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ALL PEOPLES CHURCH
Unitarian Universalist

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

Our Unitarian Universalist values call us to meet the world with open hearts, thoughtful minds, and a deep commitment to the inherent worth and dignity of every person. They remind us that love is more than a feeling or an aspiration; it is a practice, a responsibility, and a guiding force for how we live together. When we allow these values to shape our public engagement, we can approach politics and social reform with courage, compassion, and humility.

Working toward a more just world requires us to recognize the ways in which laws, institutions, and social systems affect people differently. It asks us to listen to voices that have too often been ignored, to challenge inequity wherever it appears, and to stand alongside communities seeking safety, freedom, dignity, and belonging. Meaningful reform is not achieved through indifference or division, but through sustained participation, honest conversation, education, and collective action.

Our principles encourage us to honor the interdependence of all living things and to understand that no one is truly free while others are denied justice. This perspective invites us to care for one another, protect the vulnerable, and work toward policies that nurture flourishing communities. It also calls us to care for the Earth, whose health is inseparable from the well-being of present and future generations.

The work will not always be easy. It may ask us to confront our own assumptions, speak up when silence would cause harm, and remain hopeful in the face of setbacks. Yet hope becomes powerful when it is joined with action. By bringing our values into civic life—with empathy, integrity, and perseverance—we help create a culture in which differences are respected, accountability is practiced, and every person has the opportunity to thrive.

Guided by love, we can engage in the politics and social reform necessary to transform our communities and our world. We can choose cooperation over contempt, understanding over fear, and justice over apathy. Step by step, through both ordinary acts of care and courageous efforts for change, we can help build a world where all things are done first in love.

Building a heaven here on Earth is a work in progress, work we cannot set aside when we see steps in the right direction. Our hands and feet must keep writing, calling, marching, protecting, and educating in the public square and in our church and families.

And, by the way, thank you for electing our third woman into the Governor's office. I haven't felt this proud of Texas since the (early) 1990s. Your efforts made this a reality, a reality that exemplifies our values.

I'll see you and a guest on Sunday.
Peace and grace,
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. The theme for November is ***Healing.***

This month's Soul Matters materials can be found here: *https://allpeopleschurchuu.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/11/sm_2026-11_wr_healing_v3.pdf*



Worship With Us This Month

November 1, 2026
Lori King-Nelson, M Div
For All the Love You Left Behind

We honor our loved ones by carrying them in our hearts and keeping their love, voice, and presence inside us long after they are physically gone. Today we honor the gift of love they left behind.

November 8, 2026
Lori King-Nelson, M Div
Letting "NO" Be The Boundary

Healing through personal agency means reclaiming our capacity to make intentional choices, direct our thoughts and body, and move past feelings of helplessness or trauma. This is a spiritual gift we can give ourselves.

November 15, 2026
Lori King-Nelson
The Post-Covid Thanksgiving

We have often felt holiday stress, beginning with Thanksgiving and continuing through the New Year, but there were added stressors Pre- and Post-Covid with family division over politics and family values. What have we learned about our capacity for gratitude in the years following the pandemic?

November 22, 2026
Kendra Weddle, Ph D
Spiritual Growth in Chaotic Times

Most of the time healing requires something from us. In other words, it isn't something enacted upon us, but rather a transformative reality that emerges only with our attentive cooperation. There is a woman in the Christian New Testament who knew this. Let's consider her story to see if she can teach us how to be healers.

November 29, 2026
Ana Maria Thorne
We Give Thanks to the Gods that Devour Us

Exploring the works of WIlliam Stringfellow on the American theology of death.

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Fall Congregational Meeting
will be held Sunday, November 8 at 1:00pm

President's message

As the temperature becomes cooler, I find myself taking deeper breaths and looking more at the world around me, helping to lower my stress. Luckily there's always plenty to look forward to each fall.

Best party of the year our 2026 Service Auction will take place on on Saturday, November 14.

At the service auction, we auction off services. I've decided to donate some audio interviews since I own a microphone. Do you have something you like to do that you'd be willing to donate for the service auction? Think about it, and please join me at the party. I can hardly wait! Hope to see you there.

This Sunday (11/8) we will hold our Fall Congregational meeting. Please attend if you are able. We will be approving our slate of Board officers for the upcoming calendar year.

See you there,
~Rosalyn Hunter, Board President



Religious Exploration

Join us on Sunday mornings before church at 9:45 during the RE hour to connect with our community through a variety of meaningful small groups. ***Here is our monthly lineup:***

First Sundays: The Inquirers Series will be returning this year, led by Alex Runnels. A 9-part series, Inquirers is designed as an introduction to Unitarian Universalism and the workings of this congregation. This class will be running at 12:25pm in Jaggers Parlor on the first Sunday of the month, following worship and Potluck.

Second Sundays: Explore Walking in Spiritual Love with Stephanie Ryburn and focus on meditation and spiritual practices in Jaggers Parlor at 9:45.

Third Sundays: Join Insights, a discussion group led by Julia Sexton. Together, we will watch and discuss Reverend Lori King-Nelson's mid-week videos to share our thoughts and ideas in Jaggers Parlor at 9;45.

Fourth Sundays: Join Laurie Mikitka for Journeys. This small group ministry is designed to foster closeness and deep connection among our members as we share personal experiences and reflect on the month's Soul Matters theme in Jaggers Parlor at 9:45.

