



The Messenger

Unitarian Universalists of the Big Bend

July 2010

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A Month of Sundays

July 4

John Bell: "July 4—Songs of the Day: Thoughts About Some American Patriotic Music"

July 11

Kay Wilde, TBA

July 18

Maiylne Dieckert, TBA

July 25

Jim Camp: "William Ellery Channing". It was written by Davidson Loehr, who is (or was) a minister with the UU Church in Austin.

At Your Service

Summer is already starting to slow things down, including the production of this month's Messenger. Please forgive our delay. Between out of town excursions and general end-of-school distractions, we are finally ready to present you with the latest news from the UUBB.

At our combination Annual Meeting/Budget Party in May (on Mother's Day, no less!) we elected a new board of directors for the 2010-2011 fiscal year, with all previous

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directors returning and two new people joining the board. We are happy to welcome Tamara Sbelgio and Marc Goff as new directors, and we appreciate all returning directors for their

service to the church. Please note that Chris Muller will be serving as our treasurer and Cynthia McAlister will be our vice-president, essentially trading places from the previous year. All other officers will remain the same. As always, the board welcomes any suggestions, comments, compliments or critiques and our meetings are open to everyone. Speaking of which, the May and June Board of Directors meetings were combined in to one that met June 20th at 9:30 a.m. Otherwise, all BOD meetings are held on the last Sunday of the month.

The Children's RE program has ended for the summer and will resume in September. Our program has been very successful since the hiring of our wonderful instructor Carolyn Ripper. Special thanks to Carolyn for offering the children such an enriching experience in religious education. Please refer to this column at the end of the summer for the new RE schedule.

With so much of the world in crisis, especially our neighbors and the fragile wildlife in the gulf coast states, many of us feel helpless in how to offer aid in these times of despair. Let us not forget the resource we have in our national UU organizations. The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (www.uusc.org) is dedicated to supporting human rights through a "potent combination of advocacy, education and partnerships with grassroots organizations". This may be a good place to begin searching for that haunting question so many of us have in times like this: what can I do?

Stay cool, seek shade and hydrate. See you Sunday.

Pledge Sheets

"Just a friendly reminder Dear Friends & Members of UUBB.....we greatly appreciate your Pledge sheet being returned, as soon as possible, so our Board can draw up a practical new Budget for the upcoming Fiscal Year." Thank you, dj angrist

Next Board Meeting;

TBA

First Sunday Pot Luck

July 4 is Pot Luck Sunday, bring your favorite dish to share.

Hymn of the month

TBA

Treasurer's Report

MONTH'S EXPENSES: \$2126.98
[NOTE: \$1,736.00 were Yearly Dues to UUAC; for each Member @ \$56 each]

BANK BALANCE: \$13,608.50

Respectfully submitted, Chris Muller, Treasurer

CALENDAR:

Sunday worship services

11:00 AM, with coffee and conversation to follow.

Religious Education

Children's RE classes will on summer Vacation, will return in September.

For more info contact: Children's RE administrator, Carolyn Ripper.

ZEN MEDITATION GROUP

Meets at Mondays at 6:00-7:30 PM. The building will be open before 6:00 pm for those who can come early to help set up. If you are new, you are welcome to attend to get an overview. A small donation for the use of the facilities is appreciated. Please call Rev. Jean O'Cuilinn (432) 364-2462, if you are coming for the first time and have questions.

Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA)/Dysfunctional Families Group

Meets Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 PM. For more information contact Maurine 432-837-0115

Grief Group: Formed to assist those having suffered a recent loss, due to death, of a loved one. Please call Rev. Jean O'Cuilinn (432) 364-2462 for more information

OUR LEADERSHIP

We are a Lay Led Fellowship.

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