



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

We have turned another page on the calendar and for many of us it seems it was just the beginning of February. We ask how time can possibly go by so fast (just remember, there is a direct correlation between our age and the speeding up of time—just ask any of us old folk 😊). Anyway, we find ourselves in May, pondering our theme of Awakening Curiosity and considering what that means and how to apply it to our daily lives and our faith journey.

For me, I tend to find questions about nearly everything. Today I am wearing a buckskin jacket (faux) with fringe—think Buffalo Bill, even though he was not the originator. I wanted to know why the fringe? Was it decorative or functional? My research told me that it originated with the First People, the Native Americans, and served the purpose of acting as a moisture-wicking system, shedding rain and speeding up the drying time to prevent the leather from rotting. As they gained in popularity in mainstream fashion, functionality gave way to decoration, leaving me sitting at my desk hundreds of years later wearing my faux buckskin jacket.

As UUs, much of our faith is about questioning everything (seeking knowledge in freedom) and growing that curiosity in others. I am excited to dive into some interesting and obscure topics this summer, both from the pulpit and in discussion groups and hope you will all shoot me an email or text with the things that you are curious about, religiously and spiritually.

Grace and Peace,

Lori

Save the Date

On Wednesday, June 24th at 7pm All Peoples Church will be participating in an Interfaith Pride Service held at Westside UU. If you are interested in attending and would like to carpool, please contact Karl or Lori.

Soul Matters

All Peoples subscribes to Soul Matters Sharing Circle, a network of Unitarian Universalist congregations who follow the same monthly themes so we can more easily share resources. The worship materials provided each month include liturgy, music and readings on our monthly themes. We also receive spiritual exercises and questions that encourage reflection on daily living and recommended resources that support us as we weave the theme into our daily lives.

Our theme for May is **Awakening Curiosity**. The Worship Arts team encourages you to take a look at the resources you can use to deepen your spiritual practice available by [following this link](#).

Worship With Us This Month!

May 24

Tango—For Beginners

Lori King-Nelson, M Div

In times like these, we still have the power of choosing, of being open to what it means for us to be fully human.

May 31

Flower Communion

The Flower Communication began in Prague on 4 June 1923 by Norbert Capek, who was also the founder of the Unitarian Church in Czechoslovakia. In a time of political unrest and religious dogmatism, Capek wanted to create a simple, inclusive ritual that emphasized shared humanity and the beauty of individual differences. He chose flowers. Please bring a flower or two to share in the ceremony, and be prepared to leave with a different flower than the one you brought!



President's message

"April Showers bring May flowers." This has certainly been the case for our wildflower garden in the back of the church which has been bursting with Indian Blanket, Coneflower, and Milkweed lately. I also hope that political and social storms in our area will inspire each of you to continue to do good works of service and spread the flower of hope within our communities. Thanks to all the members who attended our May Congregational Meeting on May 17. We are a growing congregation. Two new members joined our church at the beginning of this month! I hope that with your help we can continue to be a place where people can find community and grow spiritually.

This Sunday we will have our first fire drill training of what will hopefully be a new era of increased safety for all those who use our wonderful facility. See you there!

Rosalyn Hunter
President of the Board of Trustees,
All Peoples Church UU

Religious Exploration

Adult Religious Exploration

Adult Religious Exploration is excited to add two new series to our afternoon lineup.

#1) With the conclusion of the *Inquirers* series, we invite you to join host Patrick Gutierrez following Worship and potluck each **First Sunday at 12:40 for *Beyond Inquirers***. This series builds on the overview of the *Inquirers* series, delving deeper into who we are as Unitarian Universalists and how we do church."

#2) *What is Paganism?* Do you find yourself hearing that word and wondering what it is? Interested in Paganism but don't know where to start? Every second Sunday after Worship Ivolin Thorn will be hosting a Paganism 101 class where we discover what Paganism is and what it encompasses. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join. This will be a lecture style class as opposed to a discussion group.

We continue to meet on 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sunday mornings at 9:45AM for discussions on *Spiritual Practices* with Stephanie Ryburn, *Bible Literacy for UUs* with Julia Sexton, and *Journeys* with Laurie Mikitka, as well as 4th Sunday afternoons for *Transgender Inclusion In Congregations* with Lori King-Nelson. **All sessions in Jagers Parlor unless otherwise noted.**



FIRE DRILL

Sunday May 24, during the worship service, we will be holding a **FIRE DRILL**. We do drills to make sure that we could safely and quickly leave the church in the case of an emergency.



Please follow the instructions of the service leaders for how to safely leave the building and when to return. Instructions will be in the order of service. If you are mobility impaired, Ushers in bright vests will be available to help you out of the building. Just raise your hand to request assistance. Our meeting place is the sign in front of the front parking lot. **You might want to wear comfortable shoes.**

We appreciate your help in keeping All People's Church safe.

