

SAN GABRIEL UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

We are a Welcoming Congregation



Newsletter

February 2016

Ways of Growing

Jennifer Van Buren, Board President

When individuals remark that their congregation is growing, they typically mean that membership numbers are increasing. While this is an important area of growth, Loren Mead, author of *More Than Numbers: The Way Churches Grow*, describes four types of growth possible in congregations: Incarnational, Maturational, Organic, and Numerical growth.

Incarnational Growth is also referred to as “Growth in Action.” Mead proposes that there are four types of action: Civic, Activist, Sanctuary and Evangelical. Healthy incarnational growth requires that a congregation learn to trust the wisdom of many types of action.

Both the Civic and Sanctuary styles of change refer to the relationship between the members within the congregational system. A “Civic” style of relationship is a relationship of the congregation to its members, of working within congregational needs. “Sanctuary” style of relationship is a relationship that provides an interface with their spiritual life. We have many ways congregants can grow their spiritual lives. From the Drumming Circle to Circle Suppers, we participate in many enriching programs. In the next year, we plan on holding monthly Congregational Conversations, giving an open forum of communication on a wide variety of topics. We will be adding a Men’s Support Group to the list of many opportunities for congregants to help each other along our spiritual journeys.

“Activist” style is the relationship of the congregation to the larger community. Supporting PFLAG and NAMI, participation the MLK March, as well as working to move the Confederate Monument, are just a few examples of the many ways our congregation takes on the “Activist” position. An “Evangelistic” style brings Unitarian Universalism to people who have not experienced it previously. We welcome visitors and put ourselves “out there” with Courageous Conversations and the Interfaith Eco-Network of Georgetown. While we are not evangelical in pressuring non-UU’s to convert, we do reach out with pride when taking our work to the larger community.

Members, whether they know it or not, prioritize these forms of action. The recognition of a diversity of focus is the first step in understanding incarnational growth. It is



Click above for a video of the MLK March & Celebration courtesy of Ben Torres.

important that we keep a balance among these action types, and remember that not everyone is going to have the same priorities. We should continue to respect those who look outward more than inward, or are present-driven instead of future-driven. There is room for all of our types of action.

Maturational Growth is also referred to as “Growth in Wisdom.” According to Mead, this kind of growth allows the congregation to “challenge, support, and encourage each one of its members to grow in the maturity of their faith, to deepen their spiritual roots, and to broaden their religious imaginations.” SGUUF has shown this kind of growth through the process of becoming a Welcoming Congregation, as well as a Green Sanctuary.

Organic Growth is also known as “Growth in Strength.” Skill building and leadership development are key components to healthy organic growth. Several of SGUUF’s leaders have been participating in the Heart of Texas Leadership Series, and other members participated in two recent Religious Education seminars, all facilitated by our UUA Congregational Life Staff, Natalie Briscoe. We have also had members attend the 2015 UUA General Assembly, and more will attend the 2016 General Assembly in Columbus, Ohio.

I feel that our congregation is growing in all four of these ways. Our numerical growth is evident and I expect it to continue. Our decision to move Rev. Mark up to full time, to hire a quarter time Religious Education Director and bringing on a Choir Director, all reflect ways we have “staffed for growth” as our congregation takes steps to grow in many ways.

Sunday Worship Services

All services are held at our church home, 1322 East University Avenue (Highway 29), in Georgetown.

Service begins at 10:30 a.m.

February 7

The Pines, the Ashes, and the Seedlings

Rev. Nell Newton

It's easy to be dazzled by beauty of nature and when we wander into religious naturalism we are apt to spend more time admiring its prettier parts. Our 7th principle asks us to hold "respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part." But that web has some dark strands and complex connections that elude our understanding. In this sermon we'll take a walk through the burned out forests of Bastrop to consider the implications of a deep green religion.

Rev. Nell Newton was ordained by the San Marcos UU Fellowship last year and is happy to return to the pulpit of San Gabriel UU. She currently works for [TreeFolks](#), a non-profit that empowers Central Texans to build stronger communities through planting and caring for trees. She lives in Central Austin with her husband, assorted teenagers, too many cats, a flock of chickens, and one sweet dog.

