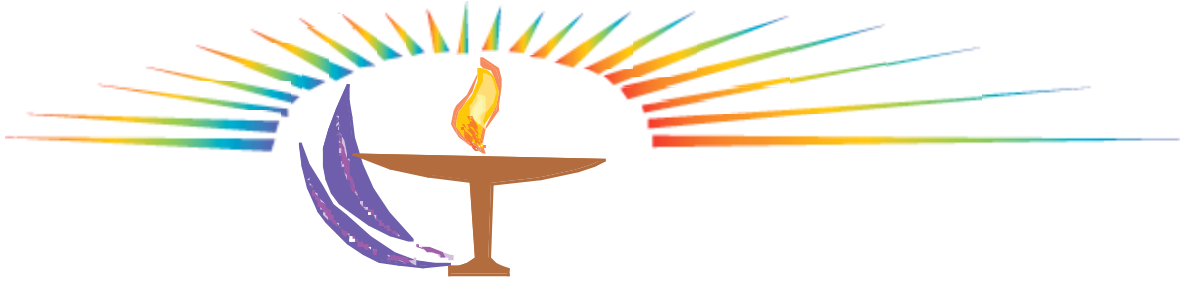


Huntsville Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship

Rev. Tom Capo, Minister



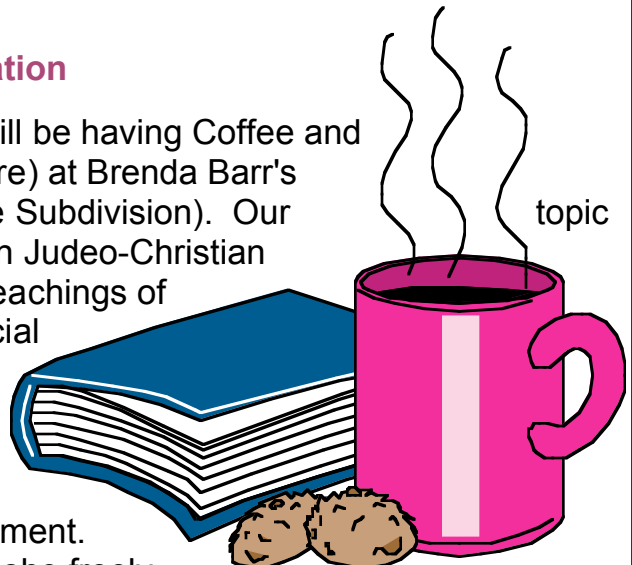
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During the summer, Services are generally held on the fourth Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Laura Chapel of Huntsville Memorial Hospital. From 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. we gather and have coffee. For more information call (936) 295-3170.

"It is a wise child that knows its own father, and an unusual one that unreservedly approves of him"
~ Mark Twain

June 8th Coffee and Conversation

On Sunday, June 8th, at 10:00 am, we will be having Coffee and Conversation (and perhaps a little bit more) at Brenda Barr's home (1960 Greentree in the Elkins Lake Subdivision). Our topic will be "Zoroastrianism and Its Influence on Judeo-Christian Traditions." Zoroastrianism follows the teachings of the prophet Zarathustra and was the official state religion of Persia during the reign of Cyrus the Great in the 6th century B.C.E. Concepts that arise from Zoroastrianism include Heaven and Hell, angels, the resurrection and a final judgement. Anne True will be facilitating the talk and she freely admits that she is not an expert on this topic and she hopes that everyone will read up on this subject beforehand.

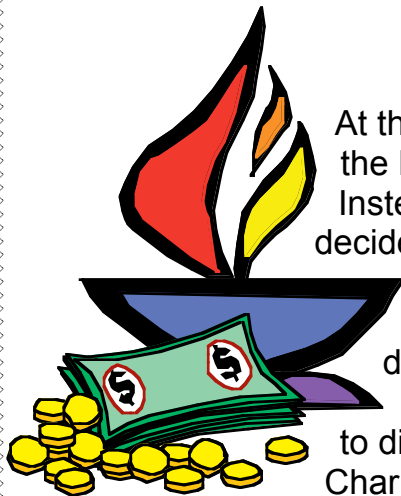




Sunday June 22, 2008

Rev. Capo's sermon is entitled *Working for the Greater Good*

Unitarian Universalists focus on individual rights and individual growth and the inherent worth and dignity of every person. What does that really mean? Sometimes I think we confuse worth and dignity, with letting people do what they want.



