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

Hello November!

The October heat has given way to cooler days, falling leaves, and even a bit of much-needed rain. I am thrilled to be looking at the sweaters in my closet with anticipation now that "Real Fall" has arrived. Last night (Halloween) I officiated an outdoor wedding that was Pagan-themed on one side (groom's family and friends—all Caucasian and Pagan) and Dia de los Muertos themed on the other (bride's family—all Hispanic and Catholic.) What joy I felt in my heart to knit these families into one! It is moments like these that make me feel the magic of the season. We are always surrounded by loved ones, whether living or watching from beyond the veil. One passage that I include in all weddings bears sharing here:

May your marriage bring you all the exquisite excitements a marriage should bring.

May you need one another, but not out of weakness.

May you want one another, but not out of lack.

May you look for things to praise, often say, "I love you!" and take no notice of small faults.

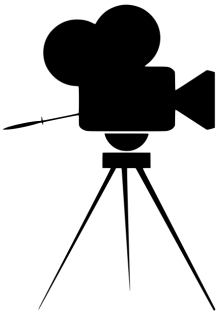
May you have happiness, and may you find it in making one another happy.

May you have love, and may you find it in loving one another.

This passage speaks to the ways in which we grow strong, healthy relationships and is great advice for all of us as we move through the world (and the election.) How many of our values can you find there?

As we look ahead to ways we can create happiness and love, remember that we are holding a blood drive on November 24 from 10-2. Please sign up using the QR code on the flyer at the front table or contact me. Jennifer Quick from Reading Partners NTX reached out for volunteers to help students at John T. White Elementary School sharpen their reading skills. See me for more information. Julie Ledford and Colleen Brewer are working together to bring the old Freedom Café back to life! The first one will be December 28 and they need one volunteer to work the door. Contact Julie, Colleen, or me for more information. Daniel Polk and I are working closely to create a workshop on the Five Smooth Stones—stay tuned! Finally, there will be a Christmas Eve Candlelight service December 24th at 6pm. APC is certainly alive and well!

Grace and Peace,
Lori



Lights…Camera…Service Auction!

Dinner! Party! & Fundraiser Auction!

Saturday, November 9

Tickets and donation forms available on Sunday

Worship With Us This Month!

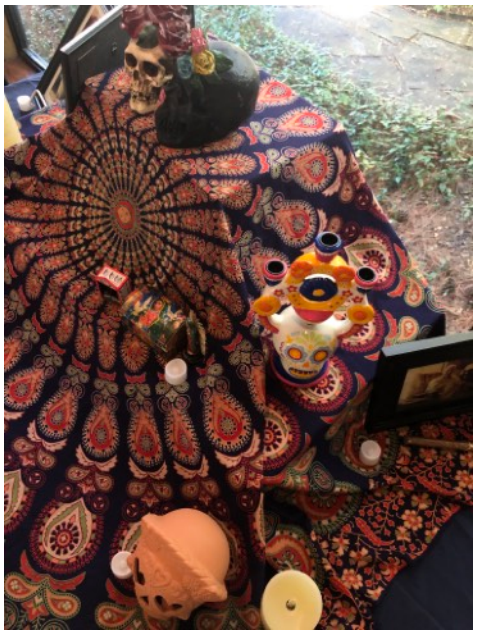
November 3
The Souls Inside Us
Lori King-Nelson, M.Div

November 10
Mending Fences
Lori King-Nelson, M.Div

November 17
Kendra Weddle, PhD

November 24
Lori King-Nelson, M.Div

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



All are invited to share memories of our loved ones

The Sudbury School has created 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 through November 4. This is a beautiful way to remind us of the eternal nature of love.

President's Message

Our annual Service Auction dinner is next Saturday, Nov 9th. et your tickets this Sunday. You can still get a donation in. Whether this is a service you can offer, an item for the silent auction or a dinner for the live auction. David Binde is our valiant auctioneer. Get ready for Guy Thornton's Movie Trivia Quiz. Dinner is Texas barbecue by our own Cory Davis.

This year we will take payment on Sunday morning after the auction to give us time to tally the auction results. Everybody come. It will be a fun party.

~Dan Sexton, Board President

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…Repair. You can explore past and current soul matters material on your own with spiritual practices, words of wisdom, songs, and videos suggested in the November 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!

11/3—*Lego ValUUes* with Rain Brady

11/10—*Song Sung Sunday* with Jacob Green & Dean Patterson

11/17—*Youth Service Day*—Children and Youth host a bake sale, parents are asked to bring at least 2 different baked or store bought goods.

11/24—*Pluralism Slime Lab*—with Rain & Alexi

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.

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_SoJdrn4ln9vZF1o/viewform?edit_requested=true

Rain Brady, RE Coordinator, allpeoplesre@gmail.com

Deadline For Constellation Youth Summit Is November 3 At 11:59PM, we need **at least 16 participants** (adult and youth) in order to host this year, for more information reach out to Rain Brady

Adult Religious Exploration News

11/3—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, Jaggers Parlor*

11/10—Members Jane Collins and Joel Bailey facilitate a discussion of the book, ***Texas Tough, the Rise of America's Prison Empire***. *12:30PM, Jaggers Parlor*

11/17—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. *Jaggers Parlor, 9:45AM, Jaggers Parlor*

11/24—*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, Jaggers Parlor*

Adventures in Religion

August 6, 2023, through November 24, 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 John Adams Room before the service. For access, contact Marian Wendel,

This Month's Estimated Preview:

Islam and Science (continued)
The Mosque

FREEDOM CAFÉ 2024

Saturday, December 28 at 7 PM

All Peoples Church Unitarian Universalist
1959 Sandy Lane, Fort Worth, 76112

Live music, coffee, desserts, board games, fellowship

Admission $15 for adults and kids 12+

(children must be accompanied by an adult)

$25 for two (in advance) or $20 per person at the door

Buy tickets by scanning QR code, choose donate to Freedom Café, and select payment method.

Printed or electronic receipt will be your ticket.

Everyone is Welcome: Join our Celebration!

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, 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]

Thursday, February 27 at 7:00PM (CST) via Zoom
—*The World as It Is: A memoir of the Obama White House* by Ben Rhodes [nonfiction]

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.

Tai Chi Class invites you to join us on Fridays

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 (no meeting in November).

Be sure to check out our Instagram page: allpeoplesuu

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 Jaggers Parlor from 12:30PM until 2:30PM (no meeting November .

Don't Forget to Feed Me
PET FOOD BANK, Inc.

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.

Reminder

(not that we need it)

Election Day

is

November 5

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Submission Date
Tuesday, **December 3, 2024** 10am
Send articles to
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Remember to
set your clocks back one hour
tonight,
get extra sleep
and
bring something good
to
Potluck tomorrow.
(and thanks for reading this far)