February 14

On Religion and Science

Rev. Mark Skrabacz

[The Clergy Letter Project](#) maintains statements in support of the teaching of evolution and collects signatures in support of letters from American Christian, Jewish, Unitarian Universalist, and Buddhist clergy. This effort was initiated in 2004 by biologist Michael Zimmerman, now vice president for academic affairs and provost at The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington. On this 11th annual Evolution Weekend, the weekend closest to Charles Darwin's birthday (February 12), Rev. Mark, a signatory to the Clergy Letter Project, will speak to the fact that religion and science are not adversaries.

February 21

On Just Mercy

Rev. Mark Skrabacz

During this Black History Month let's take a look at the book chosen as our Community Read, [Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption](#). As a brilliant and idealistic lawyer, Bryan Stevenson, has made sacrificial contributions to the reform of criminal justice. Come listen to heart-wrenching and inspiring stories from this book and celebrate its gifted author who has endured the stigma of hate in his quest to make criminal justice in our nation less criminal and more just.

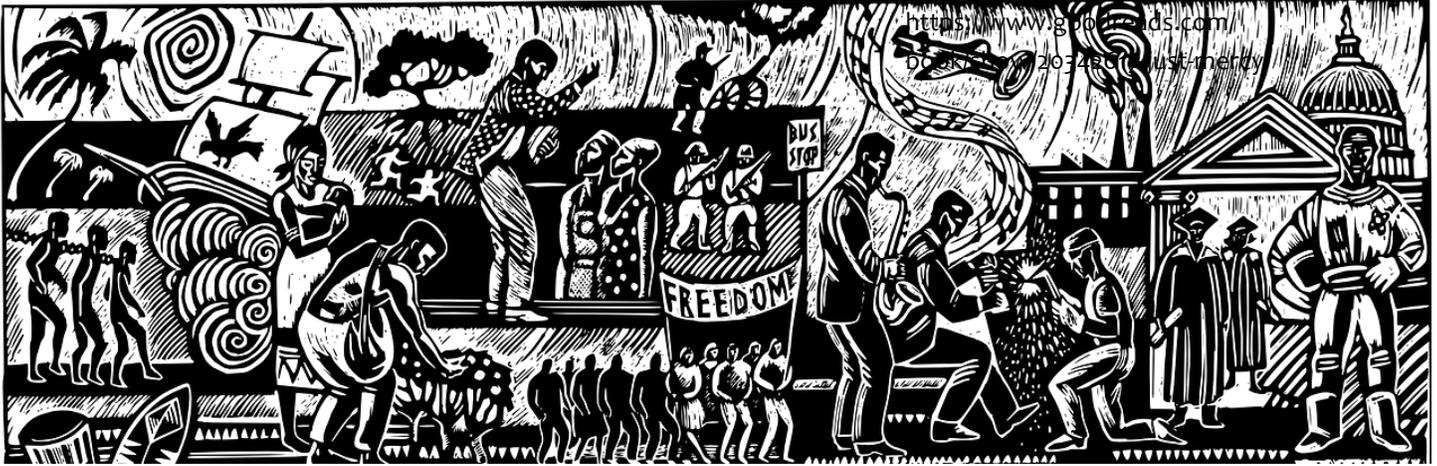
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A Special Guest

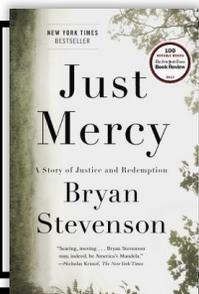
Rev. Mark Skrabacz

Today we will have a special Guest Speaker. The person and topic will be announced. Our Family Choir will inspire us with choral music. Keep an eye on the weekly announcements for further information and plan to attend.





BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS



Just Mercy, a memoir and New York Times bestseller by Bryan Stevenson, a Harvard Law graduate and founder of the [Equal Justice Initiative](#), exposes the continuing legacy of racial injustice in the U.S. criminal justice system. Discussions of *Just Mercy* will be held at **6 p.m. on Wednesdays on February 3, 10, 17, and 24** on the bridge on the second floor of the Georgetown Public Library at 402 W. Eighth Street. The book discussions are free open to the public.

Community discussions called **Courageous Conversations about Race** will explore four themes that serve as community cornerstones as they intersect with the topic of race. Each discussion will include community leaders related to each of the topics: Each discussion will be at **7 p.m.** in the Friends Room of the Georgetown Public Library at 402 W. Eighth Street. The public is invited to attend and participate in these facilitated discussions.