Charitable Giving

At the Annual Business Meeting, it was decided to separate the Fellowship's charitable contribution from the budget. Instead of giving a set amount to each charity, it was decided to pass a second collection basket approximately

once a month, just for donations to a local charitable organization. Each month's collection would be dedicated to one specific local charity. On June 22nd after the service there will be a short business meeting

to discuss the organizations that our fellowship will support.

Charities that are currently being considered are the following: C.O.M.E.; The Good Shepherd Mission; Habitat for Humanity of Walker County; The Harper Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund; The Rita B. Huff Humane Soc.; The Senior Center of Walker County; SAAFE House; Huntsville Promise; The Wynne Home Art Center; and CASA of Walker County.

Women's Sharing Circle

The Women's Sharing Circle will be taking a break during the summer months. We will start meetings again in September. We hope everyone enjoys their summer.





Campus Ministry

James Moore and Beth Williamson are trying to establish a student Unitarian-Universalist group at Sam Houston State University. They will continue handing out information and talking to students on the Mall in front of the Lowman Student Center when the Summer Session starts. Anyone who is interested in helping to start a campus ministry is invited to join them. For more information, please contact James Moore at admin@aardvarktutoring.com.

Chalice Lighter Call:

The Spring 2008 Chalice Lighter Call is to help Bay Area Unitarian Universalist Church of Houston, Texas, fund a sound system for their new Fellowship Hall. The Fellowship Hall is an important new addition to the Bay Area UU Church. The new sound system will provide versatile options for religious education programming, public events and committee work. The sound system that the Bay Area UU Church seeks will do much to improve some of the technical problems they currently experience. More importantly, it will greatly facilitate their outreach ministry. Please mail your contribution to "SWUUC Chalice Lighters" SWUUC District Office, 6720 Brentwood Stair Road, Ft. Worth, TX 76112.
<http://swuuc.org/pages/stewardship/chalice-lighters.php>



Our Fellowship is urging all its members to join the Chalice Lighters organization. Chalice Lighters is a program of the Southwestern U-U Conference in which members contribute small donations (typically \$15.00 - \$25.00) up to three times a year to help other congregations build or improve their churches and programs.

Contribution of Record:

The bylaws of our fellowship state that all members of the fellowship must make a "financial contribution of record each year." For those members that contribute cash, please, at least once a year, place your donation in an envelope with your name on it.

Annual Business Meeting

The Fellowship's annual Business Meeting was on Sunday, May 4, 2008. The following officers were elected.

Officers:

President: Joan Stringer
Vice President/Program Chair: Beth Williamson
Secretary: Pam Johnson
Treasurer: Richard Lane

Appointed Positions:

Music Director: Dixon Lichtenauer
Co-Song Leaders: Melissa Templeton-Mahaffey and Beth Williamson
Co-Reading Leaders: Anne Sigler and Richard Norman
OOS Editor: Anne True
Growth/Membership Chair: James Moore
Newsletter Editor: Anne True
Co-Publicists: Paul Culp and Stuart Williamson
Web Site Coordinator: Roberta Krock

Current Committees:

Building Committee: Chair, Anne True; Lee Stringer; James Moore
Ministerial Search Committee: Chair, Beth Williamson; James Moore, Anne Sigler, and Joan Stringer
Religious Education Committee: Chair, James Moore, Anne True

We Will Miss You!

The president of our fellowship, Mardi Sale, and her husband, Danny, have moved to Florida where Mardi has taken a new job as an Associate Professor of Accounting at the Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne Florida. We all wish Mardi and Danny the best of luck and hope that they have a lot of fun in the Sunshine State

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Congratulations to Our Triathlete!

