

Courier

First Jefferson
Unitarian
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Church

We are a liberal religious community of diverse individuals. We nurture spiritual growth, encourage lifelong education, work for social justice, serve the larger community, and celebrate life's gifts together through meaningful worship. We welcome and support others in their expression of religious freedom.

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On The Journey

There is a term I have learned in ministry and in therapy known as the “doorknob moment”. When a person is about to exit at the end of a session, they might turn to the minister and say, “Here is what I really wanted to talk about...” With the hand on the doorknob, they bring out their deepest or most anxious concern. Sometimes there is time to address the concern. Sometimes there is not – at least not with the particular minister or counselor.

When I finish my ministry with you, I expect to follow the UUA recommended practices for leaving. I will remove my name and presence from any First Jefferson groups on email, Facebook, and so on. I will pass on the administration of those groups to the office or church members. I will unfriend church members on Facebook, though many of you will see me pop up in other ways. I will remain out of contact for at least two years. This time gives me a chance to establish myself in my new ministry, and you have a chance to focus on new directions at First Jefferson. I am catching up with many of you in the course of church life. I encourage you to seek me out. These last few weeks are our

“doorknob moment”. Right now is the moment for addressing what needs to be said or asked as part of resolving any conflicts or lingering concerns. This also is a moment for gratitude and sharing of gifts.

As part of taking care of last things, here are a few notes about what happens as of October. There have been more developments about possibilities with professional ministry in addition to searching for a new permanent person. The Reverend Annie Foerster will be a frequent guest in the pulpit from now through the end of December. The Reverend Sam Schaal will preach once per month. Michael and the rest of the Board also are talking with UUA staff about other options for this church year.

I know that some of you are talking about being part of the small group conversations for determining the state of the church and the direction for its future. I encourage everyone’s participation in the process. One of the big areas of growth is to improve how people are welcomed and integrated into the congregation. Making an extra effort to reach out to all members and to people who are not as visible broadens the range of voices and gives everyone a chance to get to know each other.

Once again, I offer my deepest thanks for the privilege it has been to serve with you. I look forward to these next weeks of closing conversations.

Bowing to the Light within,
Rev. Jennifer

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■ WHERE IN THE UORLD IS THE REVEREND JENNIFER?

For my last few weeks with First Jefferson, I am available for coffee, lunch, or a short visit. The best days are Wednesdays and Thursdays, and I can be flexible. I am leading worship on September 3 and September 10. My last Sunday at First Jefferson is September 10. I will continue to finish details and coordinate handing off tasks until my last day on September 21. The best ways to reach me are by cell phone: 972-639-7900 and by email, revjinnis@earthlink.net.

Namaste,
Rev. Jennifer

Theological Themes for 2017-2018

The themes for the year are part of our effort to focus the messages in worship and education. We also recognize the value of exploring an idea in more depth than can be done in one service or one class. This year's themes draw from the six sources in Unitarian Universalism.

From the Unitarian Universalist Association:

Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote seven Principles, which we hold as strong values and moral guides. We live out these Principles within a "living tradition" of wisdom and spirituality, drawn from sources as diverse as science, poetry, scripture, and personal experience. These are the six sources our congregations affirm and promote:

- Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
- Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
- Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
- Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;
- Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

Rev. Kathleen Rolenz said, "Throughout history, we have moved to the rhythms of mystery and wonder, prophecy, wisdom, teachings from ancient and modern sources, and nature herself."

<http://www.uua.org/beliefs/what-we-believe/sources>

In particular, the Children and Youth Religious Education program will focus on world religions. Look for a schedule of themes in August.

September 3

“A Question of Tolerance”

The Reverend Jennifer Innis

The one sermon Rev. Jennifer never had a chance to deliver was on Acceptance v. Tolerance. For her second-to-last Sunday with First Jefferson, she turns to the paradox of tolerance and considers Karl Popper’s statement: “Unlimited tolerance must lead to the disappearance of tolerance.”

There will be a dedication of all of the volunteers in religious education during worship.

September 10

“To Hope and Back Again”

The Reverend Jennifer Innis

Join us for Rev. Jennifer’s last time of leading worship at First Jefferson. She offers a message of thanksgiving and her wishes for the future of the church.

