwaybc.shelbnextchms.com/external/form/724aea21-4abc-4376-9a8d-484005cb4bee>

Save the date: Next Coalition-wide Meeting will be held May 17th.

TXUUJM NEWS & ACTION ALERTS: Click here for the latest from TXUUJM, the Texas UU Justice Ministry. **REMINDER:** Thursday night Action Hours are a place to take action together in community every week, with UUs around the state! Details here. Don't forget the Final Friday lunch bunch at noon on April 28 and May 26!

~Sarah Berel-Harrop, DRE, firstjeffre@gmail.com

Don't Forget,

All Church Clean Up May 6 at 10AM

Adventures in Religion

October 2, 2022, through July 2, 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.

This Month's Estimated Preview

3. Islam Triumphant
 - The Safavid Empire
 - The Moghul Empire
 - The Ottoman Empire

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 7:00PM (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 7:00PM (CST) via Zoom—*War Doctor* by David Nott [nonfiction]

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

Free Covid Vaccine Pop-Up Location at All Peoples

All Peoples will be hosting Tarrant County Public Health on **Tuesday, May 9th** and **Wednesday, June 12th** from **10am to 2pm**. We are also trying to secure a Saturday session, so please watch your weekly emails for any updates. Consent forms are available in the foyer in case anyone wants to fill it out before they come in for their shot.

This event is open to the public so help us get the word out.

Details

Vaccine Types: Pfizer Bivalent 6 months and up, Novavax 12 years and up and Moderna Bivalent 6 months to 5 years old.

The Pfizer vaccine is available to everyone 6 months and up. Ages 6 months–4 years old to be given as a 3rd dose, 8 weeks after 2nd dose of primary vaccine series.

The Moderna vaccine is available to everyone 6 months and up. 6 months–5 years old is considered a booster dose and not part of the primary series. The new Bivalent Pfizer and Moderna boosters are available.

Please be advised that any minors (ages 6 months -17 years old) must have a parent or guardian present to receive the vaccine. The parent must also present their ID, as well as documentation with proof of the child's age (i.e., birth certificate, shot record, passport, etc.)

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 2ND and/or 4TH Saturday of any month and join our social crafting group. Newcomers are always welcome. We meet on the 2ND and 4TH Saturday of the month in Jagers Parlor from 12:30pm until 2:30PM.

CUUPs News

April/May—Join us for May Day Celebration

Saturday, April 28 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!

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 card 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.

Hungry Hound Hustle

Thanks to everyone—donors and volunteers—who helped make our sponsorship of the Don't Forget to Feed Me fundraiser a success. Thank you to our event volunteers Michael and Keith. Congratulations to Julie Hevelone for getting Third Place in her category. Thanks to Jo Burnham for being the inspiration and driving force for our ongoing partnership, now entering its third year. You all have been helping this local non-profit that has single-mindedness of mission—to provide pet food and increase awareness of pet food insecurity. Thank you for helping pets and their families remain united in difficult times.



Did you know—All Church Clean Up will be held May 6 at 10AM?

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See you there!