

June 2012

FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF AUSTIN

*We gather in community to nourish souls,
transform lives, and do justice*



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

New Board Leadership Takes Charge

First UU elected six new members to our board at our May congregational meeting. They join five returning members and together make up our 11-member board.

In addition to myself, the Board for 2012-2013 includes Chris Jimmerson, immediate past president, and Bruce Barker, president-elect who we elected according to our bylaws to also serve as president next year.

Other officers include John Franks, secretary, and Michael LeBurkien, treasurer. Trustees are Eric Hepburn, Carolyn Gremminger, Ann Edwards, Ken Pfluger, Michael Kersey and Russell Smith.

This is a very talented group of folks with a strong commitment to our church. Please join me in thanking them for their willingness to share their time, treasure and talents with our church in this way.

And also please thank the six persons on the board whose terms have ended: Eric Stimmel, Brendan Sterne, Luther Elmore, Margaret Borden, Klondike Steadman and Rose Ann Reeser. They provided outstanding leadership and service to our community.

— Susan Thomson, Board of Trustees President



(clockwise from top) Rev. Meg Barnhouse addresses the congregation as (left to right) Chris Jimmerson, parliamentarian Kirk Overbey and Brendan Sterne look on. John Franks, Karen Franks, Rob Feeney and Margaret Borden sit back to watch the show. John Payne and Rose Ann Reeser take a break during the meeting.

Senior's Luncheon

**June 12, noon
Howson Hall**

Charles Palmer on baritone and Kathryn Govier on piano will present a program of songs by Stephen Foster, Sigmund Romberg, and Aaron Copeland. Audience will be invited to sing along on some of the songs. Soup, Salad & Dessert \$5. More info: 451-7172

Path to Membership

**June 16
9 a.m.-noon
Gallery**

Ready to consider membership more seriously? Attend our next Path to Membership Class. Meet other prospective members, learn about Unitarian history and principles, First UU's diverse programs, and the benefits and responsibilities of membership. Brunch provided. More info: membership@austinuu.org.

Dinner for Equinox Ball

**June. 27
6 p.m.**

Hear about all the plans and how you can be part of this Sept. event. More info: Kiya@KiyaHeartwood.com

MEG BARNHOUSE

Thanks for Being Up to the Challenge



The 30,000 Challenge has been met! This congregation came through to support a new staff position: Director of Membership and Communications. With this many members, some churches hire a second minister, and others surround their one minister with people who support, extend and amplify what the one minister can do.

This staff person will be in charge of knowing everything that's going on around here and making sure what the people who should know about an event or a program have the opportunity to know about it. S/he will also arrange to follow each new member through the first year of their membership at First UU, and that people are able to get as engaged with the life of the church as they would like to be. With this \$60,000, we have the first 15-18 months of the costs of this position covered, and it is our expectation that with the increased flow of energy, information, and inspiration provided by this new staff member, one of the ways the church will benefit is in the increased hope and commitment that leads to a powerful financial support for the mission of the congregation.

Why did the original donors step forward? In reading a book on generosity, they came across the description of the Islamic tenet of zakat, the

annual donation of 2.5 percent of one's holdings to charity. Many of us have income, where the traditional share to be given to the church is 10 percent. Some have to figure out what to give in other ways. What this congregation asks and expects is that its members will be "generous within their means." In moving toward whole-

ness and liberation for their spirit, in seeking to be generous people in the world, these donors offered us a challenge. I am so happy to be able to say "Let's

New key staff position now possible thanks to your support of the 30,000 Challenge.

celebrate!" because many of you took them up on their invitation to be generous. We are here to gather in community, to nourish souls, transform lives, and do justice. Let's see how much further along this path we can walk together next year. A big "thank you!" to our challenging donors and to all of those who helped meet their challenge.