A farewell reception follows the service. All are welcome to attend.

September 17

“Who Are the Homeless”

Sue Lowry

During the last four years I have been working on East Lancaster with and for those who are experiencing homelessness. I have learned an enormous amount during that time through research, talking to case managers, and interaction with those on the street. Homelessness and poverty are complex issues and there is no quick fix nor will the same solution work for everyone. Through stories and my own experiences and reflections, I will be sharing a little about who makes up the homeless population.

Sue Lowry earned a Master of Divinity degree from Brite Divinity School at TCU and is now serving as a community minister with the homeless. She works with the DRC, which is an agency that uses the Housing First model to focus on housing those who are experiencing homelessness. Sue is also the DRC liaison for the interfaith Room in the Inn program. She is an active member of both First Jefferson UU Church and First Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth.

September 24

“Into Each Life, Some Rain”

The Reverend Annie Foerster

From Reverend Annie Foerster: As I write this, hurricane Harvey is still blowing around Houston. By the end of September, it will be a memory—a bad memory for some; a close escape for others. But now, I can’t help thinking about what’s happening—to friends who live there and complete strangers. Longfellow knew that rain was a great metaphor for life, as in Rain Happens. What we do after the flood goes down is very important.

Join the Choir!

Our choir rehearses every Sunday morning from 10:00 to 11:00. All voices are needed and welcomed. It is a good way to help our church have and rich musical experience for our services. If you are unsure if you want to join, come and visit a rehearsal any Sunday with no obligation. We would be very glad to have you.

Sunday Schedule

- 9:15 AM Nursery: Infants thru Age 3
- 9:30 AM Adventures in Religion, Library
- 9:45 AM Adult Forum, Jagers Parlor/
HUUmanist Meeting(2nd Sunday)
- 9:45 AM Child & Youth Religious
Education, Religious Education Wing
(August-May)
- 10 AM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 11 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary

■ CARING & SHARING

Happy 55th Anniversary to Judy and Patrick Gutierrez!

If you would like a pastoral note to be shared with the congregation, please write it in the notebook at the podium near the sanctuary entrance.

Caring and Sharing at First Jefferson is our network of cards and other support by members and friends. Please contact Rev. Jennifer if you need the prayers and care of the congregation, if you know of a need, or if you would like to help.

■ POTLUCK SUNDAY

Sunday, September 3, 12:15pm, Coleman Hall
Not only is this Sunday, August 6 a Pot-Luck Sunday it is also the awarding of the 3rd quarter Good Egg Award!



■ THANK YOU

Thank you to Deran Wright for the elegant design around our statue in the front of the church. Thank you to Richard Marshall, Dan Sexton, and Michael Zepeda for putting in the labor to install it in August. The new hardscape is a great improvement over the old landscape and it increases the visibility of the church.

Many, many thanks to Richard Marshall for his years of caring for the grounds. His dedication has been a very generous gift. Richard is stepping away from working on the grounds as of September 1. Please thank him for his good work.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the church and playground clean up with the E.C. Stanton Community School on August 19, including Jean Bruttell, Vivian Cox, Mary Kirwin, Richard Marshall, and Laurie Mikitka.

Work Day in the Sanctuary

September 16, 9am The focus for this month's work day will be in the sanctuary, including the choir room, and the sanctuary closet. Let's freshen up our beautiful place of worship. Gifts of food and drink are welcome, too. The usual work day hours are 9am-12pm. See Mary Kirwin for information about the sanctuary.

■ SMALL GROUPS

You Are Invited to Join Our Covenant Circles

Covenant Circles are open to all who are interested in connecting more deeply with the folks at the church, including first time visitors and newcomers as well as Members and Friends of First Jefferson. Sign up for the Circle that best fits your schedule with the Circle Leader. These groups give participants opportunity to deepen in their own self-understanding and foster closeness and connectedness.

Men's Covenant Group

Meets on the first Wednesday, at 7pm in Jagers Parlor.

