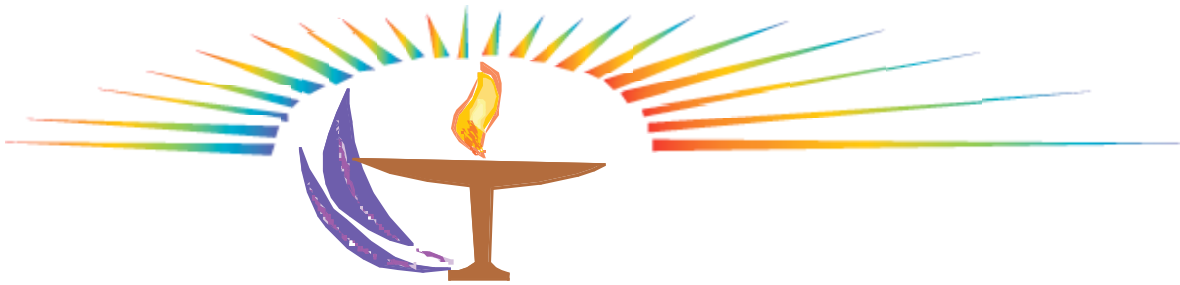


Huntsville Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship



October 2008 Newsletter

Services are generally 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.

I feel no need for any other faith than my faith in the kindness of human beings. I am so absorbed in the wonder of earth and the life upon it that I cannot think of heaven and angels.

~ Pearl S. Buck

Sunday, October 12, 2008

Our speaker will be Roy Turner. The title of his talk will be *Enough Water?* This talk will focus about protecting the rivers of the Texas from dam builders and the water needs of the metropolitan areas in Texas. The ecology of the Neches River, and the recreational opportunities it offers to east Texas will also be addressed, as well as the need for smart water management throughout the state.

Roy and his wife Carol are members of our Huntsville U-U fellowship. During Roy's lifetime, he has been a teacher, botanist and traveler. Presently, he and his wife split their time between their homes in Huntsville and San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. In Mexico, where they spend half the year, he volunteers as a trail guide at the local botanical park. In Huntsville, they assist with the local ESL program at the library



Sunday, October 26, 2008



Our guest minister will be the Reverend Kevin D. Young, an ordained Elder in The United Methodist Church. A devoted family man, Kevin is a husband and father of four children. Rev. Young earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Texas A&M University and a Master of Divinity degree from Texas Christian University's Brite Divinity School. He hopes to pursue doctoral studies in the future.

Kevin and wife Laura are extremely active in social justice ministries and politics. Together they work toward the abolishment of the death penalty, immigration reform, and full inclusion and equal rights for GLBT persons, just to name a few. Kevin is the Chair of the Conference Board of Church and Society and he and Laura serve as Co-Chairs of Breaking the Silence, a group of clergy and laity working for full inclusion of GLBT persons in the UMC. Kevin enjoys teaching and recently joined the faculty of Perkins School of Theology in the Course of Study Extension Program. He is teaching an Evangelism course this fall.

Kevin enjoys golf and baseball. He and Laura are both singers and songwriters. Kevin was a jazz trumpet player during his college years, and also plays drums and bass guitar. He is an avid reader and student of biblical scholarship. Among his personal disciplines is a commitment to morning hours in study, prayer and reflection—a practice that nurtures his preaching, teaching, and pastoral ministry.

Rev. Young's personal faith and general approach to life comes from a heart filled with gratitude for the never-ending discoveries of God's faithfulness and love. He has a deep love for God's world, Christ's Church and the human family, and feels especially blessed to enjoy a vocation that joins him in ministry, life, and friendships with other people who have also been amazingly graced with faith in God through Jesus Christ.



Charitable Giving

At our October 26th service, we will have a collection in honor of Association Sunday on October 12th.

Association Sunday is for ministers and lay leaders across the country to affirm our common bonds and purposes by speaking to their congregations about the value of our Association and our efforts to grow our faith.

At our September 28th service, we collected donations for Walker County Habitat for Humanity. A total of \$175.00 was collected. We thank our members and friends for their generous contributions.

In last month's newsletter there was an error in the amount of money collected for the Friends of the Huntsville Public Library. The correct amount was \$335.00.

