



# Religious Education News & Calendar

San Marcos Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

October 2006

## Our Programs

**Sunday Morning RE:** Our Early Childhood Class accepts children, from crawling age to 4 years old, beginning at 10:45 a.m. each Sunday before the service. Children, in grades Kindergarten and up, are invited to sit with their parents in the service. Their teacher will escort them to their class directly after "Words for All Ages". **Please sign out your K-4<sup>th</sup> grade child directly after the service. To safeguard your children, the RE department will only release your child to a preauthorized adult.**

**Young UU's Youth Group:** Children, ages 9-18, are invited to join in adult supervised activities every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday afternoons from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the CCC. Activities are suggested by our Youth and our FABULOUS Youth Leaders assist them in the execution!

**Adult:** All adults are invited to join in discussions, classes and forums. A cooperative childcare will be created to meet the needs of parents with young children. IF you're a parent and would like to assist with the co-op, please contact CC Liedecke.

## Help Wanted

(1) **Adult RE Facilitators needed.**

(2) **One Chaperone needed to attend the Central Texas Youth Rally.**

## Intro to UU Class for Adults

The class discusses Unitarian-Universalist beliefs, history and ritual, UU Principles, affiliations, local governance and congregational committees. New UU questions will be addressed and we will conclude with the construction of individual credos. Attendance will increase your understanding of Unitarian Universalism and enable New UUs to be more effective members.

## Intro to UU Class for Children

The class includes discussion on why individuality is important, why a democratic process is important, why the search for truth is important and why we need a peaceful, fair and free world for all

## *Special Thanks to those who make our programs possible!*



**Beth Klar-Broadus** supervises and critiques one class each month and helps to plan and attend committee meetings. This past month, Beth prepared the entire curriculum for our Children's RE classes! **Chad Burns and Megan Bettison** make a difference in our children's lives by teaching every Sunday morning. **Heather Scobee** volunteered to be a teacher's assistant this month and she continues to assist the RE Department by typing memos, posting on the REC website, making copies, and more. Heather and CC will also be attending the RE Conference on UU Identity in San Antonio September 29- October 1, 2006. **Daryl Liedecke, Jeff Hobkirk, Megan Evans, and Santi Demaree** have successfully pioneered our Youth Group this year. **Jeannie Lewis** coordinates all the RE volunteers and is a strong supporter of the RE Program. *Thank you, everyone, for all your hard work!*

For more info or to register for classes, contact CC Liedecke at [smuufdre@grandecom.net](mailto:smuufdre@grandecom.net) or (512) 754-3949.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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						“Respect ALL Beings, Part 1”
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
						“Respect ALL Beings, Part 2”  Young UU’s meet 4:00 p.m.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
						“Divali: The Hindu New Year”
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
					Divali Celebration at Barsana Dham Temple	“Unicef Day”  Young UU’s meet 4:00 p.m.
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
				Central TX Youth Rally	Central TX Youth Rally	Intergenerational Service: “El Dia de los Muertos”  Central TX Youth Rally
30	31					
	Halloween					

**OCTOBER 2006**

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RE Calendar**

**“Children’s RE Class Topics”** this month include our first UU Principle, Divali, Unicef Day and El Dia de los Muertos.

**Special Events:**

**Divali, Festival of Lights**  
Sat., Oct. 21, 5:15 – 11:00 p.m.  
Experience music and dancing, learn about our Hindu neighbors, and enjoy beautiful lights that may remind you of flaming chalices in miniature!

**Central Texas Youth Rally**  
Fri, Oct 27-29  
Our Youth, ages 14-18, have been invited to attend a district wide youth rally at the UU Church of Waco, Texas.

**Youth Mystery Party**  
Date, Location and Time TBA

**Trick-or-Treating**  
Date, Location and Time TBA

**To RSVP to any event, contact CC Liedecke at [smuufdre@grandecom.net](mailto:smuufdre@grandecom.net) or phone 754-3949**

# You Can Make a Difference in the Life of a Child

UNICEF—the United Nations Children's Fund—is working in 156 countries to provide health care, clean water, nutrition and education to children and their families. Did you know that 376 million kids around the world have to walk more than 15 minutes to get a drink of clean water? Or that 121 million kids don't go to school? Or that 1 out of every 6 kids doesn't get the food needed to be healthy?



**Special UNICEF Trick-or-Treat boxes and Holiday Gift & Card Catalogs will be available and distributed at SMUUF beginning on October 22, 2006.**

**Ways You Can Help:** (1) By Trick-or-Treating for UNICEF, kids learn the importance of helping others in need and are empowered to make a real difference. (2) When you purchase UNICEF greeting cards and gifts, you are doing much more than sending a goodwill gesture. You are making a real difference in the lives of children around the world who urgently need your help. We invite you to explore UNICEF's exciting line of premium cards and gifts, all designed to delight you, your family and friends.

## Say NO to Child Sex Tourism

**It is estimated that two million children are enslaved in the global commercial sex trade.** Many of these children are either sold into prostitution to pay off family debts or forcibly recruited on the street to work in brothels, where they are required to have sex with as many as 30 men each day. Some prostituted children are just 5 years old.

**United States citizens** are among those from several wealthy countries who exploit children trapped in the commercial sex trade and fuel a demand for younger children. Some Americans take advantage of prostituted children while traveling to impoverished countries for business, tourism and other legitimate reasons. Others travel abroad specifically for a "sex tour."

As part of World Vision's commitment to **protecting children**, they have joined forces with national governments, law enforcement agencies and other organizations to combat child sex tourism through the Child Sex Tourism Prevention Project.

**Ways You Can Help:** (1) Send a message, asking your senators and representative to push for an increase in resources to prosecute U.S. citizens who sexually exploit children overseas. (2) If you have information regarding a person who has sexually exploited a child, or suspect someone of child sex tourism, you can contact U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). (3) Make a contribution to World Vision's Child Sex Tourism Prevention Project. By supporting this project, you will help equip World Vision to better assist law enforcement efforts and expand World Vision strategic advertising campaign aimed at deterring sex tourists from the U.S. **Questions?** E-mail your inquiry to [stopchildtourism@worldvision.org](mailto:stopchildtourism@worldvision.org) or visit <http://www.worldvision.org>

