



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

The Banned Book Summer Camp that Sarah Berel-Harrop hosted last Saturday went well. Sarah did all of Sunday with All Peoples Con and a rousing Sunday service.

Community UU Church in Plano has had an incident. Around 12am on July 23 someone put a firebomb against their front door. Fire alarm system notified fire department and they quickly put it out after moderate damage. No one was injured. A disruptive group had attended church Sun Jun 25 then posted videos to social media. Police are looking into it. A targeted attack against our sister church is very disturbing. I wonder if we could take a special collection to help them with repair costs and show our solidarity. We need to be extra aware for our safety and review our safety procedures. Daniel Polk of NTUUC says they will send out recommendations for a safety checklist.

We have purchased security cameras which will be installed soon. The Board authorized this after our AC was damaged in 3 incidents. Our renters, Fort Worth Sudbury also donated an additional camera since building security is in our mutual interest.

Michael Zepeda will be facilitating a visioning session Sun Aug 20TH in the parlor between 9:45AM-10:45AM. Please come and join the conversation.

~Dan Sexton, Board President

Worship With Us This Month!

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

August 6

Living a Barbie Life in a Ken World

Lori King-Nelson, M. Div

Feminism, the Patriarchy, and Harmful Cultural Expectations.

August 13

Music to Live by

Guy and Virginia Thornton

An experimental service using pop & rock music to find inspiration and spiritual guidance using chart toppers of various genres. As an experiment we would love you to attend and give feedback as to the success of the format.

August 20

United in Division, or Divided in Unity?

Lori King-Nelson, M. Div

How our communities of faith are navigating the decline of attendance and the rise of nationalism.

August 27

Mystery: Always on the Move

Kendra Weddle, PhD

Continual change is a constant in our lives, and yet, we often are surprised to discover that what we want to be the same, never is. The Hindu story of Ganesha and the New Testament story of Jesus on the road to Emmaus invite us to consider how we can be open to change as a way to experience Divine Mystery in action.

ALL PEOPLES CHURCH

Unitarian  Universalist

Religious Education News

We are lifelong learners

This past weekend, we collaborated with LGBTQ SAVES to offer a Banned Books event, which was great fun. Youth and volunteers created art about banned books, played banned books bingo, and discussed why books get banned as well as strategies for resisting censorship. Visit our facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/FirstJefferson>) to see pictures of the event as well as other information about our past and upcoming programming.

We ALSO had our first FIFTH Sunday FANDOM mini-convention on Sunday. Youth and adults gathered to share about Minecraft, Five Nights at Freddy's, K-Pop, Indiana Jones, and Babylon 5! Several folks brought books, action figures, and posters about their favorite fandoms. Save the date for the next FIFTH Sunday FANDOM + Halloween party on Halloween weekend, Sunday, October 29, 2023.

We are working hard on our Religious Education offerings for the upcoming congregational year, including an all-ages banned books event that will include our adults! Stay tuned to our facebook page & newsletters for updates, and invite your friends to join us.

Religious Education Programming

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

Children's and Youth Summer Programming

We will have themed weeks for Elementary, Middle School, and High School during the Religious Education hour. Participants will engage in the following rotating themes:

August 6TH—Gather the Spirit. We'll explore myriad ways of expressing spirituality. This week: We will make altar cloths with a special guest, crafter Carol Ann Black!

August 13TH—Song Sung Sunday. We'll sing and listen to songs, including the story behind the music. This month: Pete Seeger & the labor movement.

August 20TH—Explorations into science and the natural world. *This month:* Brain-bending Optical Illusions!

August 27TH—And Now, for Something Completely Different. We'll nurture a sense of play and joy; important aspects of resilience and spiritual development. *This month:* making paper with Tina Harmuth!

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

Families Newsletter We have a new newsletter for families! Please reach out to Sarah at 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: https://allpeopleschurchuu.org/redocuments/RERegistrationForm_2022_2023.pdf.