IMMIGRATION CLASS WRAPS UP

From April to May, Sally Scott and Rob Feeney facilitated "Immigration as a Moral Issue," a six-week course on a topic that is a 2010-2014 Congregational Study/Action Issue of the Unitarian Universalist Association. The class examined current U.S. immigration policies and their impact on our country.

FIRST UU CAMPUS GOES SMOKE-FREE

Health Effects, Litter Led to Decision

Beginning June 1, our campus went tobacco-free. The building has been smoke-free for years. Smoking harms nearly every organ of the body, causing many diseases and reducing the health of smokers in general. (The Health Consequences of Smoking: A Report of the Surgeon General, 2004). Use of spit tobacco, cigars, pipes, and other tobacco products also lead to disease and death (American Cancer Society). There is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke (The Health Conse-

quences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke: A Report of the Surgeon General, 2006).

Since we are dedicated to providing a healthy, comfortable and productive environment, we are concerned about the health effects and litter associated with smoking, so we are joining with efforts of organizations across Austin to create another space where the air is healthy and the grounds are clean. More info: Sean Hale, sean@austinuu.org

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

Nametags: A User's Guide

If you are a new member (or a long time member who has requested a new name tag) you will find your name tag on the table to your left just inside the east patio entrance to the foyer. New member name tags will have a blue sticker attached. Once you no longer feel "new," simply remove the blue sticker.

If you are a member who needs a new name tag, please request one in the white binder that sits on the table in the foyer.

We ask that all members wear their name tag at Sunday services to distinguish members from first time visitors (wearing red bordered stick on name tags) and returning visitors (wearing blue bordered stick on name tags). If you see someone with these red or blue bordered name tags, please go out of your way to greet them and make them feel welcome. More info: membership@austinuu.org

ANNUAL YOUTH SERVICE

Youth Plan, Lead and Bridge to Adults

On May 20 First UU held its annual youth service, planned and led by the high school youth group. The theme of the service this year was "Individualism and the Social Contract." The service included poetry, musical performances, two homilies, a slide show of this year's youth events, two hymns, and a rap. It also included our annual bridging ceremony, which celebrates the movement of youth from adolescence into adulthood. We extended the ceremony this year to include youth who moved into the middle school or high school youth groups. Audrey, Kate, Max, Jara and Milenko helped plan and lead the service.



Alicia, Kira, Kate, Jara, Audrey, Max, Henry, and Austen back Andrew Young at the Bridging Ceremony during the annual youth service.

Mommy Meals First UU Loves Babies!

Do you like nurturing people? Cooking? Helping new parents? Please sign up to participate in our Mommy Meals program. Each person on a Mommy team of twelve makes two deliveries a week to the family's home or some other agreed-upon spot. This is a good way to make the world a better place, one family at a time. More info: Melanie Haupt, MKHaupt@gmail.com.

Lend Us Your Ears

The worship service needs you to learn how to run sound for the services. Delivering the content of the service to people of all hearing abilities is an important ministry! You also will learn how to make a recording of the service, which helps those who cannot attend, or those who watch on Facebook from far away places. If you are interested in learning the sound system (which will be improved in the next few months) please let Rev. Meg know, Meg@austinuu.org.



Cheers to the Sternes!
First UU gives BOT member fond farewell

The Board of Trustees hosted a reception in late May for Brendan and Valerie Sterne and their daughters Savannah and Lilah to show our appreciation and good wishes. Brendan (above, between Susan Thomson and Chris Jimmerson) has completed three years of outstanding service and leadership on our board, and also served on our policy governance task force. In addition, Brendan and Valerie were instrumental in founding our Young Adults group. The Sterne family is preparing to move to London for what we know will be an exciting adventure, but we hope to welcome them back to their church home at First UU in two years.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The Board of Trustees and You



What a privilege it is for me to serve as your president of the Board of Trustees this year. As I have pointed out at recent Path to Membership classes, two of the three most recent past presidents of our board are now in seminary. I don't see that in the stars for me!

