



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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Fort Worth, TX

Number 447

President's Message

There is a water leak in front of the church by Coleman Hall. This is the line to the old half of the building. It was shut off at the meter and we called a plumber. There's another line that goes to the new part of the building. So the school was fine.

The plumber dug up the line by the building and found the break, but then let us know the broken line was type of plastic that must be replaced to be code compliant. The plumber hit our gas line while digging and shut the line off immediately. They hope to have a new line in and water and gas working by Sunday. We will need to take funds from the endowment to pay for this. Thanks to Bill Maginnis and Tony Collins for helping with this.

Remember the Service Auction Saturday, November 11th and church workday on Saturday, October 28th.

~Dan Sexton, Board President

Dates of All-Church Events

Coming up

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.

Electronics Recycling Drop Off

Our **Electronics Recycling** will be held on the morning of **Saturday, September 30** from 9am-12pm.

List of Accepted Items

Central Processing Units (CPU), Computers, Laptops, Power supplies, External & Hard drives, Chargers, Cords and cabling, Mouse, other misc. computer accessories, Keyboards, Web cams, Televisions, CRT monitors, Flat Screen Monitors

(Limit two (2) TVs per vehicle—\$20 per screen fee)

Printers, Copiers, Fax Machines

Stand alone large copiers/printers, Printers/scanners/ copiers, Cables & cords

Networking & Data Center Equipment

Servers & Cabling, Racks, Trays & Cages, UPS Systems, Cabling

Electronics & Gaming & Entertainment

Cell phones & PDAs

Chargers, cords & accessories

VCRs, DVDs, Stereos Memory and gaming boards

PlayStation, XBOX, Nintendo, Sega Game Boys & electronic games

Cameras & Digital Cameras

Sounds systems

Microwaves & Small kitchen appliances

NO PAINT, LIGHT BULBS, ALKALINE BATTERIES, GASOLINE, OILS, FREON ITEMS

ALL PEOPLES CHURCH

Unitarian Universalist





Religious Education News

We are lifelong learners

Our Soul Matters theme for October is Heritage. In the Unitarian Universalist tradition, faith formation is all we do; and worship, social justice, congregational life, and relationships with one another provide critical points that can clarify and challenge our values. Even so, we also offer formal Religious Education/Exploration for all ages, and it's a group effort to provide meaningful RE opportunities. Thus, on every Second Sunday, beginning October 8, I will hold drop-in space in Jagers Parlor from 12PM (after worship) to 1PM to discuss Religious Exploration at All Peoples. Topics include Religious Exploration philosophy, pedagogy, and ways to get involved in Religious Exploration, including volunteering. Anyone who's curious about creating and maintaining excellence in Religious Exploration—for adults, families, children, and/or youth—is welcome. We'll share a light meal while we chat.

Religious Education Programming (Sundays)

Religious Education programming begins at 9:45 am.

Family-Style Religious Education Programming

We have a weekly rotating format for Elementary, Middle, and High School during Religious Education hour. Adults may join their children or youth, or participate in our other morning programming.

October 1st—Gather the Spirit We'll explore myriad ways of expressing spirituality. This week: We'll collectively wonder what spirituality means to us as individuals, including an activity.

October 8th—Song Sung Sunday We'll sing and listen to songs, including the story behind the music. This month: Soul Matters theme—Heritage!

October 15th—Explorations into UU identity or science and the natural world.

October 22nd—And Now, for Something

Completely Different Nurturing our sense of play and joy; important aspects of resilience and spiritual development.

October 29th—Halloween & Intergenerational All

Peoples Con! Star Wars, Star Trek...all fandoms can co-exist and learn from one another. Bring your action figures, art, favorite memes so we can share our favorite fandoms with one another! **OR DRESS UP** as your favorite character!

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.

Worship With Us This Month!

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

October 1

Paganism and UUism

Joel Bailey

Member Joel Bailey will discuss post-modern paganism and mid 2020s UUism.

October 8

The Secret Six

Lori King-Nelson, M. Div

Six men followed their principles and an unorthodox leader—and changed America forever.

