



The Oak Leaf

NEWSLETTER OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF OAK CLIFF

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SUNDAY SERVICE 10am – 11am

BEFORE THE SERVICE
Meet and Greet
9:30–10am, Faith Lobby

AFTER THE SERVICE
Youth Religious Education
11:05am – 12:15pm, Hope
Adult Talk-Back
11:15am – Noon, Sanctuary

Young Adult Gathering
12:30pm, Charity North

Social Justice Ministry Mtg.
Jan. 8, 12:30pm, Hope

UUCOC Board Meeting
Jan. 17, 7pm, Hope Chapel

Coordinating Council
Jan. 24, 7pm, Faith Lobby

Women in Cinema
Jan. 15, 12:30pm, Hope

Women of UU
Jan. 19, 7-8:30pm, Hope

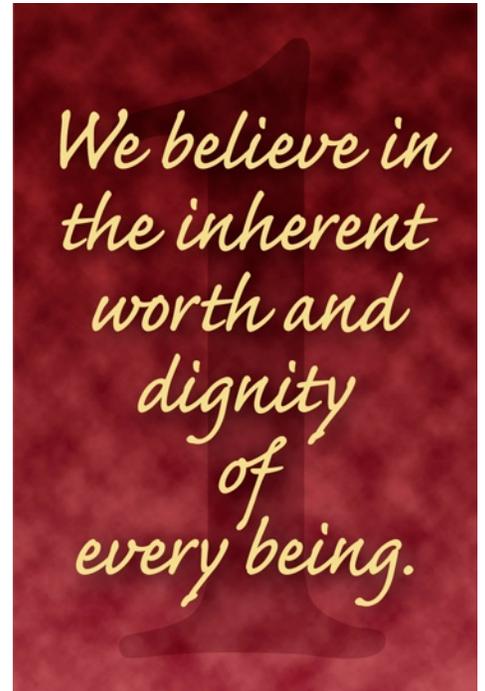
Worship Ministry Meeting
Jan. 22, 12:30pm, Hope

LWCH Meeting
Jan. 29, 12:30pm, Faith

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Compassion

We are called to affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person. We hold that each is a unique individual, precious in his or her own right, entitled to be received by loving arms and to be guided with empathy and respect. These affirmations apply to our children as well. We take it as a duty incumbent on us all to provide love, care, and support so that our children may grow to be confident in themselves, and joined to a larger humanity that loves all life. Through our Worship Services, we deepen our journey.



January Sunday Services

January 1 – I Can Sing Alone, But I'd Rather Not – In many cultures the end of one year and the beginning of the next requires the settling of all debts; clearing the slate; and setting a new course for a new adventure. Today's service will include the 'Two Cookie Communion' from our pagan traditions. Rev. Mark Walz will preach the sermon.

January 8 – Enhanced By Joy – Nelson Mandela once said that the opposite of poverty is not wealth...that the opposite of poverty is justice. That this is real life; not a rehearsal. Nor a movie or a play. That we determine the value of this real life by what we do and how we do it. Everything is enhanced by joy. Rev. Mark Walz will preach the sermon.

January 15 – Crushed Kingdoms and Kingdom Dreams – Sometimes at night, about 90 minutes after you fall asleep, your brain will come alive with a crack of mental electricity. For the next 6–8 hours you'll experience a process called dreaming. Rev. Larry Brumfield will preach the sermon.



January 22 – Rise Up! – We welcome a very special guest today: **Rev. Dr. Thandeka**. Dr. Thandeka is the Affect Theologian in Residence at Andover Newton Theological School, is an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister and congregational consultant, and an Emmy Award-winning television producer. She is the creator of the *Love Beyond Belief*TM initiative for progressive congregations and the founder of Contemporary Affect Theology, which is designed to explain emotional development in religious settings and terms.

January 29 – Worship Ministry – UUCOC member/seminary student Renee Brill will preach the sermon. Watch for details.

SHARE THE PLATE • January 11

On the **2nd Sunday** of each month, cash in the baskets not designated for the church is donated to a local charity. (For cash intended as pledge fulfillment, use the envelopes provided and mark “pledge.”) If you wish to write a check to the Share-the-Plate recipient, simply make it payable to UUCOC *with a notation of “Share the Plate”* in the memo section.



Our First Quarter Beneficiary:

AIM: The American Indian Movement of Central Texas

From aimctx.org:

It's not about me. It's about my people.

We here at the American Indian Movement Of Central Texas will do what we can to help our people in our own community and anywhere we are needed and if we can be there, we will.