Civil Rights since James Reeb was killed in Selma, Alabama. The book, *Between the World and Me* (New York Times #1 best seller) by Ta Nehisi Coates is written to his 15 year old son about a black person's problems and place in the United States. The author's journey takes him from Howard University (where a black student is killed by Police Brutality), through Civil War Battlefields, to Chicago and Paris of today, to his childhood and to visits with mothers whose children have been killed. His thoughts on race, segregation, slavery, murder and exploitation of black people will sink deep into your emotions. Recent events in Ferguson, Baltimore, New Your, Oakland and Cleveland leave black people feeling vulnerable.

Friends Covenant Group, A Women's Group

Meets monthly 4 p.m. on the third Friday

Women's Alliance

Women's Alliance meets on the second Tuesday of the month except for July and August when we do not meet at all. All women of the church are welcome to join us and we would love to have new members.

Here are the Women's Alliance meeting plans for next year. Looks like it's going to be a great year!

Sep 12—Check In

Oct 10—Kimball (Joan Carey)

Nov 14—Surrogate Mother (Pam Cox)

Dec 12—Christmas @ Trinity Terrace (Marjorie Montgomery)

Jan 9—Randy Brooks presentation (Peggy Portman)

Feb 13 – Piano Concerto (Lana Rings)

Mar 13—Non-profit presentation [Day Resource Center-Sue Lowry?] (Mary Kirwin)

Apr 10—Darren Wright art presentation (Laurie Mikitka)

May 8—Woman architect movie (Freddie Heitman)

Jun 12—Planning

Alternate—Civil War Museum dresses (Marilyn Kortum)

Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS)

2nd Sunday, 12:15 pm, John Adams Room Contact Rosalind Dugan 817-447-9240 or rosalind.dugan@yahoo.com.



■ SOCIAL GROUPS

Interweave

3rd Friday of the month, 6 :30 pm, meets at No Frills Grill, 1550 Eastchase Pkwy., Suite 1200, Arlington 76017

Fun and fellowship. Nationally the group advocates on behalf of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and their allies. This group is for everyone regardless of sexual orientation. For information contact Michael Zepeda 817-706-3614 mrzep@charter.net.

UU Metaphysical Research Group

Third Sundays, 12:30pm, Library, An open forum created to reflect, discuss, investigate and research. Topics will vary from mysteries of our existence, paradoxes in reality, puzzling questions of origins and first principles to studying individual philosophers and famous Unitarian Universalists. For more information contact Joel Bailey, facilitator

First Jefferson Book Discussion Group

4th Tuesday each month, 7pm, Jagers Parlor
We read and discuss a variety of books: fiction, non-fiction, classics, mysteries, historical, etc. Suggestions for books are encouraged. For information, contact Joan Carey 817-217-5905.

Upcoming Titles:

September 26: *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles [Fiction]

October 24: *Spook: Science Tackles the Afterlife* by Mary Roach [Nonfiction]

November 28: *Tenth of December* by George Saunders [Short Story Collection]

December 26: *Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race* by Margot Lee Shetterly [Nonfiction]

First Jefferson Unitarian Universalist Quilters

Tuesdays, 1pm, Jagers Parlor or Library

The First Jefferson Quilters meet weekly on Tuesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in Jagers Parlor. Our mission is to make quilts and we welcome all who want to make quilts with us. We have a long history at our church of producing quilts for fundraising, outside charities, and keeping people and buildings warm. We have recently finished two quilts—one to raffle at our church service auction and one to raffle for the benefit of the Eastside Ministries. Please consider joining us, regardless of your quilting skills or experience. Contact Mary Kirwin 817-714-1796.



It's That Time of Year Again—Join UUs for the Annual Fort Worth Pride Parade

36th Annual Tarrant County Gay Pride Parade is October 7th, 2017 at Noon. Come one, come all! The 2017 Theme is LIVE LIFE BOLD. Come march with your fellow UUs. Contact Roy Brake or Jo Burnham for more information.



GALDR KINDRED

The Galdr Kindred is a group in the DFW area that practices Bioregional Heathenism. If the Galdr Kindred has a central principle that defines this group, it would be that we seek to understand and apply our shamanic heathenry to commune with the World Tree, Yggdrasil, in order to root ourselves into the dreaming intelligence of the Earth. We do not discriminate based on race, gender, sexual orientation, etc. We operate within the guidelines of the 7 Unitarian Universalist principles. We will not tolerate hate or abuse of any kind. We openly refute and will not congregate with groups that use hate in the name of the Gods. We support declaration 127.

