



# 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**

I love you. Yes, *you*.

Maybe you haven't heard that today, or this week, or in years, but know that you heard it today. And it isn't just a thing I say frivolously—I love you always—no matter how long you've been away, or what you've done, or how grumpy you are. When love is concerned all of those things mean I need to love you even more. Why? Because that is the kind of world I want to build, the kind of world I want to live in. It's the kind of world I want you to live in too. So, I'll say it again: I love you.

According to Celtic tradition, the veil between this world and the next is thinnest this time of year. This makes October the perfect time to remember our ancestors whose every decision, good or bad, brought us to this very moment in our lives. Many of us whose family goes back generations in Texas find we have some relatives we'd rather forget but I say even Col. Elijah Sterling Clack Robertson taught me a thing or two about a fuller definition of love after reading letters to his wife that accompanied his will—a requirement for Confederate officers during the Civil War. In the event of his death, it stated, four of his best house slaves and ten of his best plantation slaves would be given to his wife. His daughter would receive her childhood friend, Bessie, who would belong to her until death. The rest of Robertson's "property" would be sold at auction. As the veil thins, I hope he and others can see the kind of world we have built on real love. He will never have a photo on my mantle, but he is worthy of remembering because it is actions like his that continue to motivate us toward a more just and loving world.

The Sudbury School will be creating an Ofrenda in the foyer and Emily has asked us to join them in placing photos and mementos of loved ones who have transitioned from this life to the next. It will be up from October 25 through November 4. This is a beautiful way to remind us of the eternal nature of love.

Peace,  
Lori

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### Worship With Us This Month!

#### October 6

***SEEDS: the Immigrant Ancestors of American Democracy***

**Paul Schattman, PhD**

All Americans—even the First Peoples—came to this country from somewhere else. So too, did our democracy. We will examine some of these immigrants.

#### October 13

***Can You Hear Me Now?***

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

Understanding that our words carry so much power to heal or harm, we need to be mindful and aware of the impact we have on those around us who carry our words out into the world. How might we speak when surrounded by divine beings?

#### October 20

***Do You Hear What I Hear?***

**Kendra Weddle, PhD**

Our world has become so noisy that it seems there are few times when we aren't hearing something: the mower outside my window, the dog across the street barking, the whirl of tires rounding the pavement as they speed by, the click-clack of my keyboard as I type. Our ears must be very, very tired and still, I wonder, what is the sound that transforms hearing to listening?

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



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

## President's Message

Ros Hunter held a good Church Council meeting Sunday. This is really where things happen. Where representatives of the different committees discuss plans and needs. Building team hopes to get a light installed in the back. They are also looking at repair of the building siding. Ros is working on communications. She has been recording interviews with church members that will be posted on our website.

Could the election stir up interest in a progressive church like ours? How do we best publicize the church? If we were to invest in marketing, what strategy is best? Online? Star Telegram?

Service Auction is Nov 9th, mark your calendar. We are doing a movie theme night, with a Silver Screen dinner, auction then trivia quiz. There is a silent auction in Coleman Hall with different offerings, a wine basket, books, fresh eggs, sometimes fresh bread. And a live auction in the sanctuary with bigger items, dinners, museum visits, music offerings. Consider something you could offer for your other church members. Dinners are always fun. Any services you can provide. Donation forms will be available Sunday.

~Dan Sexton, Board President

## What's Happening at Eastside Now?

Eastside Ministries (Eastside Community Assistance) has continued to serve people in East Fort Worth, even after the pantry fire of last November. For much of that time, food was distributed to clients outside the building, directly from Eastside's truck, which had just picked up grocery store excess. The clothing room continued to operate, even though it was without heat and air conditioning because of the pantry fire. Finally, repairs to the pantry have been finished, and HVAC service has been restored to the clothing room. The pantry has been restocked with food during a two-week shutdown in late August. Soon, the Board will announce a date for a grand reopening.