October 15

What They Dreamed be Ours to Do

The Reverend Lora Brandis

We sing #358 "Rank by Rank" mostly at ordinations and installations to remind ourselves of our religious ancestors. We are reminded that we are held accountable by the cloud of witnesses that have gone on before us. It is good to be reminded of the dreams of our ancestors. It is good to be reminded, especially now, when there is still so much work to be done.

October 22

Hey God, Get Your Own Cat

Lori King-Nelson, M. Div

Learning to care for one another through the many causes of grief.

October 29

What Justice Looks Like

Kendra Weddle, PhD

We want to be peacemakers and we want to work for justice, not only in our own communities, but in ever expanding circles. Often, however, it is hard to know what specific task to which we are called and how we are supposed to create change. Abigail, an overlooked figure from the Hebrew Bible, helps us consider how counter-cultural action is often the path of peace and justice. And, she just might inspire us, too!

Adults

We offer different opportunities every Sunday

October 1—Unitarian Universalist Ethics We'll discuss ethical frameworks in the What We Choose curriculum and apply our learnings to case studies. This month: Unchanging Truths - is there such a thing as absolute & unchanging moral truth?

October 8—Social Justice Sunday We're thrilled to welcome Rev. Katie Hays, founder of Galileo Church in Fort Worth. Galileo Church founded Finn's Place, the only community center for trans and gender-diverse folk in Tarrant County; and they have just launched the North Texas TRANSportation Network, providing travel grants to North Texas families seeking out-of-state health care for trans and gender-diverse minors. Invite a friend so you can hear about this amazing venture!

October 15—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: Personal Spiritual Practices

October 22—Journeys We will take time to engage our individual spiritual life, hear each others' stories and build deeper connections with one another, using as a focus the Soul Matters theme of Heritage. October's Soul Matters packet is available now! Shoot me an email if you want one!

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Our Torah Our Truth
Shabbat, Shmini Atzeret, Simchat Torah,
and National Coming Out Day.

Makom Shelanu will partner with Keshet
for a jam packed service that will
include dancing with the Torah, Yizkor,
inviting the rain, and more.

Saturday October 7, 10:00am
First Congregational Church
4201 Trail Lake Dr, 76109
All are Welcome

Please RSVP to
MakomShelanuFW@gmail.com
so we can prepare to celebrate appropriately

October 2023

Social Justice Opportunities

Interfaith National Coming Out Day opportunity: Makom Shelanu is the place—Saturday, October 7 @ 10 AM for a bonanza celebration of Shabbat (the Sabbath), two joyous holidays, AND National Coming out Day. RSVP by October 5 by emailing makomshelanufw@gmail.com

Justice Network of Tarrant County—Makom Shelanu is one of the congregations active with the Justice Network of Tarrant County. Jane Collins and I attended an all-teams meeting on Sunday, September 17. 96 justice-loving people were in attendance! The Justice Network has multiple teams such as: Gun safety, Voting, Reproductive Justice, Public Schools, Jail reform. If congregation members can serve on the team(s) of their interest, we could be plugged into community events where we can have a greater impact than working alone! If you are interested in joining a team, contact Jane or myself.

TCADP will observe **World Day Against the Death Penalty**, and hold vigil in the event that a scheduled execution moves forward, on **Tuesday October 10th, 6PM–7PM at All Peoples Church**. This interfaith observance will advocate in solidarity for the abolition of the death penalty, raise awareness of the conditions and circumstances which affect prisoners with death sentences, and hold space to gather in lamentation, meditation, and prayer for all those impacted by violence in our culture. Please register at <https://forms.gle/WsC4qFe6w5RkRztA7>.

October 25, 6:30 PM—The Metropolitan Opera's production of Dead Man Walking will be shown in movie theaters. In conjunction with TCADP, we would like to invite folks to view the production, either as a group or on your own, and we'll hold space for a discussion about the production the following week. (The production will also be aired on Saturday, October 21 at 1PM). Please email me if you're interested. Note: this opera includes a depiction of a murder as well as an execution.

~Sarah Berel-Harrop, DRE, 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.

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, 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]

Thursday, December 28 at 7:00PM (CDT) via Zoom
—*Between Two Moons* by Aisha Abdel Gawad [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

Coming in November—Samhain

Saturday, November 4 (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 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.



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