The group will meet for classes from 1-3pm in the Johne Adams Room on the first Sunday of the month and for a business meeting third Saturdays from 12-2pm in the Library. Co-Organizers are Mathieu Thiem and Christian Torres.



■ CHILD & YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Welcome to Our New Year in Religious Education!

Our program for 2017-2018 begins this month. Registration is open. Please help us get to know you and your children by completing the registration form. See Mary West and Julia Sexton, the fabulous co-chairs of the Religious Education Council, for information.

The Nursery provides care for children through age 3 during the 9:30am-10:45 education time. At this point the Nursery also includes the younger elementary children, our Chalice Children, for free play after they attend the beginning of worship.

The curriculum for 2017-2018 focuses on world religions and the six sources of Unitarian Universalism. Some classes will explore stories from other faiths. Some classes will learn about different beliefs and even have a chance to visit houses of worship.

Preschool through Grade 1 will have Spirit Play in the Alexander Graham Bell room.

Grades 2-3 will learn about Holidays and Holy Days in the Sophia Lyon Fahs room.

Grades 5-8 will get to know the range of religious experience with Building Bridges in the John Adams room. **Grades 9-12** will plan to visit places of worship with Neighboring Faiths curriculum. They will meet in the P.T. Barnum room.

About the Curriculum

Spirit Play class will hear stories and then may choose how to respond to that experience using craft and other materials or work directly with the stories. Spirit Play is a way of introducing children to sacred stories and providing a safe community for exploring those stories and their own big questions. Spirit Play is based on the Montessori method. The spiritual environment of the classroom includes a range of ages and developmental levels. Each congregation chooses the stories to be shared in the classroom. For more about Spirit Play, see <http://www.spirit-play.com/>

Holidays and Holy Days is based on the very popular curriculum by Charlene Brotman, a Unitarian Universalist religious educator. She says, "Holidays are the natural, age-old vehicle of religious socialization, setting time aside to remember a great person or event, give thanks for life's bounty: harvest, safety, freedom, warmth, or invoke light and gladness for overcoming darkness and danger, death and drought. Festivities tell a story which children absorb through experiences far more than through words."

Building Bridges is a chance to learn about world religions and the human experience from which they come. Mary K. Isaacs wrote and Jessica York edited Building Bridges as part of Tapestry of Faith curriculum from the Unitarian Universalist Association. For more information see, <http://www.uua.org/re/tapestry/youth/bridges>

Neighboring Faiths offers a thoughtful way to become familiar with world religions and visit houses of worship. The youth and advisors will learn the basic tenets of a particular faith before attending a service at a local congregation. This program was created by Unitarian Universalist educators Christine Reed and Patricia Hoertdoerfer. A preview of the book can be found on Google books.

A Typical Sunday at First Jefferson

9:00am – Volunteers open the building and start coffee. Nursery workers arrive.

9:15am – Nursery is open. Volunteers arrive to prepare for class.

9:30am – Adventures in Religion begin. Classrooms are open for early arriving children and youth.

9:45am – Adult Forum and classes for children and youth (August–May) begin.

10am – End of late arrival window for children and youth. See Sunday Coordinator for information. Choir rehearsal begins.

- 10:30am – End of Adventures in Religion
- 10:45am – End of children and youth classes. Parents/guardians sign them out. End of Forum.
- 11:00am – Worship begins
- 12:30pm – Nursery begins to wind down.
- 1:00pm – Nursery closed.

Become Part of Our Program

If you are interested in teaching, or have any questions, comments, concerns, etc. about the religious education program, please see Mary West, Julia Sexton or Rev. Jennifer Innis.

ADULT SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION

Adult Forum

Sundays, 9:45 am, Jagers Parlor

September 3: We will continue our discussion and viewing of Little Rock Central: 50 Years Later . This is about the changes in 50 years of integration there. We will have some time especially on September 3rd to discuss the DVD and any other subjects that might come up.

