

Sunday Morning Programs

Sunday, Feb. 5

Speaker: Robert L. Peake, M.D.

Topic: Euthanasia

Physician Assisted Suicide (PAS). He will review the history and the role of the Christian Church. Will discuss the Netherlands and Oregon where PAS is practiced and review their experiences along with Dr. Jack Kevorkian (Dr. Death). Review some famous cases and personal and will close with the importance of having a Living Will.

Bob was born and raised in Indiana. Residency in Internal Medicine and 3 yr fellowship in Endocrinology and Metabolism at IUMC. Returned to TX in 1968 to be on faculty at UTMB in Galveston. Left academia 1983 for 10 yrs of private practice in General Internal Medicine and then returned to UTMB for 5 yrs. Retired 1997 and moved to Lake Livingston.

Married to Karen 1957 and their daughter lives in Austin. Two grandchildren both in College Station. Enjoys photography and travel, fishing, sailing, bridge and yard work when he has to.

Special music: Duet by Asia Gillespie & Kelli Amick.



Sunday, Feb. 12

Speaker: James Moore

Topic: Just Help: A Mission of Love

With Valentine's Day this month, many people immediately think of the loved ones closest to them, whether spouse, parent, or child. But what does it mean when Jesus said, "Love your neighbor as yourself." The congregants of Thoreau Woods believe that we are not simply a society of ideals and principles, but a community called to action, based on the struggle to love one another, and Just Help.



Sunday, Feb. 19

Speaker: Ervin Boehm

Topic: The Necessity of Virtue

Mr. Boehm will be presenting a sermon written and preached by Rev. Galen Guengerich at All Souls Unitarian in NYC on November 8, 2009. His sermon is a precursor to his eight part series on virtue that the Rev. presented at the 2010 General Assembly in Minneapolis. Ervin Carl Boehm was born 9/1/51

Thoreau Woods Unitarian Universalist Church

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Sunday Morning Programs:

9:30 Religious Education
10:00 Coffee & Conversation
10:30 Worship Service

Potluck: We will have a potluck luncheon on the 4th Sunday of every month following the service. Please bring food to share and take any leftovers home.

We welcome everyone to our congregation, recognizing no distinction of class, nationality, race, gender, or sexual orientation.

in Milwaukee, WI. After his father's death in 1963, he moved with his mother to Hot Springs, AR. He graduated from high school there in 1969, the same school as Bill Clinton. He got his BSBA degree with a major in General Business from Henderson State College in Arkadelphia, AR in 1973, and got a BA degree with a major in art and minor in Sociology in 2004 from SFA in Nacogdoches. He has worked in retail, hospitality, newspaper, and the printing industry. He has lived in Wisconsin, Arkansas, Texas, West Virginia, and Alabama, and currently lives in Lufkin. He has officially been a UU since 2000 but was a UU without really knowing it almost his whole life.



Sunday, Feb. 26 Speaker: Jimmy Satterfield
Topic: God Helped Me Find Love in the Former Soviet Union

There will be a potluck following the service.

Looking for love in all the wrong places seldom leads to a successful marriage. Letting God take charge led to finding love in one of the most unsuspecting venues – in the former Soviet Republic of Kazakhstan.

Since taking early retirement from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) in 1994, James (Jimmy) Satterfield has worked and lived in over a dozen foreign countries – primarily former Soviet Union Republics or Soviet aligned bloc countries including Russia, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Republic of Georgia, Macedonia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia, Moldova, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan as well as in Iraq, Indonesia, Kenya and Sudan.

Born in Jackson and raised in Meridian, Mississippi, after High School he served 8 years in the U.S. Army. Jimmy then went to work for Philco-Ford Corporation in 1966 as an Electronics Engineer on a remote Air Force Early Warning Radar site in Alaska before being transferred to Houston in 1967 to work at NASA during the Apollo program. While at NASA, he also acquired a BBA degree in Accounting in 1972 from the University of Houston and subsequently a CPA license from the State of Virginia.

Upon leaving NASA in 1972, he worked for a Cable TV Construction company managing construction projects across the USA before joining the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation (FSLIC) as a Bank Examiner in 1976. During his banking career he progressed to and held senior level management positions in the private sector and Federal Banking Regulatory agencies at various locations including Texas, Louisiana and Washington, D.C. Now semi-retired, Jimmy enjoys staying busy as a “Meals on Wheels” volunteer, online study courses, golf, travel and with his beautiful wife, Natasha, and family of 5 children, 17 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.



