



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.

Spirit Matters

It has been four years since I started knowing this congregation, and August 1st will be my second anniversary of being your minister. I hope you love me as much as I love each of you—because I can't imagine more meaningful and fulfilling work than the work we do together as a congregation and community.

I'm sure you have noticed that our congregation is growing, too. Every Sunday we are seeing visitors, new members, and old friends of the church. Growing our congregation, and expanding our footprint in the greater community, matters because it signals spiritual vitality, connects with community organizations, and drives local engagement with people looking for a place of welcome and inclusion. Our active growth expands our capacity to serve neighbors through volunteer work, community support, and strong relational networks.

You see, more members bring diverse skills, wider resources, and greater energy to address the broader social needs of our community. The spiritual vitality created by the energy and vision of new members bring opportunities for leadership development, which in turn creates more opportunities for lifelong faith development, ethical grounding, and the sharing of a public message of hope, justice, and radical compassion. Groups that grow and thrive in their faith stay deeply rooted and responsive to the evolving history and culture of their neighborhoods—remaining a relevant and integral part of the interconnected web of life we share with

others. We become public witnesses to what churches and church families should be.

So, as we begin shifting away from internal comfort toward active service and community concerns, we should remember that this is an act of love to which we are called. The close personal ties and relationships we foster will unify our church family and keep us focused on our mission and vision of creating a better world for all.

I hope to see you (and a friend) Sunday as we speak to our young folk about leaning into their church and faith as a moral compass that guides them through the 2026-2027 school year. Remember to bring your backpacks and bags as we once again have a Blessing of the Backpacks.

*Grace and Peace,
Lori*

Strengthening LGBTQ+ Families

Truth Pregnancy will be offering an in-person 3-session LGBTQ+ Parenting & Family Formation series starting August 30th at 12:30pm Jagers Parlor. Lunch and childcare will be provided. This class is to help create community among LGBTQ+ families in North Texas who seek to expand their family, are currently expanding their family, or recently expanded their family. Hosted by a queer doula and co-facilitated by reproductive justice and mental health professionals, we hope participants take away practical, informative, and emotional resources while expanding their in-person community connections.

Worship With Us This Month

August 2, 2026

Lori King-Nelson

Making a Bigger Table

Hospitality gets people in the door, but it's inclusion that ensures they have a sense of true belonging. Inclusion allows newcomers to share their gifts and change the culture of the church for the better.

August 9, 2026

Lori King-Nelson

Breaking Down Walls

Unity without uniformity reminds people that they are no longer strangers, but unique and valued members of a church family. How do we remove these dividing walls of age, race, class, and culture to build a stronger, more inclusive church?

August 16, 2026

Kendra Weddle, PhD

Walking Together in Different Directions

There is an ancient Jewish practice of inclusion, one that is grounded in bodily experience. Let's explore together what can transform our individual walking into a communal act of belonging, interaction, and deep connection.

August 23, 2026

Lori King-Nelson

Radical Counterculturalism

Being an effective force against injustice requires a strategic blend of systemic understanding, organized collective action, and sustained personal resilience. Justice literacy, mobilization, action, policy and legal reform, and institution building need all of our voices and gifts.

August 30, 2026

Ingathering, Water Communion and T-shirt Day

It's our annual Ingathering, Water Communion and T-shirt Day. Please wear a T-shirt supporting a cause near and dear to you, and bring water from an event or place this past year that has meaning for you. We will each have an opportunity to add our water to the All Peoples Church waters, which has been collected and preserved over the years, and tell a few sentences about the cause you are lifting up, as well as the significance of your water. At the end of service, the water we have collected will represent our shared values as we start the new church year.

Soul Matters

APC 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. The theme for September is ***Beginnings***.

Our 2026-27 Themes!

September
Beginnings



February
Commitment



October
Courage



March
Balance



November
Healing



April
Emergence



December
Awe



May
Play



January
Thresholds



June
Horizons



Sharing Resources
Supporting Leaders
Deepening Connections

President's message

Midsummer has past and we are starting to see the days get shorter, but the heat is hotter than ever. I hope that you are all keeping cool. We'll be having lots of opportunities to chill in the church this August.

First on Saturday, August 1 we will have a Health and Wellness fair. This is where people will be giving talks about diverse health issues like Parenting Trans kids, safe drug handling, and CPR. Do drop by. At the end of the month, Saturday Aug 22, we'll be hosting the Wild Hare Holistic Faire, a table-based fair where people will be offering alternative services and products. This event has a \$5 entrance fee, but you can bring canned goods for Eastside ministry for entry as well.

The last Sunday in August, August 30th, will be our INGATHERING service when the entire congregation will meet to start the New Year together. We will have our water ceremony to celebrate our lives flowing together. Wear a T-shirt to support your favorite cause. You will have a moment to mention it during the service.

I am looking forward to seeing you there.

