



July 2019

Upcoming Events at First UU

Splash Day is Coming, June 30!

Children and youth should expect to get wet, so please bring a towel and a change of clothes. If you want to volunteer to make snow cones (and get first dibs), email Kelly.Stokes@austinuu.org.

Eclectic Folk Jam, Friday, July 12, Rm. 17, 7 p.m.

An open jam session for singers and instrumentalists, held on the second Friday of every month. We have "Rise Up Singing" and "Rise Again" songbooks and music stands. Bring other songs if you like. Bring drinks and snacks to share. Contact Pete and Kim Akenhead at 512 834 0188 or Mary Jane Ford at 512 926 4122 or singalong@austinuu.org.

Sharon and Brian Moore Gallery July Opening, Saturday July 13, Gallery, 6 p.m.

Calling all First UU artists! July - August is our annual Members' Art Show - this year, in our wonderful new gallery space. Because space is finite, please limit size to a maximum of 36 inches horizontal. Please email your interest to the church gallery at gallery@austinuu.org and include artist's name, contact info., title of artwork, medium, and price. We will respond to set up a drop-off date and time.

Calling all House Elves!

July 22-26, Camp UU Hogwarts will transform First UU into a magical castle of fun and adventure. To do this we need volunteers to assist and support the staff! A House Elf is a flexible volunteer opportunity assisting and supporting Hogwarts staff. Donate just a few hours of your time and you could be participating in a Hogwarts morning reflection, a scavenger hunt for the Tri-Wizard Cup, a class about Magical Creatures or making potions, going to a Ball or just hanging out watching a movie. We need volunteers any time between the hours of 8:30 AM-4:00 PM. For more information, send an E-Owl to Laura Miller, mrssockterrier@gmail.com

UU/Quaker Singalong, Saturday, July 27, Friends Meeting House, 7 p.m.

We meet at Friends Meeting House, 3701 E. MLK Blvd. Bring snacks, finger foods, and musical instruments. Copies of "Rise Up Singing" and "Rise Again" are provided, but you may bring other songs.

Contact Larry Vaughn at 512 469 0029 or Mary Jane Ford at 512 926 4122 or singalong@austinuu.org.

Announcements & Notes

There will be no Senior Lunch for the months of July and August.

Seeking Volunteers!

There are lots of fun and easy ways to contribute to faith development at First UU, like being a table greeter for 15 minutes before the service, practicing our rituals with children on Sunday morning. Find out more and sign up at the rainbow table in the foyer or by emailing Kelly Stokes, kelly.stokes@austinuu.org.

Chalice Circles Return this Fall

Facilitators and participants alike have noted that chalice circles have given them a moment to sit back and view their beliefs through new lenses, grow their relationship with themselves and a small cohort of others, and deepen the connection to our UU faith. Are you interested in becoming a facilitator for a Chalice Circle? Deadline for facilitator registration is July 31 as participant registration will begin in early August. Kelly Stokes, kelly.stokes@austinuu.org.

A Note from Rev. Chris

Now that our large display screens are working in the sanctuary, I will be displaying text for any special or last-minute announcements on them rather than making verbal pulpit announcements when I am leading worship. Please limit such announcements to 3 sentences and no more than 50 words and send them to chris.jimmerson@austinuu.org by the Thursday before the Sunday they should appear. Please limit these to items that came up too late to make the deadline for the regular announcements.

Denominational Connections

UUSC Action on Immigrant Rights – The UU Service Committee is providing opportunities for activism on immigrant rights. Learn more and take action at <https://www.uusc.org/>.

UUA discusses NPR podcast series on James Reeb– The UUA website contains an article describing the NPR podcast series “White Lies”, which discusses the murder of UU Reverend James Reeb in Selma in 1965. The article can be found at <https://www.uua.org/>, and the podcast series can be found by googling “NPR podcast James Reeb”. The podcast explores the question “Who killed James Reeb?” and even more importantly “What killed James Reeb?” This is an important part of UU history, now receiving much-needed attention.

The Point 2019 - July 21-26, Lake Murray State Park, Oklahoma – Spiritual deepening, fellowship, and fun in a beautiful setting. The Point offers personal growth, faith renewal, learning opportunities, spiritual practices, community worship, music, excellent cuisine, sustainable practices, social events, outdoor activities, programming for all ages and interests, and an engaging theme speaker. Information and registration at <https://www.thepointuu.org/>

For more information. For questions about denominational activities, to find out about available scholarships, or for carpooling to events, please email David Overton at denom@austinuu.org