I have, however, been a UU for over 30 years, and I can tell you that my faith as a UU means a great deal to me. And this congregation means a great deal to me as well. My husband Tom and I met at the UU church in Lubbock in 1978, soon after each of us had moved there. We were married the following year and in the following 18 years we served between the two of us in almost every capacity on the board and as committee chairs except treasurer! We have considered First UU Austin our church home since moving here in 1996. I have taught children's R.E., chaired the Adult R.E. committee, participated in the Harvest the Power leadership class and attended the Dwight Brown Leadership Experience (UU Southwest District leadership school). Since joining the board two years ago I have served as a trustee and president-elect and served on the policy governance task force.

Those of you who are new members—and there are a lot of you!—are becoming a part of the life of our faith community at a very exciting time for First UU. Meg will be entering her second year of ministry with us, and we are beginning to reap the benefits of the intensive work we have done over the past three years as a congregation to define our-

selves and determine the difference we want to make in the world.

The Board of Trustees as a policy-based governance board does not involve itself in the daily operations of the church. We leave that to Meg and our wonderful staff and the members of the teams, or committees, who carry out the many ministries of our church under Meg's guidance. The board instead is the one entity in the church whose primary focus is the future of the church. We do this

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by first discerning with your input the church's mission, values and ends (or goals). In other words, who are we as a congregation, what do we want to

become and what difference do we want to make in the world? During this year we will continue to conduct linkage activities with the congregation. Linkage is a form of intentional dialog and listening to ensure that the ends we have established continue to be reflective of your desires for our church. We hope you will participate in these activities as they are announced. We will also be conducting monthly monitoring of our congregation's progress in living up to our mission and our success in implementing and abiding by the policies the board has established.

— Susan Thomson



GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

Next time you donate blood at the Blood and Tissue Center of Central Texas, record your donation under the First UU account. This way your donation can be used to reduce the cost of blood products for any of our members who need blood. Want to sponsor a blood drive? Please contact dale-bulla@pobox.com.

TRANSITIONS AND REFLECTIONS

*Witness & Advocacy Make a Difference***Corinna Whiteaker-Lewis, Outgoing Social Justice Chair****How did you put your stamp on the job?**

I tried to provide consistent support to the projects we had going and I believe in so doing helped elevate their profile within the life of the church. I like to think that this ultimately helped to make social justice more clearly a central part of who we are and what we do here, as reflected in our mission.

**Proudest achievement?**

I am so happy our project volunteers and coordinators are a reliable source of support for the populations they serve. People's Community Clinic, Hands on Housing (left), and the Cold

Weather Shelter Program, just to name a few, are all the better because of our involvement. This church IS making a difference.

What's special about the UU's approach?

Long-time volunteers with Freeze Nights like to tell a story about how the folks we serve like our church better than the others because we don't preach at them, and our food is the best. I think that sums up the UU approach—we meet people where they're at, get them what they need with care and quality, and make no creedal demands in return.

What are your hopes for social justice?

I look forward to vibrant new ideas growing from the solid foundation this church provides. I'm so encouraged by the leadership our minister is providing in the public arena around social justice issues, and hope it leads to continuing witness and advocacy - areas of social justice work that will complement our proven commitment to service.

Women's Spirituality Group**June 2, 16****10:30 a.m. - noon****room 13**

We'll focus on the African orishas Oya and Oshun on June 2. Oya brings the energy of the winds of change, and Oshun shines with beauty and sexuality. On June 16 and July 7, we will focus on African American Spirituality, including honoring the Ancestors, learning from the Outraged Mother, and creating quilt patterns. *Rise Up and Call Her Name: A Woman-Honoring Journey into Global Earth-Based Spiritualities* is a Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation curriculum, written by Elizabeth Fisher (published in 1994, and reissued in 2007). This group is for women high school age and older. We are open to new members at all times. More info: Linda Webster, women@austinuu.org

*Sharing More than Food***Linda Buehlmann, Outgoing Sharing Supper Coordinator****What drew you to the Sharing Suppers?**

One of the first events I attended when I joined First UU was a Sharing Supper. It was there I met a woman who became one of my best friends in Austin. I loved the warmth and sense of belonging I felt at those first SS.