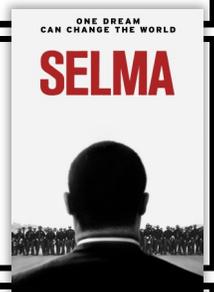
Education: Thursday, February 4

Healthcare: Thursday, February 11

Public Safety: Friday, February 19

Economic Development: Thursday, February 25

The 2014 film *Selma* will be shown in a public screening at the Georgetown Public Library at **5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26**. The film showing is free and open to the public. The film tells the story of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the historic march on Selma, Alabama in 1965, which helped to galvanize the civil rights movement and fueled efforts to pass the Voting Rights Act later that year.



Black History Month Banquet

7:00 p.m., Friday, February 12

The banquet, sponsored by The Georgetown Cultural Citizen Memorial Association, will be held at the McKinney Christian Ministry Center at First United Methodist Church, 410 E. University Avenue. Individual Adult tickets are \$10.00 and a table of eight is \$100.00.

Members and friends have made contributions so that SGUUF will have a couple of sponsored tables at the event. We would like to extend an invitation to those who would like to attend. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Mark at markskrabacz@hotmail.com.

TEA AND DRUMMING CIRCLE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH 5-7 P.M.

At the home of our awesome drummer, Fred Martinez
807 Jasmine Trail, Crystal Knolls 78626



Come Drum and Have some Fun in this growing community of sacred and creative expression!

This is both a meditation and a fun social event.

Bring a drum, shaker, rattles and a healthy snack to share.

We welcome new people to this growing event! We have some drums to share if you don't have one and feel called to join us!

We welcome children and youthful beings. We request that youth are respectful of the meditation circle and the instruments!

RSVP is appreciated but not required.

Call UK Khalsa with questions or to RSVP at 512-921-9899.

You're Invited to The Caring Place 26th Annual



SOUP SUPPER!

Tuesday, February 23rd, 2016
4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Georgetown Community Center
San Gabriel Park
445 E. Morrow St., Georgetown

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT 2016 COATS FOR KIDS



TICKETS

\$10 Adults

\$7 Children 5-12

Free for Children 4 & Under

Purchase tickets online at www.caringplacetx.org or in *The Shops at The Caring Place*

For more information contact Rita Turner rturner@caringsplacetx.org • 512-943-0702

interfaith eco-network of georgetown forum



The February IENG Forum on Bees scheduled for the 18th at Wellspring UMC has been cancelled.

The next IENG Forum will be on **Monday, March 21st**, at Southwestern University. More information in the March newsletter.

PFLAG Meeting

Monday, February 22nd

6:45 p.m.

Community Room, Independent Bank
1503 Rivery Blvd., Georgetown

For further information contact Rev. Mark

markskrabacz@hotmail.com

land 512-819-1608, cell 830-928-3722



Recommended Viewing



Watch Discover Attend Participate About

Bryan Stevenson:

We need to talk about an injustice

TED2012 • 23:41 • Filmed Mar 2012

31 subtitle languages

View interactive transcript



Dear Abby

Unitarian Universalism got a mention in [Dear Abby's column on Saturday, January 23rd](#), including a link to uuu.org. She describes Unitarian Universalists as believing "in the dignity and worth of every human being" and encouraging and supporting others "in following their personal spiritual paths." Nice to know our message is getting out there.

The Minister's Mind

The Rev. Mark Skrabacz

As we move into our second month of 2016 as a Fellowship, we do so from a collective center of shared significance, from a mutual belief that we belong together, through collaboration that makes us stronger in serving each other and that overflows into ministries that reach out and transform our community.

Our lives are richer when we align ourselves in agreement. Our first congregations in New England rejected the idea of creed as a central doctrine for a religious community. In its place, they adopted covenants – written documents – describing how members of the community chose to be with one another. Central to each covenant was the idea of the spirit of love working in the hearts and minds of each member of the community bringing them into unity, and helping them to sustain unity when conflicts arise.

James Luther Adams, UU theologian, emphasizes five important points about covenantal agreements.

