

# Huntsville Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship

Rev. Tom Capo, Minister



## April 2008 Newsletter

Services are held on the second and fourth Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Laura Chapel of Huntsville Memorial Hospital. From 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. we gather and have coffee. For more information call (936) 295-3170.

It is the ability to take a joke, not make one, that proves you have a sense of humor. ~ *Max Eastman*

## Annual Business Meeting

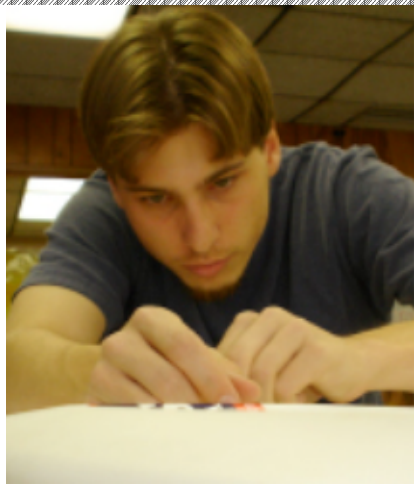
The Fellowship's annual Business Meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 4, 2008, at the home of Anne True and Richard Norman (1879 Greenbriar Dr. in the Elkins Lake Subdivision). During this meeting we will be considering the annual budget and the construction of a building to house our fellowship. A Potluck luncheon will follow; so please bring your favorite dish. Friends of our fellowship as well as members are welcome to attend; however, only members will be eligible to vote.



**Sunday April 27, 2008**

Rev. Capo's sermon is entitled *Thank God for Evolution*.

At this year's minister's retreat, Michael Dowd presented a way to celebrate spirituality and the science of evolution. Dowd says: "It matters what we think about evolution. Trying to understand reality without an evolutionary worldview is like trying to understand infection without microscopes or the structure of the Universe without telescopes. It's not merely difficult; it's impossible."



**Sunday, April 13, 2008**

Our speaker will be James Moore. The title of his talk will be *U-U Evangelism - Spreading the Good News of U-U through Outreach*.

Why do fundamentalist Christians have a monopoly on Evangelism? The original meaning in Greek is "I bring good news." Unitarian Universalism provides good news very different from fundamentalists who preach fire and brimstone. Our message is simply put, "No Hell, Dignity to all." We tend to avoid talking about religion to people we meet for fear of offending or awkwardness. However, as members and believers in the principles of the UU organization, we should feel that our philosophy is a gift that requires re-gifting to those ignorant of the good news our messages bring.

Furthermore, how could a solid foundation on earth and soil in Huntsville help answer the calling of the Fellowship to take us into the 22nd century and beyond? What resources does the Fellowship have for outreach and what else could we be doing to get people in the door? We need to look at the possibility of setting outreach goals for new contacts and members over the next 10 years. UU Evangelism is an important part of our community. We need to be loud and proud of the wonderful message of UU principles.

James Moore is a member of my fellowship. James was born and raised in Houston, TX, where he attended college and graduated from the University of Houston in 2004 with a B.B.A. in Marketing and a minor in Spanish. After a couple of years working at a multi-cultural radio station in Houston, James decided to move away from Houston and joined the Lake Livingston community. Currently looking for a home in Huntsville, James has owned and operated the business Aardvark Tutoring in Walker County for 2 years. At the beginning of 2008, he began teaching ESL at the English Language Institute of SHSU

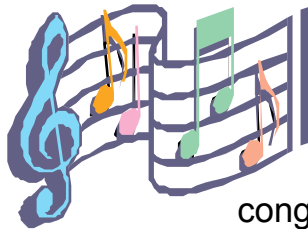
### **Women's Sharing Circle**

On April 17th, we will be meeting at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Gail Phillips (137 Water's Edge at the 18th in the Elkins Lake Subdivision). Melissa Mahaffey will be leading a discussion on dream interpretation. It is suggested the participants read *A Little Course in Dreams* by Robert Bosnak, beforehand. Used copies can be purchased at Amazon.com for under \$5.00. Luncheon will follow.



The next Book Club meeting will be held at 2:00 pm on Sunday, April 13th at the home of Melissa Mahaffey (2104 Ave N ½). Richard Lane will review *Bless Me Ultima* by Rudolfo Anaya. *Bless Me Ultima*, which is Rudolfo Anaya's first novel, is considered a classic Chicano Work and won the Premio Quinto Sol award. For more information please contact Richard Lane at 291-7212 or Melissa Mahaffey at 295-3486.

## Book Club



### A Note From Our Musicians

Our Song Leader, Melissa Templeton-Mahaffey, would like to announce that she and our pianist, Dixon Lichtenauer, would be happy to get requests for songs sung either by the congregation or as special music.

### Coin Collection

Our fellowship would like to say thank you to Mrs. Alice Schulman for the generous donation of her late husband's, Dr. Frank Schulman's, coin collection. As per her request, the collection has been sold and the revenue has been applied to the building fund of our fellowship's new home.



Mrs. Schulman has also donated her late husband's stamp collection of famous Unitarian-Universalists. It is currently being mounted and reframed and we hope to hang it in our religious education classroom in our new home. Every time we look at this collection, we will think of Dr. Schulman.

# Upcoming Conferences

## U-U General Assembly

The 47th annual meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations will be held from June 25-29, 2008 at the Fort Lauderdale, Florida convention center. The theme of this General Assembly is the "Common Threads" that weave together the fabric of our Unitarian-Universalist faith and community.

Registration for this event opened March 1st. You may register by going to <http://www.uua.org/events/generalassembly/>

The International Convocation of Unitarian-Universalist Women will be from Feb. 26 - March 1, 2009 at the Hilton of the Americas in Houston, Texas. We hope that everybody marks their calendar for this event. This will be the first time in 15 years that the U-U women has met nationally, and the first time ever that they have met internationally.

The goals of the Convocation are to gather together to:

- Discover common interests, emergent ideas and future priorities;
- Worship together, connecting spiritually with our individual and collective power, caring and humility;
- Explore the major challenges that lie before all women around the globe.
- Learn from women's accomplishments and how their work has improved women's lives;
- Showcase vibrant, relevant model programs to empower women; and
- Create personal action plans to enrich and transform our lives, while expanding opportunities for women's equality, development, social justice, security and peace.

Early registration starts soon. The convocation will also need volunteers from this region to help. For more information go to <http://www.swuuw.com/html/Conf.htm>

## International Convocation of U-U Women

### **Huntsville Chapter of the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty**

A new chapter has been established in our area. Monthly meetings will generally be held at 7:00 pm at the Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church on the third Monday of each month. Special events will be held for those who cannot attend the meetings to still be involved with the movement. For more information please contact James Moore at (832) 687-2510.

## **News From Afar**

Dorothy Huskey celebrated her 90th birthday last month. She had a wonderful time and enjoyed all the cards and photographs that everyone sent her.



We have had news from Sylvia Plummer. She and Scott and Anita Plummer are enjoying their new home in Utah. On March 2nd, She wrote

"Snow this morning covered up the grass that appeared during the recent thaw so we're reminded that isn't over yet.

Anita is enjoying retirement and will start getting her Social Security next month! Scott is still involved with supervising his mother's estate and is hopeful that a recent contract on its sale will go through.

I intend to go to Canada in June to attend the reunion of my growing up Bridge River Valley ... just beyond Whistler. Before I leave, Kathy Freydenfeldt will be here for a visit. The Bird Watching Association is having a convention in the area.

I volunteer at the library and knit for the children of Afghanistan. I heard about the need from Heifer International which is a group I have supported for many years."

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