On Mother's Day, church member Anne Sigler competed in the Danskin Triathlon at Walt Disney World in Orlando Florida. She finished with an awesome time of 1:42:41. Also racing were her daughters Katie Tauxe of Los Alamos, NM, Leah Narro of Omaha NE,, and Anita Faillace of Belton, TX. Also competing were Anne's sister-in-law, Jean Ward of Memphis, Anne's niece, Elise Ward of Denver, and Anne's friend of 60 years Vivian Guthrie of Atlanta. Anne is pictured here at a triathlon at SHSU that she competed in earlier in May.

Congratulations to the Newlyweds!

Two friends of our fellowship, Martha Castillo and Al Ruther, were married on May 1st.. We wish them much joy and happiness in their marriage.



*Love one another, but make not a bond of love:
Let it rather be a moving sea between the shores of your
souls.
Fill each other's cup but drink not from one cup.
Give one another of your bread but eat not from the same loaf.
Sing and dance together and be joyous, but let each one of you be alone,
Even as the strings of a lute are alone though they quiver with the same music.
From Kahlil Gibran's The Prophet*

Children's Theatre Festival Presents Ice Wolf

The SHSU Department of Theatre and Dance & the Huntsville Arts Commission will present Ice Wolf by Joanna Halpert Kraus at the Children's Theatre Festival. This drama is about a fair-headed Eskimo who is turned into a wolf. The three children of church members Anne True and Rick Norman will be acting in this play. Alex Norman will portray the Fox, while Payson and Elliot Norman will be "Forest Creatures". Performances are at 7:00 on June 17 - 19. Tickets are available from Anne True or Rick Norman or at the door.

The International Convocation of Unitarian-Universalist Women will be from Feb. 26 - March 1, 2009 at the Hilton of the Americas in Houston, Texas. 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.

Early registration has started with a discount rate of \$299. You can pay by credit card online at <http://www.icuuw.com> or with a check to "Southwest UU Women", 3224 Timmons Lane, #165, Houston, TX 77027. Starting September 1, 2008, the registration fee will increase to \$350.

International Convocation of U-U Women

Huntsville Chapter of the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty

Monthly meetings of the Huntsville Chapter of the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty are held at 7:00 pm at the Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church on the third Monday of each month. Since 1961 it has been the policy of the Unitarian-Universalist Association to urge "its churches and fellowships in the United States and Canada to exert all reasonable efforts toward the elimination of capital punishment." To further this goal, this newsletter is publishing the list of executions scheduled to take place in Texas for this year. Vigils will be held at 5:15 p.m. the evening of each execution at the Wall Unit in Huntsville. For more information, please contact James Moore at (832) 687-2510. For more information about the U-U's position on the death penalty go to <http://www.uua.org/socialjustice/issues/deathpenalty/37919.shtml>

Date	Person
6/03/2008	Derrick Sonnier
6/11/2008	Karl Chamberlain
6/17/2008	Charles Hood
7/10/2008	Carlton Turner
7/22/2008	Lester Bower
7/31/2008	Larry Davis
8/05/2008	Jose Medellin
8/14/2008	Michael Rodriguez
8/20/2008	Denard Manns
9/09/2008	Gregory Wright
9/18/2008	Joseph Ries
10/16/2008	Kevin Watts

ESCAPE TO VERMONT

September 26 – 28, 2008

Fourteenth Annual B&B Weekend offered by the UU Church of Rutland, VT. Enjoy the beauty of Vermont, UU hospitality, and a choice of guided activities: hiking, kayaking, bicycling, antiques/arts, cider making historic tour, soaring tour, touring historic sites and quaint towns, and much more. Registration by August 1, \$250 (single) and \$450 (double). After August 1, \$300 (single) and \$500 (double). For more information contact uufoliagevermont@yahoo.com or (802) 353-7969.



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