



# 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

At the July potluck on Sunday, July 7th we will have sign up sheets to volunteer to be a greeter and usher. I ask you to consider volunteering one Sunday a month. Be a greeter, say on the second Sunday of the month.

We are getting visitors every Sunday. We need two greeters. When a visitor comes in a greeter should show them where things are, restroom, coffee. And shown them the adult group in the Parlor. Visitors with children should be taken to the nursery and shown where to sign their kids in.

You all do a great job of being warm and welcoming to new folks near you in the service and at coffee hour after church. On any given Sunday we may have 10 folks who are new visitors or were first time visitors in the past month or so. We all need to be prepared to talk about the church. That we are an open church with different points of view that explores our values. We are democratic in practice and transparent in our operations.

*~Dan Sexton, Board President*

### Worship With Us This Month!

#### July 7

##### *Our Living Tradition*

**Sarah Berel-Harrop, Intern Minister  
Texas UU Justice Ministry**

Unitarian Universalism is a living, evolving tradition. We revisit our core ideals and wonder if the ways we articulate them remain active and relevant. And we adapt to the changing world: we build on the foundation of the past, while letting go of what no longer serves us. Over the past four years, the Article II Study Commission of the UUA has facilitated a process of discernment about our current principles and purposes - the seven (and eighth!) principles, and has promulgated a new articulation of our core values and how we can covenant to bring them into the world. This Sunday, we'll explore how this new statement of our values can call us into deeper commitment to being agents of love in the world.

#### July 14

##### *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.

#### July 21

##### *Living Water: Reaching the Margins With Love*

**Victor Maria**

Today, we gather to reflect on a story of profound transformation—Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan Woman at the well. This moment of connection and healing exemplifies love and acceptance that transcend all boundaries. In a world marked by division and isolation, especially in the aftermath of Covid, this message is more relevant than ever. I invite you to join me as we explore how, as a community, we can offer healing, beauty, hope, and power to those around us who need our support. On this day, which also marks the third anniversary of my son's passing, let us honor Gabriel's spirit by renewing our commitment to creating a community where love is the guiding force and presence is the key to belonging.

#### July 28

##### *Parabellum or Parapacem?*

**Lori King-Nelson, M.Div**

In everything we do we will find bad and good, suffering and flourishing, opposition and agreement. It is the natural coexistence of the wheat and the weeds that gives us the opportunity to choose which path we forge in our world; will we choose parabellum or parapacem?

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



**Be sure to check out  
our new Instagram page:  
[allpeoplesuu](https://www.instagram.com/allpeoplesuu)**

## 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 year has come to a close. 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.

*All Religious Education Programming is over for the summer, we will be resuming on **September 1st** from 9:45am-10:45am for adults, and from 11:15am-12:30pm for children and youth RE.*

Children & Youth Religious Education cannot be possible without the help of volunteers, we ask that volunteers give just one Sunday to help our children and youth build essential faith foundations. To find out more about volunteering, please contact Rain Brady at [AllPeoplesRE@gmail.com](mailto:AllPeoplesRE@gmail.com).

### 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](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](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/17Rw17-svPbXa71oe_y_1pht8ulP_SoJdrn4ln9vZF1o/viewform?edit_requested=true)

*Rain Brady, RE Coordinator, [allpeoplesre@gmail.com](mailto:allpeoplesre@gmail.com)*



## Adult Faith Formation

### Programming returns in September!

#### Upcoming Changes to Adult Faith Formation

There are a few changes to our schedule for the year ahead, that include some after-church programming. 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.*

*~Julia Sexton, Adult RE Coordinator*

## Adventures in Religion

*August 6, 2023, through August 25, 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](mailto:mwendel@netzero.net).

### This Month's Estimated Preview

Part Four: The Islamic Way of Life

XII. Human Relationships

2. Relations with Christians

Part Five: Conclusion

We will also begin discussing the chapter on Islam, including Islamic religious art, pp. 174 – 195, in *World Religions: The Great Faiths Explored & Explained* by John Bowker, D.K. Publishing, Inc. Paperback. ISBN 13: 978-0-7566-1772-1.

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

**Thursday, August 29 at 7:00PM (CST) via Zoom**—*The Western Wind* by Samantha Harvey [fiction]

**Thursday, September 26 at 7:00PM (CST) via Zoom**—*Factfulness: Ten Reasons We're Wrong About the World—and Why Things Are Better Than You Think* by Hans Rosling [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 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 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 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.

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