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*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.*

Our Relational Covenant

Unitarian Universalist congregations, including our church, are founded on the mutual promises we make to one another about how we will live together. This covenant encourages us to bring our best selves to our relationships with one another. We commit to practice and promote these ideals intentionally so that we grow in spirit and deepen our connections with one another and all that is.

We promise:

- to promote kindness, love, and healthy relationships
- to give each other support, empathy and understanding
- to be mindful and considerate in all our interactions
- to clarify and respect personal boundaries and feelings
- to listen to one another and seek understanding
- to respect one another and appreciate the range of opinions among us
- to strengthen one another in our free and responsible search for truth and meaning
- to act in the knowledge that we are part of a large and diverse world community
- to work toward equity, justice, and compassion in all relations
- to practice forgiveness for ourselves and others so that when we fail to keep this covenant we can begin again in love



This covenant is a touchstone for nurturing ourselves, our church community, and supporting our work in the world. Through the covenant, we enrich our relationships with one another and serve others in accordance with our principles. We pledge to revisit and renew this covenant to sustain the vitality of our congregation in our ongoing quest for spiritual growth.

Greetings Fellow Congregants,
Kaum Suk Be Mai! (Happy New Year!) I love how Thai and Iranian new years fall in spring when life is really bustling and growth is happening all around. Our church is also really bustling and growing in many ways. I believe that these things will come to fruition with more people attending our church.

One of the ways we have grown is in the new pledges we received this year. Thank you to all those who gave more this year and thanks to all the new pledges, especially those that have not pledged before. It is awesome seeing us grow as stewards of our faith. I hope all who gave feel vested in our wonderful church! Those who still have not sent in their pledge cards, it's not too late! You too can join us in feeling vested in our church and our mission. The monies we get keep the lights on, pay the staff, etc. but more importantly, they help us work on our mission and principles. So, thank you all that have sent in your pledge cards already and those who are about to. Our mission states: "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. We embrace diversity of religious background and belief". So, I will ask, did you pledge towards our mission? Do you feel a part of it? Do you feel vested as a steward of our faith?

The first line of our mission states "We are a liberal religious community of diverse individuals", yet how diverse are we really? How inviting do we seem to our community around us? To people of colour? How welcoming do we look to our surrounding community, populated by people of colour, to be named after a man who owned humans? Who viewed people of colour as property to be used, sold and passed on? Yes, Thomas Jefferson did many good things. That cannot be denied. But how can we say our mission is to be a diverse church, when our very name is offensive, divisive and demeaning to several classes of people? As the vote comes up May

20, 2018, I hope we all consider this as we make our vote.

I have heard the argument that we can't change the name because we do not have the money. I beseech you to understand the importance of the name change to be in right relations with each other and our community. As far as funding the name change we have a few options, so it does not come out of our operating fund. We can get a grant, do a separate fundraiser etc. Also voting to approve the name change, does not mean we will do it right away, the board of trustees will be, as always, mindful of our finances. Please do not let cost factor into your decisions. I ask you to consider: Does the name align with our values, principles and mission? If you do not believe so, please vote yes to the name change. Let us show the world we do want to be "a liberal religious community of diverse individuals".

At pot luck we will vote on the name we may vote in, as our name change from first Jefferson. Choices are 1. First Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Worth, Shady Grove Unitarian Universalist Church and Cross Timbers Unitarian Universalist Church. Please come and make your choice heard. Vote!

I am also very excited to announce we have an awesome search committee. Ann DiPomazio, Ros Hunter, Julia Sexton, Julie Hevelone, and Tina Harmuth. Please thank them for being so generous with time and spirit, and join me at the congregational meeting as we charge them with the task of finding our next minister!

I hope everyone enjoys this beautiful time of year, stroll our grounds, enjoy a cup of coffee, find a fun and exciting way to volunteer at the church, reach out, reach in, reach up towards our principles, our mission and our values. Keep an eye out as we improve our grounds, building and our room set ups. It's a bustling time of year! I hope you find it as fun and as exciting as I do.

*With dreams in my eyes,
hope in my heart and
faith in tomorrow,
Irene*

May 6

“The Hero’s Journey: The Boon”

The Reverend Annie Foerster

There are rewards attached to the hero’s journey, though they may not be what you expected. Wisdom is part of it, and perhaps a bit of pride. This Sunday we will also welcome new members.

May 13

“Mothers and Joggers”

The Reverend Annie Foerster

I have to admit right up front I’m not a fan of Mother’s Day as it’s celebrated. But as a metaphor and a symbol, it’s right up there with ankh and the totem pole. (That’ll get their curiosity.)

May 20

“The Challenge & Joy of Welcome: An Unusual Outsider’s Perspective”

Claire Sexton

In the UU denomination, the vast majority of current members have come from other faiths. In her reflection, Claire will explore the concept of radical hospitality as it relates to congregations welcoming those who grew up UU and other folks who aren’t well-represented in many UU spaces.