September 10: Timothy Hubbard, PhD, will talk about noetic science, the study of phenomena we can't quite explain.

September 17: Alison Campolo will speak about her scientific work on fish farming.

September 24: Matthew Thiem will talk to us about the Norse religion.

September 30: Bill Maginnis will show one of his interesting selections from the internet.

Help! Speakers needed for a dult forum. Got something interesting to say? Let Lorraine Levine know. We have lots of openings in the months to come.

Adventures in Religion—Jesus Through Pagan Eyes(August 6–October 1, 2017)

Library, Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

Adventures in Religion is a round-table discussion group about world religions. Next, we discuss Reverend Mark Townsend, *Jesus through Pagan Eyes: Bridging Neopagan*

Perspectives with a Progressive Vision of Christ, Llewellyn Publications, © 2012. ISBN-10: 0738721913. ISBN-13: 978-0738721910. Paperback.

“A thoughtful and deeply moving collection of stories, essays, and interviews about Jesus from today’s most respected Pagan, Wiccan, and Druidic leaders. These explore the historical figure of Jesus in relation to Witchcraft, the tarot, goddess worship, and shamanism while illustrating how this god of the Christian church blesses and inspires those who embrace non-traditional spiritual paths.” (Amazon review)

Part Three: Thirteen Interviews with Respected Pagan Elders

The discussion continues.

Coming Soon: The Hero with a Thousand Faces

Adventures in Religion, Library, 9:30 am. Adventures in Religion is a round-table discussion group about world religions. We will discuss Joseph Campbell’s *The Hero with a Thousand Faces*, Princeton University Press; 2nd edition; (March 1, 1972). ISBN-10: 0691017840. ISBN-13: 978-0691017846. (Paperback).

“The first popular work to combine the spiritual and psychological insights of modern psychoanalysis with the archetypes of world mythology, the book creates a roadmap for navigating the frustrating path of contemporary life. Examining heroic myths in the light of modern psychology, it considers not only the patterns and stages of mythology but also its relevance to our lives today—and to the life of any person seeking a fully realized existence.” Amazon.

Newcomer Classes

Welcome, Visitors!

Our Membership Committee invites you to attend the workshops outlined below in order to learn more about First Jefferson Church and Unitarian Universalism. Lunch provided. Childcare provided with registration. Sundays, October 1, 8 & 15 12:30 p.m.–2:00 p.m., Religious Education Office. See Tina Harmuth and Jean Bruttell for information.

October 1: First Jefferson 202—Doing Theology, Sharing Meaning

We “do” theology by sharing our faith journeys and responses to life’s questions. We explore worship as opportunity to celebrate our highest values and align our lives with our aspirations, and examine our theological “house.”

October 8: First Jefferson 203—Of Heretics and Promises

We learn of courageous people and revolutionary ideas that created a religion based on human goodness. We learn how our community of people with diverse religious beliefs can nurture one another by making and keeping promises to each other, and seeking and giving forgiveness for broken promises.

October 15: First Jefferson 204—Building on Faith, Making a Difference + Membership, Privileges and Expectations

The search for truth and meaning goes on throughout our lives, equipping us to respond to all life presents. We learn how our lifespan religious education employs a relational, developmental approach. Because we focus on this life, and embrace justice and compassion, we feel compelled to live out our values by working for social justice to make a positive difference in this world.

New Member Ceremony and Reception, Sunday TBD, 11:00 a.m. Ceremony, 12:00 pm Reception

During the service, our brief ceremony welcomes and introduces our newest members noting that we gather in church seeking a higher purpose and deeper life than we could find alone. Directly after the service the congregation enjoys food, fellowship and a chance to meet one another.



■ **HOW TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS IN HOUSTON**

Hurricane Harvey Relief in Fort Worth & Tarrant County

The city and county are currently actively engaged in helping to provide assistance and shelter to those from south Texas who have been displaced from their homes due to the devastation of Hurricane Harvey. In the coming weeks, we at First Jefferson will partner with our local agency, the Eastside Ministries, to collect relief supplies for those who are seeking shelter here in Fort Worth. You can bring your items to church where we'll designate a special collection station. From there, we will deliver the items to the Eastside Ministries as per their instructions.