The Siglers have stored the following for display in our new church: the stained glass sun catcher and the blue ceramic Chalice from the Bay Area Unitarian Universalist Church, as well as the stamps of famous Unitarians given to our congregation by Dr. Frank Schulman. The stamps have been remounted and are framed and ready for hanging.

The Siglers want people to know where these items are, just in case they forget where they put them. ☺ To find these items in the Siglers' house, go upstairs and turn left to go into the Exercise room. The attic door is on the right with key in the lock. On the right as you open the door, the stained glass is stored in a large, black satin bag; the stamp collage is wrapped in brown paper with "Glass" on outside, and the hangers are attached. The chalice is on left side of the door in an open brown box with lots of wrapping paper on top. Finally, the UU banner for use at the Diversity Dinner is in the garage to the left as you enter from driveway - up on wall. There are 2 banners there; one belongs to the Siglers and one belongs to the church.



Hymnals

The New Hymnals are here!!! Joan Stringer said that it was a wonderful surprise to go to the post office and find that big package! 19 new hymnals were purchased and when we next meet we will have plenty of books so that everyone can sing with gusto!!! Thank you to Carla McAdams for installing the dedication labels. Thank you to everyone who purchased a hymnal.



Donations for hymnals with designees:

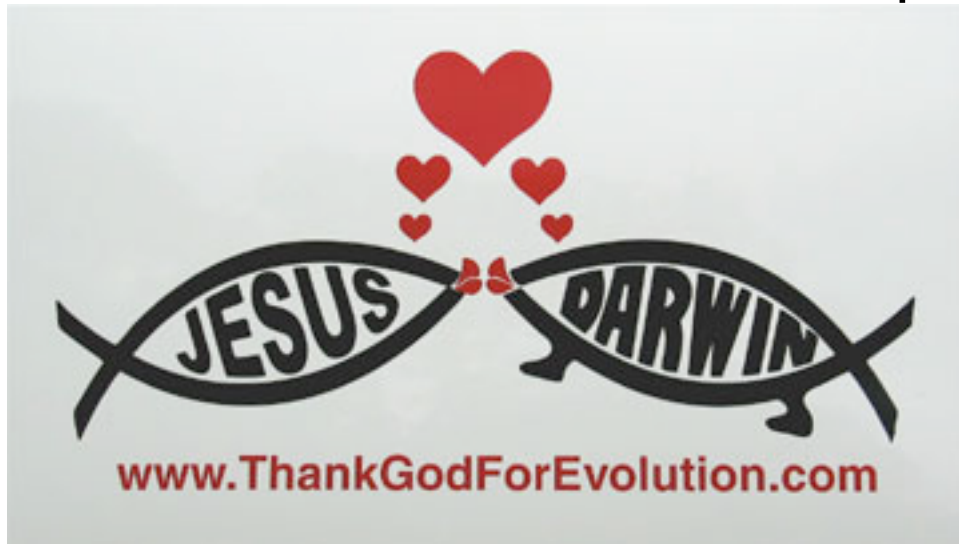
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Mardi Sale	in memory of Kathy Payne
	In memory of Kathy Payne
Paul Culp	in memory of Kathy Payne
Anne True/Rick Norman	in memory of Travis Childress Turner
	in memory of William Wadsworth True
	in memory of Dr Frank Schulman
Carla and Thomas Mc Adams	in memory of Dr Frank Schulman
Anne and Kelley Sigler	in memory of Dr Jack Westbrook
	in honor of Alice Schulman
Pam and James Johnson	in honor of Dixon Lichtenauer
	in honor of James Johnson
Joan and Lee Stringer	in honor of Beth and Stuart Williamson
	in honor of Anne and Kelley Sigler
	in memory of Kathy Payne
Gail and Ralph Phillips	in memory of Dr Frank Schulman
Beth and Stuart Williamson	in memory of Mada G Williamson
Carol and Roy Turner	in memory of Travis Childress Turner
James Moore	in memory of Clyde Ogden Moore

Women's Sharing Circle

On Thursday, October 16th, we will be meeting at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Roberta Krock (3329 Pine Grove Dr.). We ask that anyone who has come up with a design for our new church banner to please bring it. If Anne True can figure out how to change the format, we will also be having a presentation of the first session in the Unitarian-Universalist Global Literacy program. Luncheon will follow.