Attention Oak Cliff UUs!

There are at least three great reasons to attend the upcoming NTUUC Awards Luncheon:

- 1) Our own Rev. Mark is receiving the NTUUC Raible Award!
- 2) UUCOC member Kathy Smith is being honored for her work as DRE at Community!
- 3) We are the host church!

Can we pack the house?

Tickets are \$20/\$12 for students & seniors and can be purchased from our NTUUC Rep Pat McAfee or online at www.ntuuc.org/awards

Would you like to help foster new generations of leadership? Purchase an extra ticket (or two!) for NTUUC officers to present to a deserving youth or young adult.

There is a special Paypal button on the event page to purchase any number of “pay-it-forward” tickets (\$12 each).



NTUUC Eighth Annual Awards Luncheon

January 28, 2017

Hosted by the Unitarian Universalist Church of Oak Cliff
Social 12:30pm • Lunch 1:00pm



Speaker:

Rev. Nathan Ryan

Assistant Minister
Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge

Come Hell or High Water

Please join the NTUUC board to honor the recipients of the Awards and for the presentation of NTUUC grants to congregations

Ruth Clark Award for Non-ordained Staff

Gene McKeon, Westside UU Church, Fort Worth
Kathy Smith, Community UU Church, Plano

Robert Raible Award for Ministers

Rev. Mark Walz, UU Church of Oak Cliff, Dallas

Marty Robinson Award for Volunteers

Barb Rodman, Denton UU Fellowship
Bill Daffinee, Community UU Church, Plano
Camilla Norder, Horizon UU Church, Carrollton
Carole Harner, Red River UU Church, Denison
Ruby Hill, Pathways UU Church, Hurst

More info and online tickets at www.ntuuc.org/awards

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

Social Justice Ministry Meeting Notes

Dec. 11, 2016 Anita Mills, Interim/Ad Hoc, Temporary Chair

1. **Share the Plate for Q1:** American Indian Movement of Central Texas, with Yolonda Blue Horse as local representative.
2. **Movies:** January film is *Anne Braden, Southern Patriot* (see below). February film will relate to the work of our first quarter Share the Plate recipient.
3. **Communication:** Anita suggested we start compiling a list of community calendars so that we can assemble a listing of who, what, deadlines, etc. In that way, if one or more folks want to take on the promotions, the research is done. We will start listing on the FaceBook group.
4. **Social Justice has a FaceBook group** under "UUCOC Social Justice." Since it is a closed group so that we can discuss topics in privacy, please check "request to join" and we will honor the request.
5. **On the calendar:**
 - a. Rebecca Marmaduke is working on getting a group of women together to go to Austin, and mirror the Million Woman March on Washington DC January 21.
 - b. February 15, 2017: All-Texas UU Legislative Action Day – North Texas UU Cluster will be chartering at least one bus. (See page 4.) Purpose is to lobby our state representatives on three issues: Reproductive Justice, Immigration/Refugee Justice; and Income Inequality/Economic Justice.
6. **Next meeting: January 8, 2017, 12:30 pm, Hope Chapel**

FIRST TUESDAY SOCIAL JUSTICE FILM

Co-sponsored by Dallas Peace & Justice Center

FREE SCREENING

Anne Braden: Southern Patriot (1924-2006)

January 3, 2017 at 7:00pm

Braden was hailed as a white southerner who was "eloquent and prophetic" by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in his 1963 Letter from Birmingham Jail. This first person documentary explores the extraordinary life of this American civil rights leader. Ostracized as a "red," she fought for an inclusive movement community and mentored three generations of social justice activists.

www.FirstTuesdayFilms.org



Common Ground Street Choir

Singing in Solidarity!

Two locations and two dates:

January 4, 7-8:30 pm

Westside UU Church

901 Page Ave.

Ft. Worth, TX 76110 www.westsideuu.org

January 20, Friday, 7 - 8:30 pm

Community UU Church

2875 East Parker Rd.

Plano, TX 75074 www.communityuuchurch.org

The evening sing is a time for people to raise their voices in song and find solidarity in music. No specific choral ability or even the ability to read music is required!

In today's political "what-can-we-do?" climate, we have found that people are uplifted and united when they sing together. Join us!

Questions?

Email info@commongroundstreetchoir.org



Do you need a Standing on the Side of Love shirt?

They're just \$12, or two for \$20

Please note, if you don't see your size in stock, please email us and let us know the size and how many you wish to order.