Claire Sexton lives in Waco, Texas where she is Program Coordinator for The Art Center of Waco. She is a member of both the UU Fellowship of Waco and the Church of the Larger Fellowship.

A lifelong UU, Claire is currently the board president of the UU Women’s Federation and previously held leadership positions in regional and continental Young Adult committees, including the Southwest District Young Adult Network before she moved to New York to attend graduate school for arts administration. While in NY, Claire served as Metro New York District’s Young Adult and Campus Ministry consultant for several years while also working full time at a nonprofit art gallery. Claire returned to Texas in 2015 with her family, husband Jonah and son Charlie (4 y/o), to be closer to family.

May 27

“The Hero’s Journey: Returning ”

The Reverend Annie Foerster

When you return from the hero’s journey, there will be changes. The most significant will be you.

Our Sunday Schedule

9:15 AM Nursery: Infants thru Age 3

9:30 AM Adventures in Religion, John Adams Room

9:45 AM Adult Forum, Jagers Parlor

9:45 AM Child & Youth Religious Education, Religious Education Wing (August-May)

10:00 AM Choir Gathering, Choir Room

11 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary

HERO’S JOURNEY WORSHIP SERIES

The Hero’s Journey is one of those myths that Joseph Campbell discovered existed in almost every culture and religion around the world. He collected these stories for his landmark book, *The Hero With a Thousand Faces*. These myths, he claimed, are important teaching stories about both the culture and its expectations for the individual.

The Adventures in Religion Class has been studying the book and the cultures in which they are found. This series of worship services helps explore the individual’s role as “hero.” Remember this: *If you can’t tell your life story with you as the hero, no one else will.*

■ CARING & SHARING

If you would like a pastoral note to be shared with the congregation during Sunday service, please write it in the Book of Memory and Hope in the vestibule.

■ POTLUCK SUNDAY

Sunday, May 6, 12:15pm, Coleman Hall

Bring a dish to share or just join in and help us share the food, fun and fellowship. Please join us as we pick our final choice for potential name change.



Movie Night

Friday May 4 @ 7:00 pm Jagers Parlor
Come Sunday, a Netflix film starring Chiwetel Ejiofor as Bishop Carlton Pearson, who was ostracized by his Tulsa church for preaching that there is no Hell. Popcorn will be provided. Feel free to bring your own beverages.

■ SMALL GROUP PROGRAMS

Book Discussion Group

Meets monthly on the fourth Tuesdays, 7pm, Jagers Parlor We read and discuss a variety of books: fiction, non-fiction, classics, mysteries, historical, etc. Suggestions encouraged. For information, contact Joan Carey 817-217-5905.

Upcoming Titles:

May—*Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson [Nonfiction]

June—*Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee [Fiction]

July—*The Blind Man's Garden* by Nadeem Aslam [Fiction]

Choir

Rehearses Sundays, 10:00-11:00am All voices are needed and welcomed. 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.

Gentle Yoga

Meets weekly, Saturdays, 10:30-11:30am, Sanctuary Gentle Yoga is a form of physical and spiritual practice designed for beginning students and anyone who continues to get older every year. It focuses on three aspects of the body-flexibility (reaching and bending), core strength (spine and tummy) and balance (to prevent falls). It also emphasizes relaxation and proper breathing. You'll need a yoga mat, clothes that will bend with you and a willingness to try. If you have trouble getting down on the floor (or up, once you're down), you can do many of the postures from a chair. If you aren't trim and buff like the pictures in the yoga magazines, Gentle Yoga is for you. If you can't stand on one foot without toppling, Gentle Yoga is for you. If you can't bend and touch the floor, Gentle Yoga is definitely for you.

Contact: Annie Foerster at redseamripper@gmail.com. Annie has been a yoga student for forty-two years and an instructor for thirty-seven years. She specializes in helping older students, young people and just about everyone in between.

Knitting Group

Meets weekly, Saturdays, 12:30pm, Jagers Parlor Whether you are an experienced knitter or want to learn how to knit, you are welcome! Bring your needles and yarn and join us. For more information, contact Charlotte Bailey at charlibailey@gmail.com.

First Jefferson Unitarian Universalist Quilters

Meets weekly, Tuesdays, 1-3pm, Jagers Parlor or Library We have a long history of producing quilts for fundraising, outside charities, and keeping people and buildings warm. Please consider joining us, regardless of your skills or experience. Contact Mary Kirwin, 817-714- 1796 for more information.

Interweave

Meets monthly, 3rd Friday, 6 :30 pm, No Frills Grill, 1550 Eastchase Pkwy., Arlington 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 at 817-706-3614 mrzep@charter.net.

Women's Alliance

Meets monthly, second Tuesday during the school year. All women welcome!

