

# *San Gabriel Unitarian Universalist Fellowship*

## *Georgetown, Texas*

*Announcements for February 26 – March 12, 2010*

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### **CURRENT EVENTS AND SERVICES**

**Saturday, February 27**—Game Night starts at 7:00 pm. Susan and Larry Darlington will host at 219 Fieldstone. Snacks are welcome and everyone is invited. Join your fellow members in a fun atmosphere. For more information contact the Darlington's at 868-3932 or [susandarlington@verizon.net](mailto:susandarlington@verizon.net)

**Sunday, February 28**—the Reverend Chuck Freeman will speak at the 10:00 am service about "The Almost Church". In the past 40 years or so, Liberal churches have been shrinking while Evangelical churches have thrived with compelling innovation, becoming a cultural force. As the nation has turned more "conservative" and Evangelical churches have flourished, Liberal churches have turned inward in reactionary safety. Church consultant Michael Durall writes specifically about the UU movement, calling us the "Almost Church." Perhaps this has been a necessary stage in our collective development. A handful of our churches are moving beyond reaction, heartily advancing our liberating message. Is San Gabriel ready to join this positive procession?

**Wednesday, March 3**—Dining Out is held on the first Wednesday of each month. The dinner at 5:30 pm will be at the Plaka Greek Restaurant located on Williamson Drive close to I-35. Excellent and authentic Greek food is served. Plenty of parking. Contact Barbara Horning if you have any questions. No need to RSVP.

**Thursday, March 4**—Book Club at 10:00 am will be at Gayle and Peggy's. A courtesy response will help them plan, especially if you are NOT coming. Questions—Call 869-3088.

**Friday-March 5** - 7:00 Jay Hook – "Being in the Moment." Jay Hook has been practicing meditation for over 15 years in various Buddhist and non-dualist traditions. He will lead a guided meditation based on general principles of mindfulness of breathe and body awareness. In allowing ourselves to become more aware of the basic experiences of life, we can relax into the present moment and connect with life more fully. No experience is necessary, only an interest in exploring the present moment. Presentation in the Activity Center.

**Monday, March 8** - UU Women's Sack lunch held at Barbara Horning's home, 205 Palmetto Dr., 240-4592. No need to RSVP. Just come at noon and share your ideas and concerns as well as any special events in your life.

**Thursday March 11** - The RIDGE meeting on this date will be on Chap. 1-5 of [The Myth of Christian America](#), by Mark Whitten. "Whitten argues against the popular but ill-founded thesis that America was constitutionally and institutionally founded to be a "Christian nation." He argues for a robust, yet properly advanced constitutional separation of church and state and full religious liberty for all." Meeting is 6:45 – 9:00 pm in the Activity Center.

**Sunday, March 14**—10:00 am, Southwest U.U. Conference Executive Director, Rev. Susan Smith, will be giving the sermon, to be followed by an interactive session with the congregation. Please watch for more information in future announcements. Service will be held from 10:00 to 12:00 noon. Activity Center.

## **FUTURE HAPPENINGS AT SAN GABRIEL UU**

**March 25, Thursday** – RIDGE meeting on Chap. 6 – Conclusion of The Myth of Christian America, by Mark Whitten.

**March 28, Sunday** - 10:00 am - Peter Roll, a member of our congregation, will speak on "U.U. stories of Creation, cosmology and other ways of looking at the world". More information will follow.

**April 17, Saturday** – Hands-on Housing is a program sponsored and supported by the UU churches in the Austin area. One house is fixed up in the spring and one is fixed up in the fall. At this time they have the date picked but they don't have the house picked so it is still a "mystery" location. More information will follow as it becomes available. Maybe we can show our support as a large group and have some fun along the way. Mark your calendars now.

**June 19, Saturday** - An all day benefit for the Caring Place at Schwertner Ranch, titled "Fiesta of Caring." Save the date. More information will follow.

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**March 15, Monday** – deadline - The UPBEAT needs YOU! It's that time again! Your UPBEAT editors are looking for contributions prior to the March 15 deadline. Remember, it's your UPBEAT too and we need your input. If you are a committee chair, what is your committee up to? Any plans, changes of direction, need for volunteers or fellowship input? If you are creative, how about a photo, a drawing, a poem, or short feature piece. Any questions about the UPBEAT, or have something you want to get off your chest? How about a letter to the editor? Remember we would also like your favorite websites to share! The possibilities are limitless! Feel free to email [twinamephd@mac.com](mailto:twinamephd@mac.com) for questions or submissions.

**March 16, Tuesday** - 20<sup>th</sup> annual Soup Supper benefiting the Caring Place will be held from 5:00 to 7:30 pm at St. Helen's Catholic Church. Your \$10.00 ticket will provide soup from numerous restaurants, cornbread and dessert. A silent auction will follow. Sue has sold all her tickets but they are still available at the CA office or at the door on the day of the benefit. Roe has recently been voted our Rep to the Caring Place Advisory Board. It would mean a lot if we could show our church community support and perhaps gather as a group to share our meal.

Have you noticed the press releases in the Williamson County Sun regarding UU service time and place and the UU listings in the line column? We hope it will generate interest and increase our membership as more people find out about our local UU. Thanks, Maggie, for a job well done.

### **Time and Location of Services**

San Gabriel UU Fellowship services are held on the first Friday evening, and the Second and Fourth Sunday mornings of each month, at the Activity Center in Sun City. Friday services begin with coffee at 7:00 pm, and Sunday morning services begin with coffee at 10:00 am. Please join us for upcoming services and activities.

To reach the Activity Center (Atrium Building) from the south on I-35: Exit 261A and turn left on to Williams Dr. at the stoplight, and drive about 6 miles. You will turn right at the stoplight into Sun City and continue on Del Webb Blvd. You will pass a stoplight, pass the Legacy Hills Golf sign, and turn right on to Texas Drive. The Activity Center is the large building on your right.

For more information about San Gabriel Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, email Bruce Barker at [brucegbarker@yahoo.com](mailto:brucegbarker@yahoo.com)

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