



# UUreka!

## Religious Education News

September 2006

### A New Season of Fulfillment

Fall brings a new sense of purpose to our lives. In spite of or even due to our demanding schedules, we all need to resolve to prioritize our lives. You may want to plan a set dinnertime to sit and chat with your family or friends, attend church regularly to enhance your spiritual life, or incorporate your values into each and every day.

One value worth pursuing is one of social justice. Charitable donations of time or money do not need to be large to make an impact. Try donating \$5 to the UUA to make a difference in the US political sphere or five minutes to make a difference in the life of a child. Everyone is special and everyone is worth your time and effort. There's no greater reward for being kind in all that you do than a smile on the face of one you've touched.

Take a minute to smell the flowers. You might just find the sweet smell of self-fulfillment.

*Yours in Faith,*

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### The Road to Life-long UUism

We really need your help to create life-long UU's to carry on our great traditions.



**Vacancy!**

**Class**

**Planner:** Plans Sunday morning session plans and activities.



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**Administrative Assistant:** Assist the Director typing memos, posting on the REC website, etc.



**Vacancies!**

**Youth**

**Leaders:** Adult(s) join **Daryl Liedecke and Junior Youth Advisor, Santi Demaree**, to plan and attend bi-monthly youth group meetings on Sunday afternoons.



**Filled!** **Jill Flores, RE Vice Chair, Adult & Youth.** Jill will coordinate the Adult & Youth Class Planners, announce class topics through the Order of Service, coordinate field trips, supervise and critique one class each month, help to plan and attend RE committee meetings.



**Filled!** **Beth Klar-Broadus, RE Vice Chair, Children.** Beth will coordinate the Early Elementary and Primary Class Planners, announce class topics through the Order of Service, coordinate field trips, supervise and critique one class each month, help to plan and attend RE committee meetings.

### RE Calendar



**Intergenerational Water Ceremony on Sunday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11 a.m.:** Children, youth and adults share water from their travels, their kitchen faucet or even "virtual" water to bond our spiritual community in a traditional UU ceremony.

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San Marcos Unitarian Universalist Fellowship presents **"An Art Historian Searches for Truth in the Da Vinci Code"** on **Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. at the San Marcos Activity Center on Hopkins Street to promote public awareness for our fellowship. We hope that all our members and friends will show their support by attending.



**"Our Symbol of Faith"** on **Sun., Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>** during service. Primary and Youth Classes learn about the origin of UU's Flaming Chalice.



**Young UU's Youth Group** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays from 4-6 p.m. at the CCC. Youth in 5th grade and up engage fun activities that promote our UU principles. For more information, please contact Daryl Liedecke at [darylriedecke@yahoo.com](mailto:darylriedecke@yahoo.com) or (512)787-2466.



**"Our UU Fathers"** on **Sun., Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>** during service. Primary and youth classes learn about Michael Servetus & Francis David, the fathers of Unitarianism.



**"What UU Means to Me"** on **Sun., Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>** during service. Our children and youth articulate and demonstrate what the UU stories of origin have meant to them.

# Children's, Youth & Adult Religious Education Programming

## Children & Youth Programs

Our Early Childhood Class accepts children from crawling age to 4 years old beginning at 10:45 a.m. on each Sunday before the service. Children in grades Kindergarten and up are invited to sit with their parents in the service. Their teachers will escort them to their classes directly after "Words for All Ages".

In September the Primary and Youth classes will merge to learn about historical moments in UU history. Their UU pilgrimage begins with learning about how the symbol of the flaming chalice was incorporated, how our UU founding fathers help to form our spiritual philosophy and ends with our children and youth articulating and demonstrating just what all this new information means to them.

**\*New** Please sign out your K-4<sup>th</sup> grade child directly after the service. Your children will only be released to a preauthorized adult.

### Kids' UU Class

**Coming in October!**

The classes include discussion on:

- Why individuality is important
- Why a democratic process is important
- Why the search for truth is important
- Why we need a peaceful, fair and free world for all

To register: contact Beth Klar-Broadus at [wbbroadus@grandecom.net](mailto:wbbroadus@grandecom.net) or CC Liedecke at [smuufdre@grandecom.net](mailto:smuufdre@grandecom.net)

## Young UU's Youth Group

Children in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up 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 include movie nights, fun volunteer activities and other special Holiday events.

## Adult Programs


All adults are invited to join in discussions, classes and forums. A cooperative childcare will be available. Topics include Building Your Own Theology, Articulating Your UU Faith, Becoming a Welcoming Congregation, Tai Chi, Yoga, Book Clubs, and more! Adult RE classes & events begin in October. The meeting times and locations are undecided at this time. To register: contact Jill Flores at phone 393-7173 or CC Liedecke at phone 754-3949 or [smuufdre@grandecom.net](mailto:smuufdre@grandecom.net).

## Adult UU Class


**Coming in October!**

The classes discuss 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. The meeting times and locations are undecided at this time. To register: contact Jill Flores at phone 393-7173 email CC Liedecke at [smuufdre@grandecom.net](mailto:smuufdre@grandecom.net)

## \*New Intergenerational Events Coming in October

 **Divali, Festival of Lights**  
Sat., Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> 5:15 – 11:00 p.m.  
Barsana Dham Temple  
in Austin

Experience music and dancing, learn about our Hindu neighbors, and enjoy beautiful lights that may remind you of flaming chalices in miniature! It begins with a vegetarian dinner prashad and continues both inside and outside the temple. The temple requests that you wear modest clothing: girls should wear modest tops and long skirts or pants (preferably not the low ones) and guys should wear a shirt and pants. A donation is always appreciated but never required to attend. To register: contact CC Liedecke at [smuufdre@grandecom.net](mailto:smuufdre@grandecom.net) or phone 754-3949.

 **Young UU's  
Mystery Madness Party**  
Sat., Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>

Location and time to be announced to Youth the day of the event. To register: contact CC Liedecke at [smuufdre@grandecom.net](mailto:smuufdre@grandecom.net) or phone 754-3949.

 **Children's  
Trick-o-Treating Party**

Tues., Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.  
The Liedecke's Home

Join us for a little fun before trick-o-treating down San Antonio Street. To RSVP: contact CC Liedecke at [smuufdre@grandecom.net](mailto:smuufdre@grandecom.net) or phone 754-3949.