Message from our President

Dear Friends,

First, I would like to thank the members who have served in the last year in an administrative role for Thoreau Woods UU Church, both on the Executive Board and as committee chairs. In particular, I would like to recognize the contributions of Amber Faust and Carla McAdams, who served respectively until recently as the Secretary and Facilities Management Chair. It is stressful and time consuming to take on such roles, and I commend them for their time and efforts. Finally, I wish to welcome Nisa Gillespie as the current Secretary and Paul Culp, who has taken over the Facilities Management Committee and will oversee the development of our long range site development plan. I am regularly inspired by the dedication and passion members of our congregation have committed to this community and the ideals we espouse. At the heart of it all is an enduring belief in the power of love as a driving force in all we say and do.

Peace,

James Moore

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

At 9:30 AM will be a class for youth junior high or older. Anne True will teach this class. The class for the younger children will be held during the Sunday morning service and will include a story and crafts. Beth Williamson will teach this class. Curriculum guides will be available. We may call on others to teach this class. Curriculum guides will be available. We are required by UUA guidelines to have 2 adults in every class for children or youth and in every child care situation. We are working on having child care for children of adults who wish to attend the adult religious education class. We could employ two high school or college students for this task. Or we could use two adult volunteers willing to be present at 9:30.

UUA Tapestry of Faith Adult RE Program

Resistance and Transformation: UU Social Justice History. Adult RE Group Covenant: “How We Agree to Be With Each Other”. We agree to start and end programs on time; practice respectful dialogue; honor diversity of opinion and approach; preserve participants’ confidentiality if requested; learn from one another in every meeting; and

nurture our spirits in a loving and peaceful community. Facilitator contact information: James Moore, 936-439-5718, jamesmoore@shsu.edu

Spring Adult RE Schedule: Resistance and Transformation: UU Social Justice History
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What Moves Us: Unitarian Universalist Theology by Rev. Dr. Thandeka
<http://www.uua.org/re/tapestry/adults/moves/index.shtml>
2/05 @ 9:30am Workshop 3: Margaret Fuller
2/12 @ 9:30am Workshop 4: George de Benneville
2/19 @ 9:30am Workshop 5: Charles Chauncy
2/26 @ 9:30am Workshop 6: Sophia Lyon Fahs

FEBRUARY MUSIC

Hymn of the month: #153 "Oh, I Woke Up This Morning" in observance of Black History Month
Sunday, Feb. 5
Offertory: Music: Duet by Asia Gillespie and Kelli Amick
Closing Hymn #86 "Blessed Spirit of My Life"
Sunday, Feb. 12
Closing Hymn #128 "For All That Is Our Life"
Sunday, Feb. 19
Closing Hymn #326 "Let All the Beauty We Have Known"
Sunday, Feb. 26
Closing Hymn #325 "Love Makes a Bridge"

JUST HELP

CHARITY OF THE MONTH

SAAFE House: Please make check payable to the charity, and place in the collection basket. Their mission statement is "SAAFE House is committed to empowering abuse victims by providing immediate, free, and confidential services. To our clients, we offer exceptionally trained staff and volunteer resources to help reach each individuals need. SAAFE House strives to educate the community at large to prevent and eliminate the causes of family violence and sexual assault." For more information visit their website "www.saafehouse.org"

CHALICE LIGHTER

The current Chalice Lighter call for the Southwestern Unitarian Universalist Conference has been awarded to the Westside Unitarian Universalist Church (WUUC) in Fort Worth, Texas. Please make your check out to "SWUUC Chalice Lighters", and put in collection plate or mail to: Chalice Lighters, SWUUC District Office, 6720 Brentwood Stair Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76112. You may also donate to "Chalice Lighters" by using TWUUC's website, where a Paypal feature is provided:
<http://www.swuuc.org/pages/stewardship/support.php>

BLOOD DONATIONS

There is a blood drive the 2nd Saturday of each month at Gibbs Elementary (on 19th St.) from 8-4 in the cafeteria. You can give blood in the name of our church. It is under Huntsville Unitarian and the code # is 4130.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Religious Education

We need numerous volunteers as outlined in the RE section. Volunteers supervise their play time and may hear the sermon over the loud speaker in the RE room. Please sign up at the name tag table or talk to Beth Williamson at 295-3170.