Order at www.ntuuc.org/tshirts or email executive@ntuuc.org



UPCOMING LABYRINTH WALK COFFEE HOUSE EVENTS



It's FREE! It's FUN! And there's always extra FOOD!

**The only thing that would make it better is
MORE PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE!**

Every Second Sunday, 5-7pm • Faith Sanctuary

If you enjoy playing, singing, or just listening to jazz, this will be a real treat! Bring your wine or beer and a snack for yourself or to share. (Nothing to bring? Don't worry — there's always plenty! Please come anyway!)

Players: Bring your instruments of choice, voice, and your Real Books (Hal Leonard 6th edition VOL I & II) and join in the fun. If you want to try something new, bring it along as well. All tips are distributed evenly among the performers. You are welcome whatever your level of expertise! RSVP if possible to

jazzjam2016@labyrinthwalkcoffeehouse.com so we will know how many musicians to expect. Come planning on having a great time and hearing some of the finest musicians in the Metroplex.



January 15, 2017 • 3-6pm

Faith Sanctuary

Free Admission • \$20 per 15-minute session
(some participants require double sessions)

For more information, participant bios, and a peek at offerings from vendors, please see
www.LabyrinthWalkPsychicFair.com

Labyrinth Rehab Nears Completion



Next step: complete the paths by outlining them with rocks. Workdays are tentatively scheduled for January 21 and 28. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**



TEXAS UU LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAY

February 15, 2017

This February, UUs from across Texas will converge on Austin to make our voices and values heard by state lawmakers. In 2015, over 100 UUs from 21 Texas congregations gathered at the Capitol in Austin for the first ever TXUUM Legislative Action Day, and 2017 is going to be even more memorable.

Join us on the NTUUC bus!

We will be offering round-trip bus transportation from the Dallas/Ft. Worth area to Austin. We are making a request for a "love offering" of \$10 dollars — less if you need to, more if you can, to help underwrite the trip. If enough people sign up we can take two buses instead of just one!

Act now to save your seat.

To register, please visit www.TXUUM.org/LAD

...AND BEYOND



UBarU Fabric & Needle Arts Retreat

A fun and peaceful weekend of creativity

ALL ARE WELCOME!

When: Friday, 17 February thru Sunday, 19 February 2017

Where: UBarU Camp & Retreat Center, 277 UBarU Dr., Mountain Home, TX 78058

What: Two nights of cozy accommodations, five delicious meals and an opportunity to enjoy your passion in community in the beautiful Texas Hill Country.

Early Bird Pricing: Weekend Rate: \$130.00 Saturday Only Rate: \$75.00 (lunch & dinner included)

Register at www.UBarU.org

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER — BUT IT WILL BE SOON!



Southwest UU Women's Conference

February 10-12, 2017

At the Magnolia Hotel Dallas Park Cities in
Dallas, Texas

Registration ~~\$190~~ before 1/01/2017

Registration \$225 from 1/1 through 1/27. Final deadline January 27.

Helen Bond

Keynote speaker

Percussionist of intricate melodies and polyrhythms of West African music / teacher / storyteller / humanitarian and winner of 2015 Jack Benny Arts and Humanities Award

Co-Founder of Benkadi Project



Entertainment

Going Native is a terrific new vocal group with three awesome women at its heart. Lisa Mensing – lead singer/rhythm guitar, True Turner – multi-keyboardist and LaDonna Goetz – lead guitar/vocals will make you want to Rock and Roll. Each of these talented women started doing music at an early age. With True bouncing between keyboards and the vocal harmonies of LaDonna and Lisa, we are in for an unforgettable night of rhythm and dancing.

The band as a whole is unmatched in the entertainment industry.

Women and Teens 13 and older, join us for an inspiring weekend in Dallas!

Speakers, music, worship, workshops, vendors, fellowship and fun

The Magnolia is a boutique hotel, centrally located near SMU and convenient to First Dallas UU. Come early and visit nearby Mockingbird Station or Greenville Avenue for dining and entertainment; enjoy Dallas' world-class shopping, museums, and Arboretum; explore downtown attractions. The hotel offers elegant renovated rooms, 37" flat screen HDTV, complimentary breakfast, Happy Hour, bedtime cookies and milk, shuttle service to Love Field Airport, and Wi-Fi.

Copy and print services available.

To get the body moving, enjoy the indoor pool or the full cardio Fitness Center.

☾ **Come Early, Stay Late** ○ **At the Conference Rate!** ☽



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