



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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Spirit Matters

Lori King-Nelson, M.Div

September didn't even pretend to creep up on us. I blinked and the school zones were flashing again. It seems there was barely enough time to get away and here we are, preparing for a change of season--even the temperature is beginning to agree that it's time for fall!

As my children were growing up we always made time for two special trips per year: 10-day Spring Break road trips that averaged 3,500-4,500 miles, and an end of summer trip that usually kept us roaming around whatever state or country we were living in. The trips were not just a farewell to the old season but also a way to prepare for the changes a new season would bring. What we found was that it wasn't just the seasons that were changing--we were changed by our journey. All of the breaks from our regular activities provided opportunities to renew, to Re-New: a fresh start, a deep breath, a spiritual awakening, looking at the new season through fresh and rested eyes.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our annual Ingathering Service this Sunday and hearing about your summer. It's a new season for all of us, may it be filled with grace and peace.

*Grace and Peace,
Lori*

Worship With Us This Month!

September 1

**Ingathering—Water Communion and T-Shirt Day!
Member Led Service**

It's time for our water communion and 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 8

To Love and Be Loved

Lori King-Nelson, M.Div

By being surrounded by love, we open our minds to another person's perspective. We allow ourselves to hear their opinions and their morals and challenge our own thoughts, and occasionally those thoughts change. To be loved is an invitation to change at the deepest level, an invitation become fully a part of the interdependent web of creation.

September 15

Picking Up the Costume Pieces

Reverend Brooke Dooley

What I love about children is their unbridled capacity to be silly and laugh at the absurdity of life. It takes me back to Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's quote in *The Little Prince*, "All grown-ups were once children...but only few of them remember it." The world chips away at us as we grow, leaving fragments of our curiosity and playfulness behind. I have learned throughout my life that those pieces can be reattached in the form of a rhinestone or a feather. The art of drag is a reflection of the diversity of gender expression, body positivity, and passion that the world has sought to dilute within me. Through drag, I have been picking up the costume pieces of my life.

September 22

On Slowing Down

Lori King-Nelson, M.Div

Moving through each day can feel like we are racing against the clock. Are we missing opportunities to enrich our lives and the lives of others by being too focused on day to day things? What might we see when we slow down and look away from our own path?

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

September 29

Whither Men in America?

Dan Levine

In the 1970s and 1980s, the women's movement was supported by a movement of men who wished to get in touch with their feelings and become more compassionate. Four decades later, while the women's movement has made great strides, the men's movement has largely faded from consciousness. To fill that vacuum, many young American men have been attracted to a toxic masculinity that promotes racism and sexism. To counter this trend, we need to bring back the pro-feminist men's movement

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

President's Message

Kids are back in school. Summer is almost over. Sudbury school has started their fall session. The school is a great partner for us. We both want a building that is working great. They are as thrilled to have the new oven as we are. I always mention Fort Worth Sudbury if the topic of school comes up in conversation. People need to know about them.

We will have a short workday this Saturday, Aug 31 from 9am to 12 pm to spiff up the church for Judy Gutierrez's memorial Saturday and Ingathering service Sunday. Come help if you can.

Our Service Auction is on Saturday November 9th with dinner and an auction. Think about what you can offer for the auction. We will have the fall Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 24th where we will elect next year's board members.

~Dan Sexton, Board President

Judy Gutierrez

A memorial service for Judy Gutierrez will be held this Saturday, August 31 at 2 PM in the Sanctuary, with a reception afterwards. *The Gutierrez family has requested business casual attire (in particular no T-shirts—save the for this Sunday).* In lieu of flowers, contributions in Judy's memory can be made to the Tarrant Area Food Bank.



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 Article II (Adopted 2024)

Our Soul Matters year also begins on September 1st. You can explore past and current soul matters material on your own with spiritual practices, words of wisdom, songs, and videos suggested in the September Soul Matters packet. Email me to receive the virtual or hard copy packet, OR, join the 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.

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

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_SoJdrn4In9vZF1o/viewform?edit_requested=true

Rain Brady, RE Coordinator, allpeoplesre@gmail.com

Children and Youth RE News

Children and Youth RE will resume **September 1st** following a 4-week rotating format beginning after the story for all ages (roughly 12:15pm) until 12:30pm

09/01—Wiccan Spirituality with Carol Ann Black

09/08—Song Sung Sunday with Jacob Green & Dean Patterson

09/15—Lunch Sale—a fun and food filled fundraiser to support our youth.

09/22—Paganism in Nature with Joel Bailey

We are now live with our new communication platform, Remind. You can opt in to receive texts for all things RE related here: <https://www.remind.com/join/f683gh>

Adult RE News

Adult Religious Exploration begins **September 8.**

September 1 is **Homecoming Sunday and Potluck.** We encourage everyone to wear a shirt that represents a cause that you give your time, talents, and/or treasure to support.

9/08 9:45 AM—Colleen Brewer will introduce the series, Less Me, More We, with a brief consideration of the importance of better relationships. Then we will discuss love: what it is, how we express it, and how it relates to the other qualities in our relationships.

9/15 12:45 PM—Joel Bailey and Jane Collins will introduce the book Texas Tough: The Rise of America's Prison Empire. We will discuss why we think this is an important book, and how addressing its issues aligns with our UU values. There will be copies of the book available.

9/22 9:45 AM Julia Sexton Hosts the first workshop of UUA curriculum, Facing Death With Life, which invites participants to begin exploring their own emotions, experiences, and perspectives on death and dying in a safe group. Using various strategies, participants are invited to begin to share stories with one another about what can be a difficult topic.

9/29 9:45 AM Laurie Mikitka hosts Journeys using a small group ministry-style format. Addressing a suggested topic, we will take time to engage our individual spiritual lives, hear each others' stories and build deeper connections with one another.

Adventures in Religion

August 6, 2023, through October 13, 2024

Sundays at 9:45AM on Facebook Messenger and by phone. We explore world religions. We are discussing the chapter on Islam, pp. 174–195, in *World Religions: The Great Faiths Explored & Explained* by John Bowker, D.K. Publishing, Inc., 2006. Paperback. ISBN 13: 978-0-7566-1772-1. We read out loud together. No need to read in advance. Islam explored and explained through detailed illustrations and annotated works of art, and a timeline of religious history. [Amazon, excerpt]

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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](#),

This Month's Estimated Preview:

The Prophet Mohammed
The Qur'an
Jihad and Shari'a
The Five Pillars of Islam
The Islamic State
Sufi Orders and Beliefs
Islam and Science
The Mosque

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, 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]

Thursday, October 24 at 7:00PM (CST) via Zoom—
The Women by Kristin Hannah [nonfiction]

Thursday, December 5 at 7:00PM (CST) via Zoom—
An Unfinished Love Story: A personal History of the 1960s by Doris Kearns-Goodwin [fiction]

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 on Saturdays and join our social crafting group. Newcomers are always welcome. We meet on the every Saturday 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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