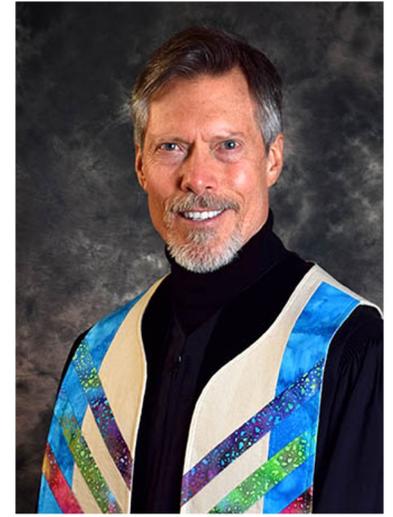
1. human beings are at our best when we make solemn promises to one another and work hard to keep them.
2. covenant must be about action and not just good words.
3. covenant is individual and collective. It's about relationship, each of us responsible for the whole group. Our covenantal responsibility is to be informed and act on what's happening.
4. covenant is about uplifting others. We must pay attention to those who suffer from society's neglect or injustice.
5. covenant is not about the letter of the law but the spirit of the law. Violating covenant is about breaking trust. Covenant is primarily a faith practice.

This faith practice, or as I like to call it "faithing forward," is about what we collectively hold dearly and for each of us as UUs it will also be about something distinctively our own. Yet in this place we know as San Gabriel, we gather in a special center of mutual interdependence -- a place that each person here claims and that has some claim upon us because you or I allow it to. We have internal ministries and external outreach ministries. They conform to our mission. What is our mission? It is our vehicle for developing and practicing our ministries. It reads in part that we are a community that "welcomes diversity, embraces compassion, invites participation and practices liberal religion."

We follow our mission to our vision, which reads: "Together in beloved community, we will build a world without borders where all are valued and supported as they navigate their individual religious journeys." Our task is to turn vision into practice, taking not only the long and broad view, but also the daily-ness of work and generosity and hearing what the congregation collectively hopes for, what the congregation needs, and what each person is willing to offer to make that happen. This Fellowship is at the center of our spiritual commitment – the highest of what we hope for our families, our faith, and our world.

Each person is here because there's something for which you hope – and these things are possible if you make them possible. Amazing things are possible if you make them possible. This is a place of dreams that can be nurtured and even more of dreams and vision that can be set free in our lives and in our community. How will we take steps to realize these dreams? I invite us all to make and abide by agreements to sustain and proclaim our practice of "faithing forward" and growing together to overflowing.

With deep respect and gratefulness as your Minister,
Rev. Mark



Rev. Skrabacz received his Master of Divinity from the Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley. He is an ordained UU minister, serves as a Trustee of UBarU Retreat & Conference Center, facilitator of the PFLAG Austin monthly meeting in Georgetown and is an Initiated Elder of the New Mexico Men's Wellness Community.

Minister's Office Hours

Rev. Mark is available for pastoral care and counseling by appointment on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

To set up a visit, please call or text his cell 830-928-3722,

or email

markskrabacz@hotmail.com

He is always available for any emergency.

Georgetown Tara Circle
February 30, 3:30-4:30
in the Sanctuary @ SGUF

Contact Susan Rogers, sjrogers2004@yahoo.com

A Message from Rev. Mark

Dear San Gabriel UU Fellowship,

*Holy and beautiful is the custom which brings us together,
For a lifetime, a season or a reason.
We are companions in love and trust along the road of life, and
In the presence of mystery far greater than ourselves.
Sometimes our better thoughts lead us to only two words –
Help and Thanks.*

*Such an occasion is upon us that requires we turn to these essentials.
It is a milestone of transition and change of which we are not afraid,
For our Faithing calls us to courage, not fear.
It is a Rite of Passage filled with possibilities and promises.
And we give thanks for all that has led to this moment.
The blessing and sending off of
Our proverbial Mother and Father.*

*Caroline and Roe Mackey are moving to Denver.
We have precious little time to tell them what they have meant to us
And to offer them a fond, empowering and joyful farewell.
Please plan to be present for our February 21 st Sunday Service.
After which we will break out the champagne and cake.
And pass the microphone to speak to them of our gratefulness, sadness, and hope.
All are invited to this send off celebration of our courageous and far-seeing
Beloved Caroline and Roe.*

Please contact me if you are interested in supporting this celebration with your ideas.

With deep respect, some sadness, great hope and abiding care, Rev. Mark

Social Justice Committee Special Collection

On **Sunday, February 21st**, there will be a special collection to support the activities of the Social Justice Committee. This is a planned collection within the approved 2016 church operating budget. All monies collected during the Offertory will go to fund this special collection, except for those designated as pledges or for other stated purposes.