Coffeehouse

For every coffeehouse, we need baked goods, help with setup and takedown, and people to collect money for admission and refreshments. Please contact Pam Johnson at (936) 661-4313 or at pamjohnson05@suddenlink.net with any questions.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Wish these members and friends born in February a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

- 6 John Pepper
- 24 James Johnson
- 25 Joan Hinds

Spouses Of Solace (S.O.S.) group forming

As an effort to serve both members of our church and those in our community, we are forming a support group for surviving spouses, or those who have lost a partner, and are trying to find a way to cope with the grief. Those who are interested in being involved should contact James Moore by email at jamesmoore@shsu.edu or call 936-439-5718.

 John Hopkins has been released from jail, and is currently traveling.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Sunisa Gillespie was born in Chanthaburi Province, Thailand. After finishing 10th grade in Chanthaburi, she obtained her high school diploma through a GRE equivalent examination and went to Bangkok for her college Degree. She graduated from Assumption Business Administration College (ABAC) with a BBA degree in Business Computer and from Ramkhamhaeng University with a BBA degree in Marketing. She later came to America to further her education and graduated from University of Wyoming with a MBA Degree in Management Information Systems. She met her husband, Marcus Gillespie, at the University of Wyoming and married him right after her graduation. She has worked in various computer related jobs including a Programmer/Analyst position at DST Company in Kansas City and a Senior Programmer at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville. In 2002, she and her family moved to Huntsville where she currently works as a Computer Programmer IV for

the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Sunisa and her husband have 2 Children, Aaron and Asia. Aaron graduated from Sam Houston State University in Psychology at the end of December 2010 and is working in San Antonio while Asia is studying in Bioenvironmental Sciences at Texas A&M University. Sunisa enjoys various hobbies especially Hapkido (Korean martial art), drawing, painting, crocheting, woodworks and reading.



James Johnson is married to Pam, and they have three married daughters and six grandchildren. They run the monthly coffeehouse at the church. He has a B.S. in Music Education, and an M.A. in Music Therapy. He has taught guitar at SHSU since 1991, and previously at TWU. He has taught Fundamental of Guitar, Advanced Guitar, and the Psychology of Music. He also has a private studio teaching guitar, bass, and piano. He has worked as a music therapist at San Antonio State Hospital, and is retired from Windham School District in TDCJ. He worked as a music therapist, music education director, and special education teacher. He is past Chairman of the Board for the Huntsville Children's Choir, and a member of the Huntsville Men's Choir.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Compassionate Communication Movie Series

Each screening to take place on Thursday at 7pm at Thoreau Woods UU Church:
 February 2 - Groundhog Day
 February 9 - Peaceful Warrior
 February 16 - Gran Turino
 February 23 - 12 Angry Men

Each of the films features themes of how people should best interact in a way to avoid harmful speech and deeds. Questions for each film session's discussion after the movie include:

How does the main character or characters' interactions with others change throughout the film?

What experiences lead to these changes?
 Will insights from this story affect how you communicate or interact with others or yourself?

Circle Dinners: You sign up as a participant and indicate which month (or months) most convenient for you to host the dinner in your home. The host/hostess provides the entrée and calls the people assigned to that home to arrange for the rest of the meal. We will plan for January, February, March, and April. Please call Joan Stringer at 291-6009 if you are interested in participating in these fun gatherings.



DENOMINATIONAL EVENTS

For more information about these events, please go to the website <http://www.swuuc.org/>, unless noted otherwise.

February 10-12, 2012: Everything is Holy: A weekend with Peter Mayer. Holiday Inn Select Dallas - North, Dallas, TX. You can also attend just the concert on February 11 at 8 pm.

February 17-19, 2012: Unitarian Universalist Annual Conference: Colonization, Privilege & Resistance: Preparing for Justice GA 2012. Hosted by First Jefferson UU Church Ft. Worth .

February 19-24, 2012: SUULE! The Southern Region's UU Leadership Experience is just like Dwight Brown Leadership Experience, but in Orlando, FL.

