



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

There will be a Church Council meeting Saturday, March 16th at noon. We ask all committee leaders to come and discuss our church calendar and plan for the coming months.

Our Stewardship Campaign will kick-off Sunday, March 17th. I ask you to think what you can do to help us reach our goal of hiring a minister. We are asking you to consider increasing your pledge 20%. We are also asking if you can start paying your new pledge amount right away. Then we get the cash flow to hire a minister soon.

This is the next step in our church history. We've recovered from our pandemic shut down. We are really doing well. We need to take the next step forward.

~Dan Sexton, Board President



Worship With Us This Month!

March 3

The House of Many Creeds

Paul Schattman, PhD

Unitarian Universalism by general consensus is located on the liberal end of the religious continuum. Now just what is that supposed to mean?

March 10

What Dreams May Come

Lori King-Nelson, M. Div.

Sometimes our dreams to change the world change our hearts too.

March 17

Becoming Better

Kendra Weddle, PhD

Do you have people in your life who urge you to be better, to do better? What tools of transformation do you find helpful? This week's sermon uses an often neglected story to invite us into the process of transformation.

March 24

There Will Be Consequences

Lori King-Nelson, M.Div

Moral injury and the journey back to compassion.

March 31

De Profundis

Lori King-Nelson, M. Div

Oscar Wilde wrote, "Suffering is one very long moment. We cannot divide it by seasons. We can only record its moods, and chronicle their return."

How to remain hopeful when we find ourselves overwhelmed by the weight of suffering in the world.

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

Religious Education News

We are lifelong learners

"We adapt to the changing world.

We covenant to collectively transform and grow spiritually and ethically. Openness to change is fundamental to our Unitarian and Universalist heritages, never complete and never perfect."

~UUA Proposed Article II

Our **Soul Matters** theme for March is **Transformation**. We'll be exploring the theme through Worship, our Family RE programming, and you can explore it on your own with spiritual practices, words of wisdom, songs, and videos suggested in the March Soul Matters packet. [Email me](mailto:me) to receive the packet in email, and we will also have a few hard copy packets available. Or, join the new Soul Matters private facebook group [https://www.facebook.com/groups/1112530629923934!](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1112530629923934)

This group will:

- ☑ Have the current and past month's Soul Matters packets available for download,
- ☑ Share quotes & content related to the theme of Transformation, and hold space for folks to share their thoughts and experiences about Justice & Equity throughout the month,
- ☑ hold space for folks to share their thoughts and experiences about their transformative journeys throughout the month.

Religious Education programming begins at 9:45 am

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.

March 3RD—Gather the Spirit We'll explore myriad ways of expressing spirituality. *This week:* Special Guest Michael from Dharma Friends will lead us in experiencing meditation as a spiritual practice.

March 10TH—Song Sung Sunday We'll sing and listen to songs, including the story behind the music. This month: *Soul Matters* theme—**Transformation!**

March 17TH—Explorations into UU identity or science and the natural world This Sunday: Ms. Rain will lead an exploration into the world of plants, including a lively game of **Plant Jeopardy!**

March 24TH—And Now, for Something Completely Different We'll nurture a sense of play and joy; important aspects of resilience and spiritual development.

March 31ST—Easter & 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 TRANSFORM** into 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.

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

March 3RD—Unitarian Universalist Ethics We'll discuss ethical frameworks in the What We Choose curriculum and apply our learnings to case studies. This month: **Relational Ethics**. How do our relationships affect the way we approach ethics and justice?

March 10TH—Social Justice Sunday We are excited to welcome Tiara Cooper from the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. Start thinking now about *NEXT Month*: How does All Peoples want to UU the Vote in 2024? Bring your fervent wishes and your ideas!

March 17TH—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: **Soul Practices**. We'll explore connecting with our creative selves & what ways (not just art!) that we can connect with the beauty of transformation & creation without self-criticism.

March 24TH—Soul Matters 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 Justice and Equity.

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Trans Inclusion in Congregations course continues Sunday, March 3!