~Rosalyn Hunter, Board President

Religious Exploration

Your Youth and Adult RE teams will be taking a break for the rest of the summer. We will start our classes again in September. Stay tuned for more info!

Holistic Fair Returns

The Wild Hare Holistic Fair is back!!! Mark your calendars for August 22nd 11am-6pm. Bring your canned goods and skip the entrance fee and be entered into the raffle for door prizes.

School Supply Drive

A Back to School Drive presented by Panther City AO and Invasion Bookings will occur on August 16th, starting at 7pm. Bring \$10 or a donation of 3 school supplies for entry to a showcase of local hardcore, punk, and metal music acts.

New Feature!

Unscripted (one minute reflections)
"The one thing my heart needs today is _____."

Whatever came to mind first...don't dismiss it. Say it out loud, then honor it today.

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 at acevans1216@gmail.com or 817-939-2763

August 27 at 7:00 pm (CST) via Zoom—
Custodians of Wonders: Ancient Customs, Profound Traditions, and the Last People Keeping Them Alive by Eliot Stein

Thursday, September 24 at 7:00 pm (CST) via Zoom—*The Measure* by Nikki Erlick

Thursday, October 29 at 7:00 pm (CST) via Zoom—*Midnight at the Pera Palace: The Birth of Modern Istanbul* by Charles King

Fort Worth Sudbury School

Curious about a different approach to education?

Fort Worth Sudbury School is hosting an Open House on Sunday, **August 9th from 2-4 pm**, and we'd love to meet you!

While our school community extends beyond the church, we're grateful to share this space and would be delighted to connect with any friends, family members, or neighbors you think might be interested.

Come learn how a Sudbury education empowers students to take ownership of their learning in a supportive, democratic environment.

Women's Alliance

The Women's Alliance meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at noon. For more information, please contact Laurie Mikitka @ 817-688-6062. We'll have a brown bag lunch on Tuesday, August 11 at the church at noon. Join us for conversation and community.

All Peoples Calendar

Sat Aug 8

- 10am Event Set Up—Lamas [Kitchen, Coleman Hall]
- 3pm DFW Black August (Library)
- 3pm Des Revol Support Committee (Jaggers Parlor)
- 7:30pm Lamas—CUUPs [Coleman Hall]

Sun Aug 9, 2026

- 11am Worship Service [Sanctuary]
- 12pm Garden Hose Meeting [Adams Room]
- 12:15pm Keyholder Class (Coleman Hall)
- 12:40pm Paganism 101 [Jaggers Parlor]
- 2pm Sudbury School Open House [RE Wing]
- 3pm DFW Support Group [Library]

Mon Aug 10, 2026

- 8am FWSS Teachers Return

Wed Aug 12, 2026

- 5pm DFW Support Committee (Coleman Hall)
- 7pm Choir Rehearsal [Choir Room]

Thu Aug 13, 2026

- 3pm Kitchen Clean Up [Kitchen]
- 6:30pm Non Church — LGBTQ SAVES [Jaggers Parlor]

Sat Aug 15, 2026

- 12:30pm Crafters Group [Jaggers Parlor]

Sun Aug 16, 2026

- 11am Worship Service [Sanctuary]
- 3pm DFW Support Group [Library]
- 3pm Sudbury School Back to School Event [RE Wing, Coleman Hall, JaggersParlor, Kitchen]
- 7pm Panther City AO School Supply Benefit (Church-Wide)

Mon Aug 17, 2026

- 8am FWSS 1st Day of Classes 2026-2027

Wed Aug 19, 2026

- 7pm Choir Rehearsal [Choir Room]

Sat Aug 22, 2026

- 11am Wild Hare Holistic Fair (Sanctuary)
- 12:30pm Crafters Group [Jaggers Parlor]

Sun Aug 23, 2026

- 11am Worship Service [Sanctuary]
- 1:40pm Trans Inclusion [Jaggers Parlor]

Wed Aug 26, 2026

- 7pm Choir Rehearsal [Choir Room]

Sat Aug 29, 2026

- All day SCA Baronial College [Church-wide]
- 12:30pm Crafters Group [Jaggers Parlor]

Sun Aug 30, 2026

- 11am Worship Service [Sanctuary]
- 12:30pm LGBTQ+ Parenting & Family Formation Series (JaggersParlor)
- 1pm CUUPs Meeting [John Adams Room]
- 3pm DFW Support Group [Library]

Wed Sep 2, 2026

- 7pm Choir Rehearsal [Choir Room]

Thu Sep 3, 2026

- 6:30pm Non Church — LGBTQ SAVES [Jaggers Parlor]

Sat Sep 5, 2026

- 12:30pm Crafters Group [Jaggers Parlor]

Sun Sep 6, 2026

- 11am Worship Service [Sanctuary]
- 12:15pm Potluck Lunch [Coleman Hall]
- 12:40pm Beyond Inquirers [Jaggers Parlor]
- 3pm DFW Support Group [Library]