The Social Justice Committee spends money in three major areas. Last year about \$810.00 was spent on training. About \$1700.00 was spent on charitable activities like flood relief and winter coats for kids. The largest expense of \$3050.00 was for the support of families in our unique collaboration with the education and workforce training non-profit Capital Idea. We call this our Family Aid Project.

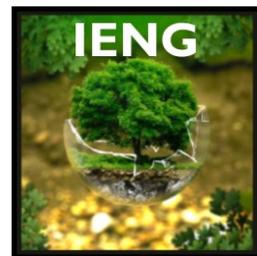
SGUUF has a history of giving to charities via the Social Justice Committee. This charitable giving could be described by the parable: "Give a man a fish and feed him for a day. Teach him how to fish and feed him for a lifetime." Our history of charitable giving has consisted of the giving of fishes. In 2015, the Social Justice Committee chose to move further into justice making with its **Capital Idea Family Aid Project**, assisting qualified at-risk families with basic needs as a household member

completes higher education to make them independent. In other words, teaching them "how to fish".

We support other justice-making programs like our community-wide Interfaith Eco-Network of Georgetown, which primarily offers communication, education and training in environmental and economic justice. We have also made great strides locally in justice-making oriented to families, friends and members of our Williamson County LGBTQ community through our UUA Welcoming Congregation certification, and establishment of a monthly community-wide PFLAG support, education and advocacy group. Our UUA Green Sanctuary certification program integrates justice-making for our children, youth and adults through regular Sunday Services celebrating our Earth and its eco-systems. Green initiatives making our campus more sustainable, growing vegetables and fruits in our southeast Georgetown food desert, personal green practices at home and workplace, and efforts to beautify our campus as a sustainable habitat for pollinators and other wildlife, all help to affirm our commitment to environmental justice.

In response to an increased congregational operating budget in 2016, our Capital Idea Family Aid Project intends to expand our support from two families in 2015 to six families in 2016. The current approved SGUUF budget requires us to fund two thirds of our expenses via special offerings. To be assured we can meet our commitments to families whose needs are unpredictable, we wish to ensure some additional funds early in the year. Your support through our February 21st Special Offering will be wisely used, and greatly appreciated by, the members of the Social Justice Committee and by the families we are serving. Next year, to aid in our Social Justice activities planning, we are seeking an operating budget with funding for Social Justice that, like every other segment of our congregational life, comes from our pledges and other income, and is not tied to special offerings.

All of these justice-making activities are directly connected to our UU Principles. We feel our Family Aid Project will become a local hallmark of our commitment to these Principles.



"1000 Courageous, Sustaining UUs for Justice" Campaign

[TXUUJM](http://txuujm.org) has accomplished impressive things in its brief existence, but is still a start-up organization. Financially, it operates with only a two-month surplus, making it difficult to budget, plan and sustain the actions needed to bring about systemic change in Texas. With your help, we will develop the financial base to move forward more quickly, including increasing our Executive Director, The Rev. Chuck Freeman, to a full time position. Please visit txuujm.org, and look for the "DONATE" button at the bottom of the page. Won't you consider becoming a regular supporter of TXUUJM with a monthly contribution of \$50 or more? Rev. Mark serves on the TXUUJM Board and thanks you!

Greetings From the (New) Membership Committee

First, special thanks to Roe Mackey for all his efforts as the outgoing Membership Chair (and one man Committee). The 2016 team really appreciates Roe getting us off to a great start, and it is obvious that Roe put a lot of effort into the membership activities. For 2016, the Membership Committee has been restructured with individuals assigned for several functions, although we will all work to back each other up.

With the growth of the congregation, the Membership Committee now has 130 members- all of you! We are all ambassadors for our congregation and, as such, gently spreading the word about SGUUF and extending invitations for people to come check us out is always a good idea. We can also use help every Sunday at the Welcome Desk. There is, of course, no need to remind folks to help create an engaging and welcoming environment for new visitors - I witness that every time I come to SGUUF.

Your SGUUF Membership Committee for 2016:

- Guest Relations- Kayla Holder-Torres
- Database Management- Bobbie Wooll
- Member Relations- Bill Hornbuckle
- Membership Chair- Roger Davis

Sean & Toya McClurkan and Ben Torres have been providing a lot of help as well, which we really appreciate!

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION UPDATE

One of our first tasks as a team is to update our member information and create a single database of our membership. We want to make sure we have your preferred (and current) e-mail address.

How do you check or update your information?

