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 hope everyone came through the recent storms and high winds okay. We had some small branches down but never lost power. Remember the church is available if you need temporary space to camp out. Call me, Dan at 817 845 9762.

We are planning an easygoing summer of preparation in anticipation of a busy fall. Our Religious Exploration on Sundays will be in a somewhat lighter summertime mode. Lori King-Nelson will continue to preach, then will come on as minister in August. In the fall we will kick off a new church year with a new minister and a strong Religious Education program for youths and adults. Sudbury School has summer sessions with lower attendance.

We want to focus on several building issues such as getting the kitchen in shape and keeping water out of the church during heavy rains. We will plan a good work day before next fall to get the church shining for the new church year.

I hope everyone has some vacation time scheduled —maybe traveling somewhere cooler. And don't forget to bring back water for a fall water ceremony!

~Dan Sexton, Board President

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

Worship With Us This Month!

June 2

When Wonder Changes the World

Dr. Kendra Weddle

Sometimes it feels like the hope of renewal is pie-in-the-sky, impractical rubbish. What if, on the other hand, we can awaken wonder, a way of engaging the world that not only changes how we experience each day, but makes a meaningful difference for our neighbors, too?

June 9

Connected

APC Choir led by Choir Director Joshua Jordan

"The Onus is Upon Us All to Work to Improve the Human Condition"—Maya Angelou

June 16

Dad Jokes Aside…

Lori King-Nelson, M.Div

What has happened to the stereotypical breadwinner and disciplinarian? I, for one, am glad dad went soft!

June 23

Weaving Our Lives

Sunday Worship Service from General Assembly 2024

We are all tangled up together in a great web of life that is woven with beauty and hardship, love and loss, thriving and struggle. How do we tend well to the weaving so that all of us are held in care?

Rev. Molly Housh Gordon, Violet Vonder Haar, Jamila Bachelder, Rev. Leon Dunkely, Rev. Eric Kaminetsky, Rev. Joan Javier-Duvall, Rev. Jordinn Nelson Long, Rev. Aaron Wisman, Rev. Sadie Lansdale, and Rev. Sarah Oglesby-Dunegan

June 30

I Won't Sit Down

Lori King-Nelson, M.Div

We made great strides for freedom many times during America's history—each time resting on our accomplishments. It's time to renew our commitment to demanding equal freedoms for everyone.

Religious Education News

We are lifelong learners

"We celebrate that we are all sacred beings, diverse in culture, experience, and theology.

We covenant to learn from one another in our free and responsible search for truth and meaning, we embrace our differences and commonalities with love, curiosity, and respect."

~UUA Proposed Article II

Our Soul Matters theme for June is *Renewal*. We'll be exploring the theme through Worship, and our RE programming. You can also explore it on your own with spiritual practices, words of wisdom, songs, and videos suggested in the June Soul Matters packet. Email me to receive the virtual or hard copy packet, OR, join the new Soul Matters private facebook group 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.

*Come join us for RE table talk on **Sunday, June 9** and discuss how our RE program can **best serve you** in your own spiritual journey.*

Adult Faith Formation

June will be our last month of Adult Religious Education programming for the summer, as we regroup for the 2024-2025 church year. We will resume in September, with some new curricula and a new facilitator.

This month

June 2–Unitarian Universalist Ethics We'll discuss ethical frameworks in the What We Choose curriculum and apply our learnings to case studies. This month: *Locus of Moral Authority, Revisited*. In this, our last session, we will consider the various ethical frameworks we have explored throughout the series and what resonates for us.

June 9—Social Justice Sunday This spring, we offered the Transforming Hearts Collective's online course, Trans Inclusion in Congregations. Facilitator Lori King-Nelson will share her experiences and insights with the course as well as ideas about our congregational culture inspired by the course.

June 16—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: Justice Practices. This workshop encourages us to integrate our spirituality and our justice work. We will also have some retrospective reflection about the series.

June 23—Journeys/Soul Matters Using a small group ministry style format, 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 renewal.

June 30–No Adult RE Adult RE will be on break until the congregational year starts up again in September!

*I take this opportunity to offer thanks to long-time Adult Facilitator, **Tina Harmuth**, as she cycles from Adult to Youth Programming for the coming year. Her involvement in our program has been a huge benefit.*

Upcoming Changes to Adult Faith Formation

There are a few changes to our schedule for the year ahead, that include some after-church programming. I will supply fuller descriptions of the curricula in next month's Courier.

1ST Sunday Morning—Principled Commitment, facilitated by Colleen Brewer. How can we apply our UU Principles to our human interactions and commitments?

2ND Sunday Morning—Connections/Social Time AFTERNOON—Social Justice Book Study, facilitated by Jane Collins and Joel Bailey

3RD Sunday Morning—UU Spirituality Curricula facilitated by Julia Sexton

4TH Sunday Morning—Journeys/Soul Matters with Laurie Mikitka

5TH Sunday Morning—"Make-Up" days

In combination with the Membership Committee's Inquirers' series (1ST & 3RD Sunday afternoons), the church will be offering Adult Enrichment on **three Sunday mornings**, and **three Sunday afternoons** each month! We look forward to seeing new and returning faces when we resume.

Here I offer my eternal gratitude to Sarah Berel-Harrop for all she has done to support our programs and make sure we are set up to go forward. I know they will continue to do great things, because I've seen them at work!

~Julia Sexton, Adult RE Coordinator

Family-Style Religious Education

We 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. All Family Style RE is over for the summer, we will be resuming on September 1st from 11:15am-12:15pm!

Nursery

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

Other news

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.

If you are interested in volunteering to help Family Style RE, please fill out this form here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/17Rw17-svPbXa71oe_y_1pht8ulP_SoJdrn4ln9vZF1o/viewform?edit_requested=true

Rain Brady, RE Coordinator, allpeoplesre@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 Four: The Islamic Way of Life

XII. Human Relationships

1. Relations with Jews
2. Relations with Christians

Joys & Concerns

Cheri Husband's mother has cancer. The doctors are evaluating her for what kind, which state, where, and treatment. We send prayers and take Cheri and her mother into our circle of concern.

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

Thursday, June 27 at 7:00PM (CST) via Zoom—*The Secret Life of Sunflowers* by Marta Molnar [fiction]

Thursday, July 25 at 7:00PM (CST) via Zoom—*How to Say Babylon: A Memoir* by Safiya Sinclair [nonfiction]

CUUPs News

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 Jaggers 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 Jaggers 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.

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. See Jo Burnham or Karl Thibodeaux for more information on how to help.

Dharma Friends at All Peoples

Meets Sunday, 6:45pm, Jaggers 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.

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