



# 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 am grateful to the UU Trauma Ministry team and Rev. Charlie Dieterich for helping us in our time of need. I feel Sunday's service was helpful in our recovery from the scary incident last Wednesday.

UU Trauma Response Ministry has offered to lead a group session to further process these events. This will be on Sunday, September 10 at 2:30PM over Zoom for one hour. The session will be led by two folks from UU Trauma Response Team. You can connect from home. We will set up a session at church for those who need help connecting. I so appreciate the Trauma Ministry's help.

We are in the information gathering phase of revising our safety procedures. The UUA has material and we are working with Sudbury School. The board will keep you informed as this moves forward. We want to remind you that we installed new security cameras around church after the Plano incident. These provided some help in figuring out what happened last Wednesday.

Did you notice we have a stronger wifi signal? We chipped in with Sudbury and bought new equipment which Guy Thornton and Karl set up. Thanks guys. New password is on bulletin board.

*~Dan Sexton, Board President*

## Gearing up for Our Busy Autumn Season!

### **Dates of All-Church Events Coming up**

The semiannual **Church Council meeting** will be **Saturday, September 16**. Lunch will be available at 12:15, and the meeting will start at 1:00, both in Coleman Hall. Board members and representatives of all church committees will meet to discuss plans for the next six months and coordinate calendars of activities. Anyone who is interested may come.

Our **Electronics Recycling** will be held on the morning of **Saturday, September 30**.

The **Fall Congregational Meeting** will be **Sunday, November 5** (potluck Sunday) at 1:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Members will vote for a slate of Board Members to begin a two-year term January 1, 2024. Other business may also be discussed at this meeting.

The annual **Service Auction** will be **Saturday, November 11**, in the evening. This year's theme and other information will be passed along as it becomes available.

# ALL PEOPLES CHURCH

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## Worship With Us This Month!

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

### September 3

#### **Ingathering/Water Communion and T-Shirt Day!**

It's time for our water communion and a new twist this year—T-shirt Day. Please wear a T-shirt supporting a cause near and dear to you. Water will be available, and when you add water to the All Peoples Church waters, tell us a few sentences about the cause you are lifting up. At the end of service, the water we have collected will represent our shared values as we start the new church year.

### September 10

#### **The Lens of Faith**

##### **The Reverend Mark Christian**

I have come to understand the religious life as looking at the world through the lens of a telescope or a microscope. Join me as I identify some of the things in my lens of faith that I find inspiring and sustaining.

### September 17

#### **Breaking the Heart Open— a Move to Spiritual Wholeness**

##### **Sarah Berel-Harrop**

The 8th principle calls Unitarian Universalists on a journey toward spiritual wholeness through accountable, anti-racist and anti-oppressive action. Ethicist Walter Earl Fluker characterizes spirituality as an action and further states, "In its active, dynamic expression, spirituality is life-generating and disfiguring." This type of dynamic spirituality challenges us to be vulnerable and to hold the heart open to others' experiences. We'll explore the potential of such vulnerability to transform ourselves, our communities, and the world.

*Sarah Berel-Harrop is an Intern Minister at the Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry and is currently serving All Peoples Church as Director of Religious Education.*

### September 24

##### **Kendra Weddle, PhD**

## Religious Education News

### We are lifelong learners

We are so excited for the new congregational year in Lifespan Religious Education. All Regular Religious Education Programming, for Adults, Youth, and Children, begins at 9:45 AM. Tools for self-care and spiritual growth include tending several aspects of the whole person:

**Cognitive**—*what we think,*

**Emotional**—*what we feel,*

**Social**—*how we relate to each other in groups,*

**Physical**—*how we engage our bodies, and*

**Spiritual**—*our engagement with the divine or with ultimate meaning*

Our balanced program offers the opportunity to engage in these various ways. Adults may choose between the Adult RE offerings listed below, Adventures in Religion, or, accompanying their children or youth to Family-Style Religious Education. For children and youth, rather than a structured, sequential curriculum we invite the whole family to participate in rotating session formats. For everyone, we will explore an overarching monthly Soul Matters theme in Religious Education as well as in Worship. September's theme is **Welcome** as we welcome each other back to our beloved community and welcome in the new congregational year!