In 2009, three members of the church came to my house and asked if I would consider being the coordinator. I said yes right away because it was one way in which I could "pay back" for all the wonderful evenings I'd experienced and I believed in the goal—to make people feel welcome in our church.

For the three-plus years that I have coordinated SS, I have made so many good friends and enjoyed every supper.

What makes for a good sharing supper?

The most satisfying part is seeing those folks come who really knew no one at the church and to watch them blossom, become members, and then start hosting a supper or two. I have noticed that people feel comfortable very quickly when a small group is involved. Since everyone contribute, it's easy to feel a part of the group.

Other memorable times of your tenure?

I felt gratified when there were four homes that people gathered in at one month. And I definitely was proud when I heard that new members had recognized Sharing Suppers as one thing that made a difference to them.

Singalong

June 23
7:30-10:30 p.m.
3701 E. MLK
Blvd.

Please bring snacks and finger foods, musical instruments, and copies of songs you want to sing. Copies of "Rise Up Singing" will be available. Please do not bring alcohol, since this is not a custom of the Quakers. More info: **Larry Vaughn**, 469-0029. Contact **Mary Jane Ford** at singalong@austinuu.org to add someone to the e-mail list.

Readers' Theater

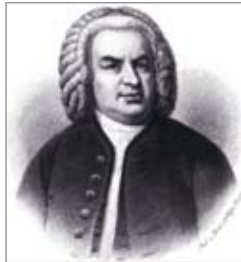
June 11, 7:30 p.m.
the Gallery

Read aloud an assortment of one-acts. We welcome newcomers; no theater experience required. This is our last meeting before summer break.

MUSIC MATTERS

ADULT CHOIR GOES BACH TO BASICS

On June 3, our church's first summer service will feature a classic Cantata by baroque master J.S. Bach. The Adult Choir will be joined by a chamber ensemble of instrumentalists from the Austin Symphony Orchestra and guest soloists from Conspirare and Texas Choral Consort. Don't miss this season's final major work!



JUPITER, STOLZMAN COMETH

First UU's artists-in-residence will present their festival concerts at the church on June 30 and July 1. The June 30 concert will feature the Jupiter String Quartet in works by Haydn, Bartok and Mendelssohn. July 1's concert will feature amazing clarinetist Richard Stolzman on a wide variety of works accompanied by Michelle Schumann on piano. Tickets half-off for First UU members. More info: www.austinchambermusic.org.

PARADOX PLAYERS

MACDOUGAL FETED, PAYNE WELCOMED

After the final performance of "Sisters Under the Skin" in late May, Paradox Players bid a fond farewell to Paultette MacDougal as artistic director and welcomed Gary Payne as her successor. First up was fine food and high spirits in the Gallery then back to Howson Hall for a short ceremony honoring Paultette (the co-founder of Paradox Players, along with Ann Edwards) for her energy, artistic vision, and many other contributions to the company over the last 13 years. Not to be outdone, Paultette serenaded us with a rendition of "Over the Rainbow" (with Charles Hill on piano) before she left festooned with gifts, gratitude, affection, and good wishes.



(left) Paultette, far right, receives a flower from Ann Edwards. (right) Paultette serenades well-wishers with a performance of "Over the Rainbow."



PARADOX PLAYERS UPDATE

"The Best Man," FLEX Tickets on Tap

We kick off the new season in October with Gore Vidal's biting political satire, *The Best Man*, enjoying a revival in New York. We'll announce the complete 2012/2013 season in the July newsletter. Sale of FLEX Tickets for the 2012/13 season continues through the summer months. This new subscription replaces the traditional season tickets for all three shows. Your FLEX ticket gives you six admissions for \$60, to be used however you want—spread over the season of three plays, used for six admissions to one play, or anything in between. Front row seating will be reserved for anyone with a FLEX ticket. Purchase ticket in the Gallery or at paradoxplayers.org.