- 1) You can fill out a yellow card at the Welcome Desk, provide your latest information and we'll make sure it is up-to-date
- 2) You can e-mail Bobbie@Wooll.com **NOTE:** Please make sure you get the spelling of Bobbie's e-mail address correct when you drop her a line, and she will make sure your e-mail address is correct in the database

Please come and visit the Welcome Desk on any Sunday if you have any questions.

Roger Davis, Membership Chair

Greetings From Your New Treasurer!

As most of you know, I took over as Treasurer on January 1st. I have a couple of reminders I'd like to share. The first is that ALL mail to the church goes to our P.O. Box. We do have a dilapidated mailbox at the church but mail is not secure there and it is not checked with regularity. We will add this address to the website and make it easily accessible there. If you are mailing a check please use the following address:



SGUUF

4500 Williams Dr., Ste. 212-245

Georgetown, TX 78633

If you have any questions about your pledge or need to check your status at any time, please email me at sguuf.treas@gmail.com and I will respond.

I am honored to serve in this capacity and look forward to working with all of you!

Gratefully,
Martha House

From the Facilities Team

Any committee is only as good as the most knowledgeable, determined and vigorous person on it. There must be somebody who provides the flame.

- Lady Bird Johnson

The Facilities Team is looking for volunteers to help shape the physical character of the Fellowship by ensuring that the buildings and property are functional, attractive, and well maintained. If you are interested please plan on staying after fellowship on Sunday February 7, 2016 for a brief meeting at the front of the Sanctuary, or contact Keith Hoaglund at atkeith@khlandarch.com. Come and join us and be the "flame".

Life of the Congregation

Men's Breakfast

On the 1st and 3rd Thursdays, February 4th & 18th, at 8:00 a.m., men from the congregation meet at the IHOP in the Rivery Shopping Center facing IH-35. All members and friends are welcome. Contact: Frank Sanders, fcsanders@suddenlink.net or, 512-864-7385.

Ladies Luncheon

Ladies Luncheon will meet on Thursday, February 18, 11:45 a.m., at the home of Judy Mayo, 104 Wild Turkey Lane, in Sun City. Please bring a bag lunch; tea will be provided.



The guest speaker is Lori Ivins from [The Key 2 Free](http://TheKey2Free.org), who will discuss their agenda in providing a Georgetown home and reintegration training for US victims of human trafficking. Their mission is "... to abolish sex trafficking through education, awareness and safe housing of survivors, both domestic and abroad." Check out the website: thekey2free.org.

And consider participating in their 3rd annual Free & Fearless 5K/1K public walk on February 20th in San Gabriel Park.

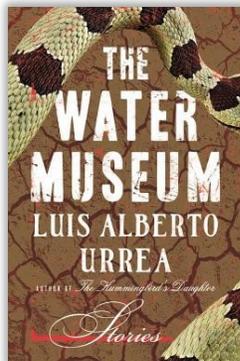
All are welcome! For more info, call or email: 269-806-4919, judymayo@suddenlink.net.

Women's Book Club

The Women's Afternoon Book Club meets on the 1st Thursday of the month from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the homes of members.

On February 4, Lynn Ellis will be hosting a discussion of The Water Museum: Stories by Luis Alberto Urrea.

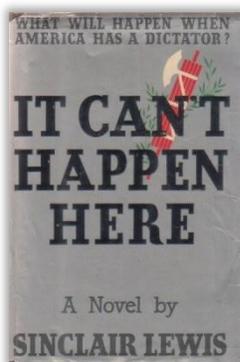
If you enjoy reading and discussing a wide variety of books and issues, consider joining this group. Contact Arlene Zimbelman, at 512-869-6202 or arlene@zimbelman.com.



RIDGE

RIDGE will return to our usual two meetings per month, second and fourth Thursdays, from January through May.

The next RIDGE meeting is Thursday, February 11, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the home of Lynn Ellis, 146 Blacksmiths Dr., Sun City. If you plan to attend, please contact her at 512-863-0753 or lynn_ellis@hotmail.com. Our topic for the February 11 and February 25 meetings is Sinclair Lewis' It Can't Happen Here, a cautionary novel about the fragility of democracy.



The 3rd annual Key2Free 5K
February 20, 2016
9:30 a.m.
San Gabriel Park
Georgetown, Texas

Register the entire family, kids can participate in a 1K Fun Run. All proceeds go towards bringing awareness to, and aiding victims of, human trafficking here in central Texas. Registration information available here. Come join us for this family friendly event!