Meanwhile, staff and volunteers have resumed food distribution through the rear door of the pantry, allowing for drive-by access to clients' vehicles on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Clients who walk or take the bus to pick up their groceries are served on Tuesdays, from the front door of the pantry. Unhoused clients can get a sack lunch every weekday, at the front office door.

The Jazz Fest fundraiser held August 24 brought in about \$4800, but Eastside still needs much more money to continue paying staff and buying food for clients. Board president Diane Moore reports that they typically receive more donations in fall and winter than in spring and summer, and they hope to see an increase in the next few months.

Grants from Texas Health Resources are nearing an end, so Eastside is working to find other grant sources. Eastside will also receive funds from the Christmas by Candlelight fundraiser held annually at St. Rita Catholic Church, which will be Tuesday, December 3 this year. Other fundraisers are also in the works, still under discussion by the Board.

Some time in October, our church will be delivering to Eastside our third quarter Share the Plate funds. Hundreds of people depend on Eastside to help with the expenses of food for themselves and for their pets. Please donate generously as you are able.

Giving Link <https://www.zeffy.com/donation-form/1990dce2-839f-4965-9711-11702d2462e>

## 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)

## Soul Matters

Our Soul Matters theme this month is...Deep Listening 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.



## Children and Youth Religious Education News

Children and Youth Religious Education follows a 4-week rotating format beginning after the story for all ages (roughly 12:15pm) until 12:30pm, there has been some changes to curriculum, instead of *Miracles*, we are now doing *Lego VALUUES*.

CYRE has started our *Garden of YoUUth* project, taking on bringing beauty to the outdoor meditation area near the bridge. We started in September by planting native flowers!

**10/06—Lego ValUUES** with Rain Brady

**10/13—Song Sung Sunday** with Jacob Green & Dean Patterson

**10/20—Youth Service Day**—Children and Youth help clean up areas around the church

**10/27—The History of Halloween**—with Rain Brady

Children & Youth RE 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

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>

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](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/17Rw17-svPbXa71oe_y_1pht8ulP_SoJdrn4In9vZF1o/viewform?edit_requested=true)

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

## Adult Religious Exploration News

**10/6**—Colleen Brewer hosts a discussion in the series **Less Me, More We**. This month's topic is humility: What it isn't, what it is, and how it can help make our church relationships more productive. 9:45AM, Jagers Parlor



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**10/13**—Members Jane Collins and Joel Bailey facilitate a discussion of the book, **Texas Tough, the Rise of America's Prison Empire**. 12:30PM, Jagers Parlor

**10/20**—Julia Sexton Facilitates UUA Curriculum, **Facing Death With Life**. This month's topic is Finding our Personal Views: "When death or dying comes calling at the door, like a bracing wind it clears our being of pettiness. It connects us to others. More alert to life's fragility, we reawaken to life's preciousness. To be fully human is to care, and attending to death prompts the most eloquent form of caring imaginable." —Forrest Church. Jagers Parlor, 9:45AM, Jagers Parlor

**10/27—Journeys:** Laurie Mikitka hosts this small-group ministry in which we discuss a topic from our own experience and perspective. It is a time to explore our individual spiritual lives, hear each others' stories and build deeper connections with one another. 9:45AM, Jagers Parlor

## 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]

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](mailto:Marian.Wendel@umc.org),

## This Month's Estimated Preview:

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

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

**Thursday, January 23 at 7:00pm (CST) via Zoom**—*The Piano Tuner* by Daniel Mason [fiction]

## Tai Chi Schedule Has Changed

Tai Chi has been offered for two and a half years at All Peoples Church on Saturdays at 1:30 PM. Because of the increasing frequency of rentals using the spaces needed for Tai Chi on Saturdays, we have decided to try having the class on a weekday instead. The class is currently meeting at 1:00 PM Friday afternoons, in the church sanctuary. Everyone is welcome. If you have questions, contact [Colleen Brewer](#), or just show up and try it.

## 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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