SOCIAL ACTION

Connecting the Dots on Climate Impact Day

We are a world of connected dots, in early May the Grounds Committee and one of the Wednesday Chalice groups connected with other dots all over the planet to take action to impact climate change and the associated extreme weather. For Climate Impact Day we weeded our native-landscaped, low-water-use gardens.

That may not seem like much on a global scale but little actions all over the world add up. Planting and maintaining a low water use landscape that is also a habitat for birds, beasts and butterflies is one way our church walks our talk about making a difference and living our faith. But it does take work, and after a warm, wet winter our landscape looks a bit like it is having a bad hair day. So Dale Bulla from the Grounds Committee met one of the Wednesday Chalice Circles for some good old weed pulling. Ann Gardner had

baked some delicious date bread and half way through the grand event we stopped, broke bread and toasted the day with ice water. Then we took our photo and added it to the photos from around the world of people making a statement on Climate Impact Day. If you go to <http://www.climatedots.org/> you can see these photos. Some of them are very funny, even though the topic is serious. Our friend Kermit often said, "It ain't easy being green," but on that Saturday, we at had some fun too.

— Beki Halpin



(left) Ann Gardener, Geri Neemidge, Allen Pope, Paige Neemidge, Beki Halpn and Dale Bula connect the dots on Climate Impact Day. (right) The Wednesday Chalice Circle crew get ready to pull weeds.

PCC Volunteer Collate Group

June 12,
9:30 a.m.
At the PCC

Additional volunteers are needed to collate and stuff patient information packets at People's Community Clinic. We have taken on additional responsibilities and need more help. Arrive anytime after 9:30 am and leave when you need—we always finish by noon. You don't need to participate each month, just as you can. More info: Sheri Overton at pcc@austinuu.org.

ARCH Lunch Preparation

Mondays
6 p.m., kitchen

For 2nd Monday off-site location, e-mail lyndawest@earthlink.net

IDEAS NEEDED

Congregational Outreach Project 2013

Like First UU's recent Journey with Food, the goal of our congregation-wide outreach project is to engage as many people as possible in a set of activities focused on a specific social issue. We hope to connect with one another in fellowship, practice our values in the public arena, and have a good time! Thinking ahead to Spring 2013, we want to make sure that the social issue we choose resonates with the congregation and that we can provide volunteer opportunities suited to people of different ages and abilities. Once we have some ideas, we can plan the project itself. We'll also need some additional committee members to help get this idea off the ground. interested? Please drop me an email at churchwideproject@austinuu.org. We expect to hold our first committee meeting sometime in June. I look forward to hearing from you!

— Wendy Erisman, chair, Congregation-Wide Outreach Project Committee



The Sunday Book Group Sundays

Memories, Dreams, Reflections, by C.G. Jung.
More info: James Burson, 794-1086

Mind and Meaning Book Club Sundays

More info: mindmeaning@austinuu.org

Heritage Book Club check calendar

Pot luck dinner followed by a discussion of a book at members' homes.

LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING

THIS SUMMER Hour-Long Children/Youth Group Programming

STARTING JUNE 3, 10-11 A.M.
JUNE 3-AUG. 26 NO STORY TIME AT SERVICE

This summer, children and youth will go directly to their classrooms for an hour of worship, learning and fun. All ages will participate with the age group/grade that they will be in the fall. Children who will be age four and under in September will enjoy playtime in room 19 and 21.

K-2nd and 3rd-5th

These grades will explore some "Awesome Stuff" this summer.