A Request from the Hospitality Team

Would the wonderful mystery lady who brought the delicious "Daylight Cookies" on Sunday, January 24th be willing to send me the recipe (prairieleagal@yahoo.com)? I have had several requests.

I will print up the recipe and bring it to church in February. (or maybe we'll print it in the newsletter! -ed.)

Thank you!

Family Choir

Do you sing in the shower? Do you sing along to the radio in the car? If you love to sing, consider joining the San Gabriel UU Family Choir. Our choir is made up of friendly welcoming people that enjoy singing together. No previous experience is required, and we welcome singers of all abilities. Join us! We sing during the Sunday Service once a month, with one rehearsal the week before. Email Susan Meitz if you have any questions sfmeitz@gmail.com.

SAN GABRIEL UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

FELLOWSHIP & FRIENDSHIPS

We need your input! Please complete this brief survey to help the Social Committee determine what types of events to plan. Please circle or highlight all events of interest to you.



CULTURE

- Game night
- Attending plays/concerts together
- Lunch and a fun movie at church following Sunday service (with daycare available)
- Lunch and an entertaining but thought-provoking movie at church following Sunday service (with daycare available) and the option for a group discussion after the movie

FAMILY

- Picnic lunch
- Sporting Events (bowling, baseball game at the Dell Diamond, etc.)

NEW MEMBERS

- "Get to Know You" dinner at the church in their honor
- Discussion night at someone's house

FOOD

- Dining out (quarterly)
- Potluck meal
- Dining out after church
- Pizza/spaghetti meal after church (with childcare provided)

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS:

Heart of Texas UU Cluster Congregations Extended Leadership Experience

Saturday, February 6th, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., at
First UU San Antonio.

This training series can be done on a drop in basis. This, however, will be the final session.

Led by Natalie Briscoe, Southern Region UUA Congregational Life Staff, this session will cover topics of Governance, Power and Authority, Growth, Change and Church Size Theory. Members of San Gabriel are carpooling to and from San Antonio. Call Rev. Mark, if you are interested.

The Installation of the Rev. Dr. Joshua Snyder

First UU Church of San Antonio

Sunday, February 7, 3:00 p.m.

The Installation of the Rev. Dr. Joshua Snyder at First UU Church of San Antonio. If you have a taste for a formal liturgical ritual in a gorgeous sanctuary, featuring terrific music, a world class sermon by The Rev. Meg Barnhouse, and presentations by many UU ministers, including our Rev. Mark, mark your calendar to attend this inspiring event.



Our Principles

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote

- 1st Principle:** The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- 2nd Principle:** Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- 3rd Principle:** Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- 4th Principle:** A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- 5th Principle:** The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- 6th Principle:** The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- 7th Principle:** Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Deadline for submissions to the Monthly Newsletter is generally the 25th of the month. Items for publication in the Monthly Newsletter should be sent to newsletter editor, Toya McClurkan, toya.mcclurkan@gmail.com.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>To reserve a meeting room on the SGUUF campus, please contact Toya McClurkan, at toya.mcclurkan@gmail.com. Available spaces include the Sanctuary (S), Meeting Room (MR), and Fellowship House (FH).</p>						
31	1	2	3 6pm Just Mercy	4 8am Men's Breakfast (IHOP) 2pm Afternoon Book Club 7pm Courageous Conversations	5	6
7 10:30am Worship Service 2pm Meditation	8	9	10 6pm Just Mercy	11 7pm RIDGE 7pm Courageous Conversations	12 7pm Black History Month Banquet	13 1pm SGUUF Board Meeting (FH)
14 10:30am Worship Service 2pm Meditation	15	16	17 6pm Just Mercy	18 8am Men's Breakfast (IHOP) 11:45am Ladies Luncheon	19 7pm Courageous Conversations	20 9:30a Key2Free5K 3:30-4:30p G'town Tara Circle
21 10:30am Worship Service Send off Celebration Fair Trade Coffee & Chocolate 2pm Meditation	22 6:45pm PFLAG @ Independent Bank	23 4:30pm Caring Place Soup Supper 7pm Family Choir Rehearsal	24 6pm Just Mercy	25 7pm RIDGE 7pm Courageous Conversations	26 5pm 	27 5pm Tea & Drum Circle
28 10:30am Worship Service 2pm Meditation	29	1	2	3	4	5