Come connect, reflect, and grow with us!

Annual Service Auction is for *Everyone*, so Let's *All* Pitch In!

Each year the service auction is our big fundraiser for All Peoples Church. Please consider offering up your service to help make money for our church so that we can have the best auction ever. Everyone has talents that other people would appreciate. If you are a baker why not offer up ***baking treats*** *for someone holiday party. If you have extra time, why not offer up your talent to* ***help someone clean their house*** *for their holiday gathering. Fall is coming maybe you can offer up time to* ***help rake leaves****. What kind of things would you like help with. Someone to help* ***clean the garage****? Someone to help* ***wash your windows****? Someone to help* ***address Christmas cards****. Someone to help* ***wrap Christmas presents****. Someone to help* ***organize your cupboards or your closets****. Someone to help s****hop for Christmas presents****, maybe s****omeone to take you to the museum or a movie or a show****. So many things that we can offer our service for, ways that we can help each other, and make money for our church. What a win-win situation let's make this the biggest best service auction ever. All our time and treasures and talents used to help each other and help the church.* ***Thank you so very much****.*

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.

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

Thursday, December 3 at 7:00 pm (CST) via Zoom—*Kin* by Tayari Jones

Thursday, January 28 at 7:00 pm (CST) via Zoom—*Moscow Nights: The Van Cliburn Story* by Nigel Cliff

Thursday, March 4 at 7:00 pm (CST) via Zoom —*The Engineer's Wife: A Novel of the Brooklyn Bridge* by Tracey Enerson Wood

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. Join us for conversation and community.

Social Justice Committee Invites You to Join Us!

Social justice meetings will take place the first Monday of every month at 4pm. Our focus is currently on gender violence and feminist issues relating to sexual assault in organizing.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!



LBTQ SAVES

Join LGBTQ SAVES and PFLAG FW for our annual Friendsgiving on November 21 at Celebrations Community Church. This free event is open to our All Peoples family. PFLAG will be providing the entrees, while attendees are asked to help provide side dishes. Attendees with homemade desserts will be entered into our Dessert Contest for fun prizes!

While this event is free, we ask that all attendees register at this link: https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/friendsgiving--2026-7

LGBTQ SAVES

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. ***Let's keep it up!***

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

It won't be complete without <u>you!</u>

Just a friendly reminder that our full color pictorial Directory photo dates are fast approaching! We will be having family photography on November 23 and 24. Appointment times are filling up so hurry and schedule your time if you haven't already. Just for participating, you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a Church Directory. Our Directory wouldn't be complete without you! You can schedule an appointment after services on Sundays.

All Peoples Calendar

Sun Nov 1, 2026
11am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
12:15pm Potluck Lunch (Coleman Hall)
12:45pm Inquirers Series (Jaggers Parlor)
2pm Baby Shower Christine Collins-Davis (Coleman Hall)
3pm DFW Support Group (Library)

Tue Nov 3, 2026
All day Election Day
8am FWSS Closed

Wed Nov 4, 2026
7pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thu Nov 5, 2026
6:30pm Non Church — LGBTQ SAVES (Jaggers Parlor)

Fri Nov 6, 2026
4pm FWSS Fall Dance (Coleman Hall, Kitchen, Jaggers Parlor, RE Wing)
5pm Arlington Suzuki Academy(Sanctuary, Library)

Sun Nov 8, 2026
9:45am Walking in Spiritual Love (Jaggers Parlor)
11am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
12:15pm Safety Committee Meeting (Coleman Hall)
1pm Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
3pm DFW Support Group (Library)

Tue Nov 10, 2026
12pm Women's Alliance (Library-Laurie Mikitka)

Wed Nov 11, 2026
All day Veterans Day
7pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thu Nov 12, 2026
6:30pm Non Church — LGBTQ SAVES (Jaggers Parlor)

Fri Nov 13, 2026
All day Service Auction Prep

Sat Nov 14, 2026
All day Service Auction Prep
6pm Service Auction (Sanctuary, Coleman Hall, Library, Kitchen)

Sun Nov 15, 2026
9:45am Insights (Jaggers Parlor)
11am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
1pm Board of Trustees Meeting (Jaggers Parlor)
3pm DFW Support Group (Library)

Wed Nov 18, 2026
7pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Sun Nov 22, 2026
9:45am Journeys (Jaggers Parlor)
11am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
3pm DFW Support Group (Library)

Mon Nov 23, 2026
8am FWSS Closed
2pm Church Directory Photography

Tue Nov 24, 2026
8am FWSS Closed
2pm Church Directory Photography

Wed Nov 25, 2026
8am FWSS Closed
7pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thu Nov 26, 2026
All day Thanksgiving Day
8am FWSS Closed

Fri Nov 27, 2026
8am FWSS Closed

Sun Nov 29, 2026
11am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
3pm DFW Support Group (Library)

Wed Dec 2, 2026
7pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thu Dec 3, 2026
6:30pm Non Church — LGBTQ SAVES (Jaggers Parlor)

Sat Dec 5, 2026
All day Non Church-Volunteer Appreciation Event (Sanctuary, Library)

Sun Dec 6, 2026
11am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
12:15pm Potluck Lunch (Coleman Hall)
12:45pm Inquirers Series (Jaggers Parlor)
3pm DFW Support Group (Library)