Eastside Ministries tells us that: " Once people begin to move out of temporary shelters and find long-term residences, our client load will be increasing—if you've been holding out on a closet clean out, the next few weeks would be a great time to do it! Keep watching our page, and share, share, share so we can get the word out as efficiently as possible to welcome and support our new neighbors!"

A list of specific items needed is:

- **Baby diapers and formula**
- **Men's/women's/children's socks and underwear in new packaging**
- **Blankets and towels**
- **Plus-size clothing**

If you'd like to donate money make your check payable to FJUUC and we will forward all financial contributions to Eastside Ministries. You can also donate via Paypal from the "Donate With A Click" button on our church website.

Thank you for your generosity. Your help will make a difference!



■ **WORK TOGETHER TOWARD SOCIAL JUSTICE**

HUUDLE/Voices in Action on October 1

Want to know how First Jeffersonians are putting faith in action? Come to the next HUUDLE/Voices in Action meeting after potluck on October 1. See Pam Cox and Lorraine Levine for information.





■ REUSE, REPURPOSE, RECYCLE—AND CREATE!

November 11, 2017 Inviting vendors for the first R-Bazaar. If you are a creator or vendor of items which are Up-cycled, repurposed, refinished etc. or if you make an item to help eliminate carbon footprints such as reusable lunch bags etc. we invite to show your wares. There is a \$15 admin fee. The fee holds your space, and a packet which includes 2 letter sized flyers, 4 half sheet handbills, 16 quarter sheet handbills and a link so you may print more.

■ WE SHARE THE PLATE

This quarter's Share the Plate is in response to an arson attack at Abounding Prosperity in Dallas. Abounding Prosperity's mission is to provide services to address health, social and economic disparities among Black men with a particular emphasis on gay, bisexual and male to female Transgender individuals. Their vision is to empower our clients to achieve self-sufficiency through skills development, increased knowledge, and access to community services. On July 7, much of the building was burned and otherwise damaged from fire. They are in a temporary building and are continuing to provide services such as anonymous HIV testing, but their ability to sustain the quality and quantity of their programs is limited until they can repair their building.

At First Jefferson, half of the undesignated funds in the Sunday offering are designated for outreach in our community. Please be generous in contributing to our support of Abounding Prosperity. Go to <http://www.aboundingprosperity.org> to learn more about the organization. See <http://www.wfaa.com/news/local/southern-dallas/nonprofit-hopes-video-leads-to-suspect-in-lgbtq-center-fire/461483631> for the latest news.

Thank you!

■ COMMUNITY GARDEN

Plots are \$35/yr. Contact Connie Nolen or Karl Thibodeaux if you would like to participate in the garden.



Want to help First Jefferson? Not sure how?

Here are some of the many ways you can have your talents shine.

†The Service Auction is coming up on November 4, 2017. We need you to make it a fun and grand event! We need data entry help, cooks, decorators, bartenders, merchandisers, and so much more. If you want in on the biggest even of the year, contact: Sue Lowry

†Love kids? How about Religious Education Teacher? Contact Mary West or Julia Sexton.

†Like meeting people, being the host or hostess? Try being the hospitality Coordinator, help coordinator monthly volunteers, setting up and clearing coffee hour and pot lucks.

†Like the outdoors? Show of your landscaping skills. Contact Richard Marshall.

†Paint, paint, paint, help spruce up Coleman hall or our beautiful building.

†Like working on home improvement projects? Contact Mathieu Thiem to help strip and stain the floors in the RE wing.

†Like meeting and greeting people? Membership Committee can use you! Contact Tina Harmuth or Julia Sexton.



■ GOOD EGG AWARD WINNER —MARY WEST!

Mary West received her Good Egg Award at the August Pot-Luck. Thank you for everything you do, Mary!

Nominations for Good Egg Awards can be e-mailed anytime to Thea Chambers at: theac8@gmail.com.