The Reverend Michael Dowd to Speak



The Huntsville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is excited to announce that the Reverend Michael Dowd, author of *Thank God For Evolution*, will speak at the Walker Ed Center on Thursday, Feb 12th 2009, at 7:00 p.m. This is a huge opportunity for our UU Fellowship to make a statement and to let people know that UU'S are present in Huntsville! Please tell everyone to attend this event.

The Rev. Michael Dowd, a United Church of Christ minister, has been called "America's evolutionary evangelist" and is a leader in the movement to reveal the process of evolution as a spiritual development, a "14-billion-year-old lesson in grace." The Rev. Dowd believes that God has always been present in evolution and his book "builds bridges, provides guidance and restores realistic hope" for everyone regardless of their religious beliefs.

The SWUUC Fall Leadership Conference will be held from November 14, 2008 - November 16, 2008 in Glen Rose, TX.

A variety of intensive training tracks will be offered with everyone coming together for multigenerational worship, meals, and socials at Glen Lake Retreat Center in Glen Rose, TX (southwest of Ft. Worth). Tracks planned are Worship for All Ages, led by Rev. Elizabeth Strong & Tandi Rogers; Ageing to Sageing, led by Rev. Pat Hoertdoerfer; Lay Chaplain Training, led by Elandria Williams; and Non-Violent Communication. For information, contact the SWUUC office.

**SWUUC Fall
Leadership
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Recommended Books by Ann Staples



Rediscovering Jacob Riis: Exposure Journalism and Photography in Turn-of-the-Century New York by Bennie Yochelson and Daniel Czitrom.

This book, which can be ordered through interlibrary loan, has a copyright date of 2007. What I had expected was a large-format book of photographs; what arrived was a small book of two essays - one by each author - and numerous small illustrations. This book was concerned with immigration and the terrible housing conditions of the poor and especially to Riis's contributions to the documentation of this era, both from a literary and from a photographic point of view. I found it good and timely.

A Voyage Long and Strange: Rediscovering the New World by Tony Horwitz. This book, which was published in 2008, was recommended to me by Richard Lane. I have thoroughly enjoyed it and laughed and laughed at the author's humorous, engaging style, while learning a lot. The book has two interwoven parts: explorers to America from the Vikings on to the Plymouth settlers, and the author's modern-day travels in search of the routes of these explorers and the sites of their landings. A wonderful amalgam of past and present. This book is available at the Huntsville Public Library.

The World in a City: Traveling the Globe Through the Neighborhoods of the New New York by Joseph Berger.

This book, which can be ordered through interlibrary loan, has a copyright date of 2007. Each of the eighteen chapters of this book deals with a different ethnic part of the city. The book has a map and each chapter has a section listing places to go see and places at which to eat. The chapters of the book can be read in any order and the book itself can be read either in part or in its entirety. A good book if one is planning a trip to New York. The author covers the problems of immigrants, the shifting immigrant patterns and personal stories as he travels through the neighborhoods on a three-year journey of discover. The writing is solid but not overly engrossing, and as of the time of this review, I am yet undecided as to whether to read the book from cover to cover. Chapter 7, "Long Day's Journey from Bedford Park, tells the story of an immigrant health-care worker's low pay and long commute for short hours of employment. P.S. I did read it all.



The Millbend Coffeehouse is a non-profit live music venue hosted by the Northwoods Unitarian-Universalist Church at their church at 1370 N. Millbend in The Woodlands. Performances are held at 8:00 pm on the 2nd Saturday of every month. Refreshments such as several gourmet flavors of coffee and a variety of scrumptious pastries are available. Recommended Donations are as follows: Adults - \$15.00; Seniors and Differently-Abled - \$12.00; Attended Child - \$2.00.

On October 11th the artist will be Ken Gaines and Wayne Wilkerson. Ken Gaines is a legendary promoter and supporter of folk music and performers in the Houston area. He is also one of the most talented singer-songwriters around, and an accomplished musician as well. Ken will be joined by guitarist *extraordinaire* Wayne Wilkerson. The show will be opened by talented local songwriter Sara Van Buskirk.

For more information go to <http://millbend.org/index.htm>

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