- You're Made of Star-Stuff
 - You're Saved by Something Green
 - The Awesome Thing about Poop and Pee and Dead Stuff that Rots
 - If There Were No Bugs to Bug You
 - The Ancestor of all Your Ancestors was Invisible
 - You Live on a Speck in a Spinning Spiral
- Plus: Look for announcements about some great summer social action projects.

Jr. High Youth Group (GRADES 6-8)
Sr. High Youth Group (GRADES 9-12)

Both groups will focus on the six components of community building: Worship, Learning, Team Building, Social Action, Leadership and Youth/Adult Partnership. Come be a part of the future this summer.

COMING THIS FALL Class Offerings

Children's Choirs will continue to rehearse during the first service. Jr. and Sr. High Groups will meet during the 2nd service. The curriculum and class divisions will be the same for Grades Preschool - 5th grade at both services:

- Preschool (3 and 4 year olds)
- Kindergarten-1st grade,
- 2nd-3rd grades,
- 4th-5th grades,
- Jr. Youth Group (grades 6-8)
- Sr. Youth Group (grades 9-12)

Please start thinking about the service you will attend if you have younger children. We want to build up the number of adults attending our first service. The curriculum will be the same at both services. Classes will be grouped in smaller age ranges - which are much better for all towards creating a nourishing, exciting community.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Classroom Assistants and Sunday Office Assistants needed for Summer, Fall, Winter and Spring

Sign up in the Gallery, the RE Office or e-mail Liz@austinuu.org. We appreciate your TLC.

ADULT PROGRAMMING

NEW PROGRAM! Eclectic Folk Jam

JUNE 8, 7-10 P.M., ROOM 15

Musicians are invited on second Fridays to gather and play folk music, to share songs and learn from each other with an emphasis on instruments as well as singing. Genres will include bluegrass, gospel, blues, protest songs, Irish, Scottish, Elizabethan, Appalachian, Dixieland, broadside ballads and more. Nourish your soul by playing music



and sharing with others. More info: Mary Jane Ford, 926-4122, or Pete and Kim Akenhead, 834-0188. Childcare will be available, but you must request it a week prior via childcare@austinuu.org.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

General Assembly Upon Us

General Assembly is more than the annual business meeting of the Association. The myriad of programs, worship events, witness and service opportunities, and exhibits not only provide a rich experience to the thousands of UUs who attend each year, they also give participants a renewed sense of energy, up-to-date information, inspiration, and innovative ideas to take back to their congregations and communities.



Some members of First UU have already registered and made travel and accommodation arrangements. Why don't you make plans to join us and thousands of other UUs from around the world?

The votes GA delegates cast have a huge impact on Unitarian

Universalism. They determine our elected leaders, amend the bylaws and rules that govern our Association, and shape the justice work we do as a movement.

Delegates to the 2010 and 2011 General Assemblies have directed that the 2012 GA in Phoenix, Ariz., will be a special "Justice GA," a gathering with multiple ways of engaging in justice work for people of all ages. Joining with the people of Arizona, we will worship, witness, learn and work together.

The dollars that congregations contribute support the infrastructure that makes GA planning possible year after year. The work of our UUA is made possible by the generosity of individual donors and gifts to the Annual Program Fund. Please consider making a contribution today to continue this important work: www.uua.org/giving

GENERAL ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS

- Preparatory presentations, workshops
- National Day of Witness and Service
- Business meetings (Plenaries)
- Service of the Living Tradition
- Ware Lecture
- Celebrations and worship services
- Regional In-Gatherings

GA 2012 MEDIA

REV. FREDERICK-GRAY'S INVITATION

View the invitation of Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray of the UU Congregation of Phoenix, Ariz. on the UUA YouTube channel: <http://www.youtube.com/user/UUAElectronicComm> While you're at it, there are many other UU videos to enjoy!

