



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

The world lost a good human when George Burns died in 1996 at the age of one hundred years and two months. His beloved wife and fellow actor and comedian, Gracie Allen, passed away in 1964 and George never really got over that loss. He poured himself into his work, immersed himself in community volunteering, and tried to live a life worthy of the extra years he had been given. He said once that it would take hundreds of lifetimes to make even a small difference in the amount of need and suffering in the world—but I think what stood out to me was the calm and steady purpose with which he cared for others and himself. He didn't need to try hard because it was the gentle and loving approach that made the biggest difference in his personal and humanitarian relationships.

Doing something. Anything. Reaching out in even the smallest way changes our world, even if that change is small it makes a difference to those on the receiving end. There's a poem called Children Are Dying, I don't know who the author is but it speaks to this need to do something—anything.

*Children are dying. And I'm making breakfast.
Children are dying. And I'm walking my dog.
Children are dying. And I'm logging into work.
I scroll on social media. And children are dying.
I email my senators. Children are still dying.
I post on Instagram. And children. Are. Still. Dying.
So I fill the neighborhood free fridges—because children are dying.
I volunteer at the local food commune—because children are dying.
I throw birthday parties for kids I don't know because children are dying.
I scream. I cry. I cook. I feed. Because children are dying.*

This poem speaks to the efforts of each of us as we move through this world, trying so hard to do enough to make a difference and often finding that we are trying so hard we are hurting ourselves in the process. Andrea Gibson, may they rest in power, wrote these beautiful lines that guide me:

"I know most people try hard to do good and find out too late they should have tried softer."

That is one of the most powerful lines I have ever read and the best advice in this world so overwhelmed with suffering. Try softer. Be gentle with yourself and do what you can, when you can, but do it softly. We do not have to carry all the worlds' problems and we need to give ourselves permission to believe that. You have permission to rest, to sit one out, to breathe, to laugh, to be happy, to love and be loved.

I hope you will stop by the table David Binde has set up for Eastside Ministries. It is like a store—pick out the things you'd like to donate, drop them in the shopping cart, and then leave some money in the jar to cover the cost. (Or feel free to bring some you have purchased personally.) There are backpacks, socks, and underwear for children heading back to school and these items will be passed out to families that are needing a little help. You'd be amazed at the difference this makes in the lives of our community's students.

This message is George Burns approved. At least I'm pretty sure he'd approve.

Go gently with yourselves, and remember—try softer.

Peace,

Lori

Worship With Us This Month!

August 3

In Search of...

Lori King-Nelson, M.Div

Often we seek out existing communities that align with our faith traditions, values, interests and hobbies, or generation. Building community works differently and can involve starting special interest groups like book clubs, hiking groups, game nights, garden clubs, and other activities that bring people together around a shared interest. Let's talk about how that can strengthen our relationships, enhance our larger community, and help us live out our UU affirmation.

August 10

Rooted in Love

Lori King-Nelson, M.Div

As we seek to become a community that is better and stronger together, we begin to understand the importance of living in circles, not rows, for spiritual, physical, and emotional growth, both personally and communally.

August 17

Laura Wooten

August 24

Ingathering—Water Communion and T-Shirt Day!

Lori King-Nelson, M.Div

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.

Bread Baking

We'll be baking bread as a spiritual ritual to serve at Ingathering. If you'd like to help, we'll be in the kitchen on Saturday, August 23, beginning at 10am.

August 31

A Common Story, a Common Project:

The Wisdom of Community

Kendra Weddle, PhD

In times of instability, community is the bond that sustains us. It is where we can tell our stories in safe, respectful places. It is where dreams become realities. It is where hope is birthed and transmitted to new generations.

Religious Education News

We are lifelong learners

Child and Youth Religious Education

Our children and youth program is on hiatus until the fall. *Enjoy the rest of your summer!*

Nursery

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

Adult Religious Exploration News

All sessions will be held in Jagers Parlor, unless a conflict arises.

We are gathering our resources to prepare for Fall programming. Are you one of our valuable assets and don't even know it yet? If you'd like to talk about facilitating or co-facilitating an Adult Religious Exploration discussion group, please let Julia Sexton know. I promise, just talking to me does equal an automatic assignment!

President's Message

Hello everyone. As the Summer begins to fade into Fall, it is time for us to gather in community, peace and hope.

Sunday, August 25 will be our Ingathering service. Ingathering is our church's homecoming ceremony when members come back from their Summer vacations and dedicate themselves to another year of community together.

It is traditional for each of us to bring a small bit of water from our homes or travels to place in a communal basin. This symbolizes the coming together of our hearts by mixing water gathered from far flung places. If you forget to bring water, don't worry. A pitcher will be available to use during the service. We will keep a sample of the water gathered this year until next year's ingathering.

The 25th is also TSHIRT Sunday! Wear a shirt promoting a cause that you care about, and you can tell us during the service about it. Speaking of T-shirts, forms will be available this month to order All People's Church UU T-shirts. Printed and embroidered shirt designs are available.

In other news, we've started watching movies together on Saturdays. Last week's screening of *Back to the Future* was so much fun! We are planning to screen movies twice a month. Hoping to see you there.