### Religious Education Programming

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

#### **Family-Style Religious Education Programming**

We will have a rotating format by week for Elementary, Middle School, and High School during the Religious Education hour. Adults may join their children or youth, or participate in another aspect of our morning programming.

**September 3<sup>RD</sup>—Gather the Spirit.** We'll explore myriad ways of expressing spirituality. *This week:* We will explore labyrinths with a special guest, Rosalyn Hunter!

**September 10<sup>TH</sup>—Song Sung Sunday.** We'll sing and listen to songs, including the story behind the music. This month: Soul Matters theme—*Welcome!*

**September 17<sup>TH</sup>—Explorations into science and the natural world.**

**September 18<sup>TH</sup>—And Now, for Something Completely Different.** We'll nurture a sense of play and joy; important aspects of resilience and spiritual development.

**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 [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://allpeopleschurchuu.org/redocuments/RERegistrationForm\\_2022\\_2023.pdf](https://allpeopleschurchuu.org/redocuments/RERegistrationForm_2022_2023.pdf).*

### **Adults Religious Education Programming**

*We offer different opportunities every Sunday*

**September 3<sup>RD</sup>—Unitarian Universalist Ethics** We'll discuss ethical frameworks in the *What We Choose* curriculum and apply our learnings to case studies. This month: *The Locus of Moral Authority*—where do we situate our sense of what is right and wrong?

**September 10<sup>TH</sup>—Social Justice Sunday** We're thrilled to welcome Jessica Lugom, who is the Regional Program Manager of the Student Voter Empowerment Clubs (SVEC). SVEC is a program of the non-profit, non-partisan organization March to the Polls. In this role, Jessica focuses on increasing civic participation amongst young people and works to cultivate lifelong voters by helping to establish student-led civic engagement clubs on high school campuses. Currently, there are 28 Student Voter Empowerment Clubs across the metroplex (with close to 200 students participating), and she hopes to expand that opportunity to more campuses in the coming months and years

**September 17<sup>TH</sup>—Spirit in Practice** Spirit In Practice offers an introduction to eight spheres of holistic & wholehearted spiritual practice. We approach spiritual practices from a pluralistic and interfaith perspective. We approach each person's spirituality with curiosity, wonder and mutual respect. This month: *Toward A Rich And Meaningful Unitarian Universalist Spirituality*.

**September 24<sup>TH</sup>—Journeys** We will take time to engage our individual spiritual life, hear each others' stories and build deeper connections with one another.

### **Around the denomination**

From **TXUUJM**—please mark your calendars for Sept. 7th—the return of We Cry Justice (6PM CT) and TXUUJM Action Hour (7PM CT)—and see our Sat 8/27/23 newsletter for working links to time-sensitive actions, program registration, donation portal and more. Click here: <https://mailchi.mp/4141b1f59430/meet-txuujms-new-congregational-justice-organizer-15562227?e=9ad12b9e41>.

From **Side with Love**—There are continuing remote opportunities to help support those who are seeking a referendum in Atlanta, Georgia about the proposed Cop City training center. The referendum would simply allow residents of Atlanta to vote on whether to move forward. This is an intersectional issue involving environmental and racial justice. Contact me if you are interested in getting involved.

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

## **Adventures in Religion**

*August 6, 2023, through July 21, 2024*

Sundays at 9:45AM on Facebook Messenger and by phone. 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](mailto:mwendel@netzero.net).

### **This Month's Estimated Preview**

To the Reader

Part One: Beliefs and Acts of Worship

I. Beliefs

- The Articles of Faith
  - oGod (Allah)
  - oThe Angels
  - oThe Revealed Scriptures
  - oThe Messengers of God

## **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:**

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

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

**Thursday, November 30 at 7:00PM (CST) via Zoom**  
—*South to America, A Journey Below The Mason-Dixon to Understand the Soul of a Nation* by Imany Perry [nonfiction]



## **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 Jaggars Parlor from 12:30pm until 2:30PM.



## CUUPs News

**This Month—Join us for our Autumn Equinox observance**

**Saturday, September 16** (Coleman Hall) 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.



## 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.

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