REV. MORALES' BLOG

Follow the blog of Rev. Peter Morales, Beyond Belief: Reflections from the UUA President, to learn his thoughts on various topics of the day. In April, Rev. Morales wrote about being a panelist at the annual World Affairs Council in Boulder, Colo., where Unitarian Universalism is now getting more visibility because of his presence. Panel topics included spirituality, faith, racism, immigration, prisons, religion in politics, and making a difference in the world. To read his blog posts, see <http://president.blogs.uua.org/>

STANDING ON THE SIDE OF LOVE

Go to www.standingonthesideoflove.com to learn other ways you can help bring about social justice and equality together with other UUs and denominations.

UU WORLD MAGAZINE

Don't forget that you can keep up on immigrant stories and refugee and immigrant rights issues in your *UU World magazine* or here: <http://www.uuworld.org/currentissue.shtml>

SWUUC Summer Camps

July 1-21

The Southwest Unitarian Universalist Conference will offer three separate summer camps at U-Bar-U for ages 8-19 in July.

July 1-7

rising 3-6 graders
SWUUC Junior Camp

July 8-14

rising 7-9 graders
SWUUC Senior Camp

July 15-21

rising 9-12 graders and 19-year olds who have just graduated

Register: <http://fd8.formdesk.com/swuuc1/camps12/>

Southwest UU Summer Institute

Tahlequah, OK
July 22-27

Save the date for this UU family summer camp. Info: Denominational Affairs bulletin board and at: <http://swuuc.org/pages/services/camps/swuusi.php>

Attention Attendees

Keep in touch

Whether attending GA, SWUUC or other events, e-mail denom@austinuu.org and let us know. Sharing contact info helps us communicate, meet up and help with travel logistics.

Flower Power Take a Spot on the Calendar

Please consider filling an empty spot on the Flower Calendar. You can honor or memorialize a special person or date, or just provide flowers to warm your own heart! You may sign up in the hallway across from the office. More info: Barbara Denny, flowers@austinUU.org

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

SANCTUARY 10 A.M.

JUNE 3 Gold in the Shadow

WITH REV. MEG BARNHOUSE

Carl Jung spoke of the “shadow side” of personalities and concepts. In the shadow are all of the elements we would rather not acknowledge. If we believe that pride makes us bad, our pride will be in the shadow side of our personality. If we believe that leisure is lazy, our resting self will be in the despised and hidden shadow. There is much value to be gained by being aware of one’s shadow side.

JUNE 10 The Real Ten Commandments

WITH REV. MEG BARNHOUSE

It is often said that our nation’s ethics derive from the Ten Commandments of Moses. If you look closely at them, though, they don’t reflect American values very well at all. Solon the Athenian was born around 638 B.C.E. In 594 B.C.E he was elected to create a constitution for Athens. Solon is the founder of Western democracy and an early proponent of equal rights for all citizens.

JUNE 17 Bee Yard Etiquette

LED BY THE SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP

In Sue Monk Kidd’s *The Secret Life of Bees*, the beekeeper tells her apprentice “the world is really one big bee yard, and the same rules work fine in both places: Don’t be afraid, as no life-loving bee wants to sting you. Still, don’t be an idiot; wear long sleeves and long pants. Don’t swat. Don’t even think about swatting.” Here’s how we’re going to keep making honey over the summer ...

JUNE 24 Special Guest Worship Leader

WITH TOM SPENCER

Perennial favorite Tom Spencer will visit our pulpit. Tom is CEO of Interfaith Action of Central Texas (iACT), which cultivates peace and respect through interfaith dialogue, service and celebration. Prior to being hired by iACT in 2008, Spencer served as a host and producer for KLRU-TV, Austin’s Public Television station, for over 25 years, including a fondly remembered run as host of *Central Texas Gardener*.