Everyone is Welcome in Our Groups!

Saturday Movie Matinee

The movie is called **Saturday Night** and we'll watch it on Saturday afternoon.

Saturday May 23, Jagers Parlor 3:00pm A look at the final 90 minutes before the first broadcast of SNL. It's a 2024 film and runs 1 hr 49 minutes.

Book Discussion Group



All Peoples Book Discussion Group meets the 4th Thursday of the month via Zoom. We love reading all types of books. We welcome new members and/or suggestions of books to read. For information, contact Ana Evans 817-939-2763.

Upcoming Titles:

Thursday, May 26 at 7:00PM (CST) via Zoom—
James by Percival Everett [fiction]

Thursday, April 23 at 7:00 pm (CST) via Zoom—
Wild Thing: A life of Paul Gauguin by Sue Prideaux [nonfiction]

Thursday, June 25 at 7:00 pm (CST) via Zoom—
Daughters of the Bamboo Grove by Barbara Demick

Thursday, July 23 at 7:00 pm (CST) via Zoom—
Klara and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro

Women's Alliance

The Women's Alliance meets the 2nd Tuesday of most months. Please contact Lori Mikitka for details.

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.

Crossroads

Crossroads is All People's new Young Adult group!

Thanks to the amazing Alex Runnels we have a Discord server dedicated to our communication. If you know any one between the ages 18-39 get them in contact with Ivy or Alex so that we can continue to add to our numbers.

~Ivy Thorn and Alex Runnels (Co-leads)



Don't Forget to Feed Me

PET FOOD BANK, Inc.

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Thank you for your generous ongoing support of this program! With the current spike in food bank needs, your support is appreciated more than ever.

Sacred Hearth CUUPs News

We are excited to announce that we are planning on having 7 more rituals this calendar year including a Yule service this December as well as a Paganism 101 ARE class every second Sunday after service! If you know anyone that is interested or would be interested let **Ivoin Thorn**, **Andrew Fields**, or **Charlotte Bailey** know so that we can let them know about the amazing community we have here!

~Sacred Hearth CUUPs

Social Media Team Would Love to Hear from YOU!

Do you have an event you want advertised? Want to organize a social justice event but don't know how to spread the word? Look no further than your local **APC Social Media Team!** Please send all requests to socialmedia@allpeopleschurchuu.org and we work to not only advertise on our church's FB page but also our website.

We ask that you include the following information in your email:

- ⊕ Title of event, club, etc.
- ⊕ Date and time (if using church please verify with our rental calendar before scheduling to avoid any potential conflicts)
- ⊕ A summary of what people can expect to do/see/participate in.
- ⊕ Do you want this to be advertised publicly, only on the private group, or both.

In the past few months we have seen an uptick in content engagement and daily views, as well as follows. We are so excited to see how well we are able to help drive our shared values within the greater Fort Worth and western Arlington areas and even further!

~Ivy Thorn and your APC Social Media Team



Fort Worth **Sudbury** School

Fort Worth Sudbury School

As we wrap up the school year, we're feeling really grateful for what a special year it's been at FWSS. Our students have spent the year diving into their interests, building friendships, and growing in ways that are always so rewarding to see.

This month we are especially proud to celebrate two graduating students. Watching them reach this milestone has been a powerful reminder of what a self-directed education can nurture over time and we're excited to see where their paths lead next.

We'll be back for the 2026–2027 school year in August and over the summer we'll be offering tours for any families who might be looking for something a little different in education. If you know a child who could benefit from a self-directed, community-centered learning environment, we'd love to connect.

Thank you so much to the All Peoples community for sharing your space with us this year, we truly appreciate it!

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Calendar

May 22, Friday

7pm Panther City Anarchists (Ana Maria, Jagers Parlor)

May 23, Saturday

12:30pm Crafters Group [Jagers Parlor]
3:30pm Movie Matinee [Jagers Parlor]

May 24, Sunday

9:45am Journeys [Jagers Parlor]
11am Worship Service [Sanctuary] Ros Hunter Fire Drill Church-Wide)
1:40pm Trans Inclusion [Jagers Parlor]
3pm DFW Support Group [Library]

May 25, Monday

Memorial Day

May 26, Tue

6:30pm DFW Anarchist (Ana Maria, Jagers Parlor)

May 27, Wednesday

7pm Choir Rehearsal [Choir Room]

May 29, Friday

4pm Panther City Anarchist (Ana Maria, Kitchen)

May 30, Saturday

12:30pm Crafters Group [Jagers Parlor]
4pm DSA (Jane Collins, Jagers Parlor)