~Rosalyn Hunter

Board president of All Peoples Church UU



Marvelous Movie Matinee

Saturday, August 2, 3:30 pm in Jagers Parlor
Join us for Casablanca. Come view with us as we enjoy this romantic, anti-fascist work.

25¢ Saturday Movie Matinee

No Admission Fee

Popcorn 25¢

Candy 25¢

Drinks 25¢

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:

Tuesday, Aug 19 at 7:00 pm (CST) via Zoom— *The Last Runaway* by Tracy Chevalier [fiction]

Tuesday, Sep 23 at 7:00 pm (CST) via Zoom— *The Light Eaters* by Zoe Schlanger [nonfiction]

Thursday, Oct 23 at 7:00 pm (CST) via Zoom— *The Ministry of Time* by Kaliane Bradley [fiction]

Women's Alliance

Women's Alliance will meet *Tuesday, August 12th*, at noon at the church for a brown-bag lunch. Bring some ideas for future meetings.

Tai Chi Class

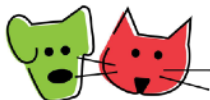
Tai Chi class is currently meeting at 1:00 PM Friday afternoons, in the church sanctuary. Everyone is welcome. If you have questions, contact Colleen Brewer, or just show up and try it.
Board Goals 2025

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.



Don't Forget to Feed Me

PET FOOD BANK, Inc.

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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.

Help LGBTQ SAVES Cross the Finish Line —Black Tie Dinner Raffle

Thank you to our incredible All Peoples family for helping LGBTQ SAVES get so close to our goal for the Black Tie Dinner Raffle! We're just 5 tickets away from reaching our commitment to sell 20 raffle tickets at \$100 each.

Once we hit that goal, every additional ticket sold will directly support LGBTQ SAVES — 100% of the proceeds come back to us!

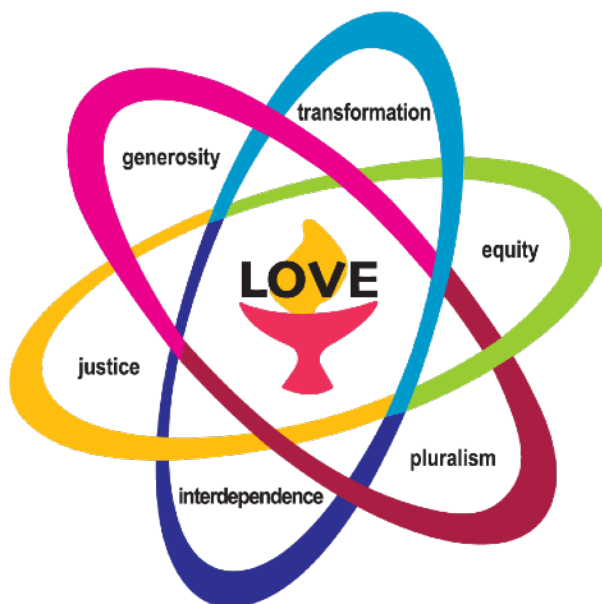
Grand Prize: A \$50,000 credit toward the vehicle of your choice from Park Place Motorcars Dallas

Tickets: \$100 each — or 5 for \$600

Get your tickets here: <https://blacktie.org/raffle/lgbtqsaves>

The winning ticket will be drawn on November 8 at the Black Tie Dinner — no need to be present to win!

Thank you again for your continued support. Let's finish strong and exceed our goal together!



August Calendar

August 2, 2025

Rental—SCA, Kitchen, 11:00 am–5:00 pm

Crafters Group, Jagger Parlor, 12:30 pm–2:30 pm

August 3, 2025

Sunday Worship, Sanctuary, 11:00 am–12:00 pm

Potluck Sunday, Coleman Hall, 12:15pm

August 6, 2025

Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 7:00 pm–8:00 pm

August 8, 2025

Tai Chi Class, Coleman Hall, 1:00 pm–2:00 pm

August 9, 2025

Results Event, Sanctuary, Coleman Hall, Jagers Parlor, 8:00 am–5:00 pm

Crafters Group, Adams Room, 12:30 pm–2:30 pm

August 10, 2025

Sunday Worship, Sanctuary, 11:00 am–12:00 pm

Worship Arts Meeting, Minister's Office, 12:30 pm–2:00 pm

August 13, 2025

Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 7:00 pm–8:00 pm

August 15, 2025

Tai Chi Class, Coleman Hall, 1:00 pm–2:00 pm

August 16, 2025

Crafters Group, Jagers Parlor, 12:30 pm–2:30 pm

August 17, 2025

Sunday Worship, Sanctuary, 11:00 am–12:00 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting, Jagers Parlor, 1:00 pm–2:00 pm

August 20, 2025

Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 7:00 pm–8:00 pm

August 22, 2025

Tai Chi Class, Coleman Hall, 1:00 pm–2:00 pm

August 23, 2025

Crafters Group, Jagers Parlor, 12:30 pm–2:30 pm

August 24, 2025

Sunday Worship, Sanctuary, 11:00 am–12:00 pm

August 27, 2025

Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 7:00 pm–8:00 pm

August 29, 2025

Tai Chi Class, Coleman Hall, 1:00 pm–2:00 pm

August 30, 2025

Crafters Group, Jagers Parlor, 12:30 pm–2:30 pm

August 31, 2025

Sunday Worship, Sanctuary, 11:00 am–12:00 pm

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