THE FORUM

SANCTUARY 11:30 A.M. FOLLOWING SECOND SERVICE

JUNE 3 **Up from Here? Challenges of and Barriers to Economic Revival**

WITH JAMES K. GALBRAITH PHD

This talk is one of a series sponsored by First UU addressing the question “How Much is Enough?” James will discuss his recent research on inequality in the world economy and on the financial crisis. He will highlight trends toward concentration of wealth in the hands of a few and attendant political and social risks. James holds the Lloyd M. Bentsen Jr. Chair of Government/Business Relations at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at UT–Austin and a professorship in Government. His most recent book, *Inequality and Instability: A Study of the World Economy*, has just been published by Oxford University Press. In the 1990s he served as chief technical adviser for macro-economic reform to the People’s Republic of China. He is a senior scholar with the Levy Economics Institute and president of the Association for Evolutionary Economics.

JUNE 10 **Your Food Future**

WITH RICHARD SOMMER

Richard Sommer will discuss bees and their crucial relationship to agriculture. He will provide an update on bee colony collapse issues and other issues that threaten food production. Richard, a member of First UU, has served as president of the Nebraska Honey Producers Association and chair of the Nebraska Environmental Quality Council. He is a geographer for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection, and Quarantine Agency. He has also spent 20 years providing pollination services and in honey production in Western Nebraska.

JUNE 17 **Invasive Species**

WITH DR. JACK DELOACH

Jack will discuss his research in controlling saltcedar, a highly damaging tree from Central Asia. Using leaf beetles from the Old World, which can reproduce only on some saltcedar species, this biocontrol project has resulted in control of 2,000 stream miles from California to Colorado, and about 200 miles in western Texas. Jack received his PhD from NC State University in 1964 and worked on biological control with the US Department of Agriculture for 48 years. He has received four national and international awards for this research.

JUNE 24 **Is Happiness Really a Warm Puppy?**

WITH WENDY DOMJAN PHD

People think they know what it is to be happy, even if the experience is elusive. Yet recent scientific research shows that the nature of happiness may be more complicated and interesting. The talk will identify the factors known to contribute to happiness and the ways we enhance or limit happiness in our own lives. Wendy Domjan earned a PhD in cognitive psychology from the University of Wisconsin–Madison in 1977. She is Distinguished Senior Lecturer in Psychology and the assistant director of the Plan II Honors Program at UT–Austin. She has won numerous teaching awards, most recently the Regents’ Outstanding Teacher Award.

Weekly Meets
Check Calendar for Locations

Mindful Meditation Practice
Mondays
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Covenant Yoga Practice Group
Tuesdays
1:30 p.m.

Philosophical Discussion Group
Wednesdays
1-5 p.m.

The Presence Group
Thursdays
7-8:30 p.m.

Mighty Platypi Campfire
Saturdays
10-11 a.m.

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SPECIAL OFFERING FOR JUNE *The Caring Fund*

The Caring Fund is used where the congregation would like to lend support to someone in or around its community. In the past that has been help with tuition, furniture, or rent. The Caring Fund also carries an ongoing obligation to a former sextant, who is now elderly and depends upon this yearly addition to his or her income. The Christmas Eve offering and a portion of the second Sunday offering are the sources of this fund, which enables us to reach out in a practical and immediate way when one of us is in need.



A NOTE ABOUT SPECIAL OFFERINGS

On the second Sunday of every month our church collects a special offering. Your generous donations (given during both services) go to the First UU Justice Fund, which is divided among worthy organizations, thereby extending our church's mission into the greater community. Organizations are nominated and then approved by the congregation.

HELP WANTED

LEAD TEACHERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S PROGRAM (CYPC)

Year Round beginning Sept. 9, 2012

- Teach during both services
- 2-3rd grade and 4-5 grade classes
- Prepare and lead lessons (lead all elements of lesson and prepare/gather supplies as needed).
- Provide guidance to classroom assistants.
- Will consider job-sharing
- All interested apply to Barbara@austinuu.org
- NOTE: Due to First UU personnel policies, church members can only be considered on a volunteer basis. Non-members can be compensated as staff.