This course, developed by the Transforming Hearts Collective, is generously funded by the Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry. In six sessions, it explores creating fully inclusive and affirming congregations. We'll explore beloved community, trans identity and spirituality, and congregational culture and tools for transforming culture. We meet on the first and second Sundays of each month from 1–2:30PM. You may still join! Register using this link: <https://forms.gle/fdNBowX4xifPZ7be9>

~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 Sophia Lyon Fahs Room before the service. For access contact: Marian Wendel, mwendel@netzero.net.

This Month's Estimated Preview

Part Three: The Collective Aspect

V. Islam in Society

VI. Islam and the Moral World

Part Four: The Islamic Way of Life

VII. The Performance of the Acts of Worship

1. Prayer (Salah)

2. Poor-Due

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, March 28 at 7:00PM (CST) via Zoom—*A Full Life: Reflections at Ninety* by Jimmy Carter [nonfiction]

Thursday, May 2 at 7:00PM (CST) via Zoom—*The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride [fiction]

Thursday, May 30 at 7:00PM (CST) via Zoom—*Oath and Honor: A Memoir and a Warning* by Liz Cheney [nonfiction]



The poster for the TXUUJM Annual Gathering features a yellow background with a blue and white starburst graphic in the top left. The title 'TXUUJM Annual Gathering' is prominently displayed in large, bold, black letters. To the right is the logo for the Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry, which includes a circular emblem with a flame and the text '10 Years and Growing!'. Below the title, it says 'MEET US IN DALLAS, TEXAS' in a green box, followed by the address 'FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF DALLAS 4015 NORMANDY AVE DALLAS, TX 75205'. The date and time are 'SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM CDT'. A central box lists the agenda items, and two buttons at the bottom provide registration and volunteer sign-up links.

TXUUJM Annual Gathering

MEET US IN **DALLAS, TEXAS** FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF DALLAS
4015 NORMANDY AVE DALLAS, TX 75205

Join fellow Texas UUs as we gather this year in Dallas!
Learn and connect about crucial justice issues and democracy efforts of 2024.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024
9:30 AM - 4:30 PM CDT

Our annual event agenda will include:

- A panel of speakers on the topic of "Bodily Autonomy, Safety, and State Control"
- TXUUJM updates on democracy actions and 2024 programs (with priority registration for those at the event, in person or online)
- Light breakfast, snacks, and lunch
- Time for connection, reflection, and discussion
- Group singing and group photo
- A youth caucus (for those middle school to high school equivalent age)

Stay tuned for more!

Register for our event:
<http://tinyurl.com/4u4etbkx>

Sign up to volunteer:
<http://tinyurl.com/sm74drbu>

You're Invited: TXUUJM Annual Gathering, March 23 in Dallas and online!

The Texas UU Justice Ministry warmly invites all Texas UUs and justice-seeking friends to join us for TXUUJM's annual gathering, this year in Dallas (and on Zoom!) on Saturday, March 23. Whether you can travel to come in person, or join in online, please register for an inspiring and educational day, connecting with your fellow UUs around the state! (We know there's a lot going on that day, so even if you can only drop in online for some of the day, please still register!) And as always, TXUUJM hopes to see you Thursday nights for Action Hour and at other programs listed on our EveryAction event page and TXUUJM.org.

CUUPs News

Coming up: Spring Equinox

March 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.

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.

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.

Don't Forget to Feed Me

Thank you for your generous ongoing support of this program!

Your donations make a significant impact by enabling us to purchase pet food and provide support. Together, we can ensure that no pet goes hungry during this special time of year. See Jo Burnham or Karl Thibodeaux for more information on how to help.

Dharma Friends at All Peoples

Meets Sunday, 6:45pm, Jagers Parlor The first 15 minutes will be time for everyone to get settled in, have some tea and if there are any questions about meditation. Sessions are offered by Radiant Heart Ministry whose goals are to cultivate spiritual friendship as a sangha and also with our communities. Deepening our own practices, but also by engaging with those in the communities that could use a friend. This group is open to everyone. You don't have to be or become a Buddhist to join. Cultivating a loving heart and mind is the intention.

An Evening with Peter Mayer

—Benefit Concert

Join Horizon UU in celebrating the Installation of Rev. Chris Rothbauer with a concert by Peter Mayer, known for songs such as Blue Boat Home on March 8, 2024. Tickets are \$40 each and can be purchased online at bpt.me/6151210.

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