Adults Religious Education Programming

We offer different opportunities every Sunday

August 6TH—Unitarian Universalist Ethics We've been discussing ethical frameworks in the *What We Choose* curriculum. This month: we'll apply what we've learned to a real-world case study. You do not need to have attended in the past to participate.

August 13TH—Social Justice Sunday We're thrilled to hear from our own Virginia Thornton about *No Hit Zones*. We'll hear about alternatives to corporal punishment and collectively wonder about how the widespread use of such alternatives might change our culture.

August 20TH—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.

August 27TH—Journeys We will take time to engage our individual spiritual life, hear each others' stories and build deeper connections with one another.

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

Adventures in Religion

August 6, 2023, through July 21, 2024

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 *What Everyone Should Know about Islam and Muslims*, by Suzanne Haneef. 1996, 14th edition, Library of Islam. Paperback: ISBN: 0-935782-00-1. We read out loud together. No need to read in advance. "Written by an American Muslim, this work presents a brief yet comprehensive survey of the basic teachings on Islam." [Amazon, excerpt]

Feel free to join by phone or online at home or at church in the Alcott Room before the service. For access contact: Marian Wendel, mwendel@netzero.net.

This Month's Estimated Preview

To the Reader

Part One: Beliefs and Acts of Worship

I. Beliefs

- The Islamic Creed
- The Islamic View of Reality
- The Articles of Faith
 - o God (Allah)



*EASTSIDE MINISTRIES OF FORT WORTH
EVENING OF JAZZ*



SATURDAY AUGUST 12, 2023, 5:30 PM

Join us for a relaxing evening of fellowship and entertainment in the cool of air conditioning. Indulge in grilled hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixin's, Blue Bell ice cream, cobbler, chocolate cake and homemade cookies. Be surrounded by the great music of the East Fort Worth Community Jazz Band. Best of all your evening will support the work of Eastside Ministries. The food and entertainment are free, and you are most welcome to make a financial investment in the work of Eastside Ministries. Donations will go toward distributing food, clothing, household goods, and toiletry items to our neighbors in need. Eastside also provides counseling, blood pressure/blood sugar screenings, and referrals to other agencies for needs that go beyond our current scope of services. In November/December we will celebrate the holidays by providing Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners as well as Christmas Toys for those clients we serve. Everything at Eastside Ministries is provided at no charge to Eastsiders in need.

We hope that you will be able to be there to support our work. Here are the details:

WHEN: Saturday August 12, 2023, 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

WHERE: Fellowship Hall of Meadowbrook-Poly United Methodist Church

3900 Meadowbrook Dr., Fort Worth, 76103

DRESS: Come casual for a relaxing time!

RSVP: We want to be sure we have prepared the right amount of food, so please let us know that you will be there by calling Eastside Ministries at 817-446-3278, e-mail jillrodgers@sbcglobal.net, or text 817-714-7260. We are hoping to see you there!

Thank you for your continued support!





Save the Date!

Announcing the return of Electronics Recycling! (Recycling services provided by Commodity Recycling Solutions) on Saturday, September 30, 10AM–12PM. We plan to offer recycling in the parking lot and informational and community tables in the front lawn. Please Note: There will be \$20 charge for all screens–TVs and monitors to cover the recycling costs.

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:

Saturday, August 26 at 10:00AM (CST) via Zoom—
Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver [fiction]

Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00PM (CST) via Zoom
—*The Soul of an Octopus* by Sy Montgomery [nonfiction]

Thursday, October 26 at 7:00PM (CST) via Zoom—
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle [fiction]

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

In August—Join us for Lammas/Lughnasa

Saturday, August 5 Doors open at 7pm. Ritual begins at 7:30pm with Potluck Dinner afterwards.

Picnic with the Pagans Join after the Crafter's Meeting on the second Saturday of each month for a potluck lunch. Bring a dish to share and enjoy food and fellowship.

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.

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