■ 2ND ANNUAL MUUSE ART SHOW & SALE

September 9(Gallery Night), 5–9pm and September 10, 10–2pm, Coleman Hall Art show open to the public. First time presenters are encouraged to show. Parties interested in being in the show, or for more information, or to book space contact Karl at: administrator@firstjefferson.org or (817) 451-1505 or Irene at sereneseri@yahoo.com Nominal fee: \$15 admin fee (holds your space), and only 15% of sales. Artists 15 years and younger: no fees charged, with a signed letter of consent from parent or legal guardian.

Last year's MUUse Art Show was a success and we hope to make this one even better, so please help us out by inviting all your creative and art collecting friends to either join us by sharing their work or stopping by to view the works on display (and of course, there will be snacks!). Please stop by to see the art!



■ SEPTEMBER 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN SEP 3, 2017

12:15pm Potluck Sunday, Coleman Hall
12:30pm The Galdr Kindred, John Adams Room

TUE SEP 5, 2017

1pm First Jefferson Quilters, Jagers Parlor
7pm Trans-cendence Meeting, Coleman Hall

WED SEP 6, 2017

7pm Men's Covenant Group, Jagers Parlor

THU SEP 7, 2017

7pm PFLAG, Coleman Hall
7pm PFLAG Youth Group, Jagers Parlor

SAT SEP 9, 2017

2pm MUUse Art Show, Coleman Hall

SUN SEP 10, 2017

10am MUUse Art Show, Coleman Hall
12:00pm Farewell Reception for Reverend Jennifer, Jagers Parlor
12:15pm Covenant of UU Pagans (CUUPs) Meeting, John Adams Room
12:30pm Religious Education Council, Religious Education Office
1:30pm Board Meeting, Library
1:30pm Astrological Society of North Texas, Jagers Parlor

MON SEP 11, 2017

6:30pm Finance Committee Meeting, Church Office

TUE SEP 12, 2017

12pm Women's Alliance, Coleman Hall, Kitchen
1pm First Jefferson Quilters, Jagers Parlor

FRI SEP 15, 2017

4pm Friends Covenant Group, A Women's Group, Jagers Parlor
6:30pm Interweave Get Together, No Frills Grill, 1550 Eastchase Pkwy., Suite 1200, Arlington 76017

SAT SEP 16, 2017

9am All-Church Clean Up
12pm The Galdr Kindred, John Adams Room/ Library

SUN SEP 17, 2017

12:30pm Metaphysical Research Group, Library

TUE SEP 19, 2017

1pm First Jefferson Quilters, Jagers Parlor
7pm Trans-cendence Meeting, Coleman Hall

WED SEP 20, 2017

7pm PFLAG Board Meeting, Library

THU SEP 21, 2017

6pm Worship Arts Committee, Jagers Parlor

SAT SEP 23, 2017

7pm CUUPs Autumn Equinox, Sanctuary, Library, Kitchen, Parlor

SUN SEP 24, 2017

1pm Cross Timbers Magical Studies Group, John Adams Room

TUE SEP 26, 2017

10am Courier Deadline, Email: administrator@firstjefferson.org
1pm First Jefferson Quilters, Jagers Parlor
7pm Book Discussion Group, Jagers Parlor



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PFLAG

1st Thursday of each month, 7:00 pm

PFLAG provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity. More info at www.pflagfortworth.org or contact Mark & Lisa Daly mark.daly@tx.rr.com

Trans-Cendence

First & Third Tuesdays, 7pm, Coleman Hall

Trans-Cendence works to support transgender and gender diverse people of all ages and sexual orientations. They also support the spouses, partners, parents, friends and allies of gender diverse people and are a resource for those who work closely with transgender people like counselors, educators, law enforcement, etc.

Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. with a whole group meeting. This usually has about 50 people at it. At meetings there is a discussion topic or a special speaker. Then at about 8pm they split into groups. One group remains in the larger group area. This group is usually the gender diverse people. Another group splits off comprised of youth and young adults. The last group is the SOFFA (significant others, family, friends, and allies) and this group talks about issues related to transition for the SOFFAs themselves.

Ryanwood Neighborhood Association

Meets six times a year at the First Jefferson. For details go to Ryanwood's website www.ryanwoodna.org or contact President Glenn Pense president@ryanwoodna.org.



Astrological Society of North Texas

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