March 29 - 31, 2012
Batter UUp! - UU Spring Training
The First Unitarian Church of Dallas

April 27-29, 2012: SWUUC Spring Conference. One World, Many Voices: Leadership for a Multi-Cultural Age. Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church, Houston, Texas

June 20-24, 2012: General Assembly, Phoenix, Arizona. For more information, visit <http://www.uua.org/ga/index.shtml>



THE BOOK SHELF by Ann Staples

The Eighty-Dollar Champion by Elizabeth Letts. This is the story of a horse, a man, and the changing times. Set after WWII, a horseman from Holland and his bride come to the U.S. He buys a horse for \$80 off a truckload of horses headed to a killing plant. The horse later becomes a national champion jumping horse beating many high-powered and high-priced horses. It is a wonderful story and a good analysis of the changing times of post WWII.

Rin Tin Tin the Life and the Legend by Susan Orlean. She is the author of the Orchard Thief which is wonderful. This book is more about the people, the saga of the Rin Tin Tin phenomenon, and the movie industry than anything else. It is informative and interesting.

Avian Architecture: How Birds Design, Engineer, and Build by Peter Goodfellow. (153 pgs.) The book has wonderful photographs and illustrations of the types of nests birds make. It is divided into chapters by the type of nest.

Jewelry by Artists in the Studio 1940-2000 This is a large book with wonderful photographs of pieces of jewelry. There is an informative text. I read the introduction and parts of the remaining text but not all.

The Louvre All the Paintings by Erich Lessing and Vincent Pomarede. This is a huge book as one can well imagine. I probably will not read all the text but will have at least gotten to "see" the paintings at the Louvre sine I will never go there.

Thoreau Woods Coffeehouse Concert Saturday, February 18, 2012 @ 7 pm

Hans York with Jorge Palomarez opening

hansyork.com

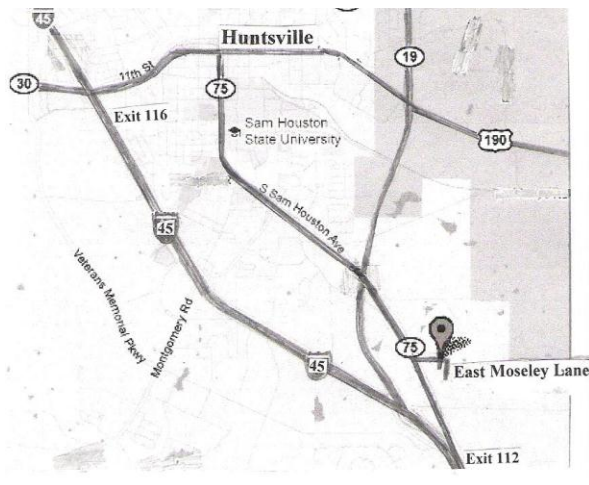
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144 E. Mosley Lane,
Huntsville, TX
1 mile south of Hwy. 19
1 block east of Hwy. 75
(last building on right)

Suggested donation:
\$15, \$10 students/seniors
Coffee & desserts for sale
For more information,
call (936) 661-4313



Upcoming 2012 performances:

March 3: Edo Donkers) with Keegan McInroe opening

April 21: James Lee Stanley with Gene Young opening

May 19: Dana Hubbard

September 15: Buddy Mondlock with Danny Santos opening

October 20: Michael P. Smith

November 17: Dana Cooper



Hans York

This German-born, award-winning, internationally acclaimed performing songwriter got his musical roots from being born into an occupied Germany and fed a rich diet of American music. His musical training and education enabled Hans' early success as a musical artist—playing first classical guitar—then piano, percussion, bass, organ, and trumpet. He began playing with orchestras and ensembles in Germany, becoming a world-class bass player.

Without any promise of a record contract and only a handful of American acquaintances, this adventurous musician set out to continue his career in a strange country. Traveling throughout America in what may be the longest continuous tour by a performing artist, Hans broadened his music to include more blues and even gospel influences. His songs can rock the house or soothe the soul and mind and are always played expertly by a master guitarist.

The greatest joy with Hans York is not found by simply listening to his flawlessly produced albums; it is by watching and hearing him live. When Hans York walks onto a stage and embraces the audience with his warm, engaging smile, this begins an unforgettable evening of music and song.