May 8—Woman architect movie presented by Freddie Heitman

Jun 12—Planning

Alternate—Civil War Museum dresses presented by Marilyn Kortum

UU Metaphysical Research Group

Meets monthly, third Sundays, 12:30pm, Library An open forum created to reflect, discuss, investigate and research topics vary from mysteries of our existence, paradoxes in reality, puzzling questions of origin and first principles to studying individual philosophers and famous Unitarian Universalists. Contact: Joel Bailey

Galdr Kindred

Meets monthly, first Sunday, from 1-3pm in the John Adams Room. Business meetings held third Saturdays from 12-2pm in the Library. 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. Contacts: Mathieu Thiem and Christian Torres.

New Member Ceremony, May 6

Welcome New Members

Our ceremony to recognize new members will be held during the service on Sunday, May 6th. Please join us for cake and coffee after the service to welcome these new members to our church family. If you are interested in joining the church, please contact Mary Alice Williams at 817-683-3062.

Find Out About Covenant Circles!

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. These groups give participants opportunity to deepen in their own self-understanding and foster closeness and connectedness. Please feel free to visit to see if you would like to be part of the group; if you choose to join the group after that, we ask that you commit to attend regularly.

Friends Covenant Group, a women's group

Meets monthly, the third Friday, 4 pm, Jagers Parlor Contact: Connie Nolen

Men's Covenant Group

Meets monthly, the first Wednesday, 7pm, Jagers Parlor The men's Group will meet Wednesday, May 2nd at 7pm in the Jagers Parlor. We will have our yearly spring dinner and open discussion conversations. I will bring BBQ ribs from David's BBQ. Bring whatever you want (salad, cold slaw, beer, dessert, etc.). I will bring some dominoes and card in case we want to re-remember how to play. Contact: Bob Portman

Evensong, a covenant group for women.

Meets monthly on the third Tuesday, usually in a member's home Contact Mary Alice Williams at 817-683-3062 or on Facebook if you are interested in attending.

Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS)

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



■ FRIENDS COVENANT GROUP A FEW MAKE A VERY BIG DIFFERENCE

With approximately ten members and funds averaging just over \$200, Friends Covenant Group has helped to enrich the lives of 66 people in 33 countries. Taking action to make the world a better place for all is part of the intent of this small group ministry. But how have they accomplished so much with so little?

Funding microloans in partnership with Kiva is our answer, and Kiva's mission is a perfect match for the goals of a small group ministry. Kiva is an international nonprofit, founded in 2005 and based in San Francisco, with a mission to connect people through lending to alleviate poverty. Kiva celebrates and supports people looking to create a better future for themselves, their families, and their communities.

Friends Covenant Group has multiplied their original contribution ten-fold by continuing to reinvest funds as loans are repaid. Current loans provide assistance for:

- sheep farming in Mali
- chicken production in Zimbabwe
- drainage and canals for crop production in Columbia
- pig farming in Columbia
- furniture for a school for underprivileged children in Pakistan
- dairy farming in Bolivia
- pig farming in Madagascar
- banana, dairy, and poultry farming in Kenya
- filters for safe drinking water in Cambodia

Kiva envisions a world where all people hold the power to create opportunity for themselves and others. Friends Covenant Group supports this ideal.

If your small group is considering ways to support efforts to make the world a better place, Kiva might be the answer, and you have fellow church members and friends who stand ready to help you get started.

■ WHAT IS *THE POINT*?

The Point is a customizable Unitarian Universalist retreat for all ages.

Imagine five days of UU covenant and community in a resort-like setting on the shores of Lake Murray in Oklahoma. The Point offers personal growth, faith renewal, learning opportunities, spiritual practices, community worship, music, excellent cuisine, sustainable practices, social gatherings (trivia, bingo, talent show, game night, star-gazing, s'mores and sing-alongs), outdoor activities, programming for all ages and interests, and an engaging theme speaker. Each day begins with worship and ends with a sunset talk, but how you spend your day is completely up to you!

We hope you can join us at Lake Murray, July 22-27, 2018!

For more information and registration visit <http://www.thepointuu.org/>



UUA General Assembly

General Assembly is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association. Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. Anyone may attend; congregations must certify annually to send voting delegates. The 2018 General Assembly will be June 20-24 in Kansas City, Missouri. Most General Assembly events will be held in the Kansas City Convention Center.

Registration and Housing Open March 1

GA Registration and the GA Housing Reservation System open at 9 a.m. CST. at www.uua.org/ga/travel

GA Theme: "All Are Called"

Grounded in a deep belief that we are all prophets, Unitarian Universalists ask, "How can we faithfully meet the demands of our time?" The call to witness and act for justice in our society and in the world is clear. So, too, is the call to examine our structures and practices, dismantling and transforming those which fail to recognize the full humanity of all people and to honor the interdependent web of life. Join us in Kansas City as we dive deeply into questions of mission for our Unitarian Universalist Association, for our congregations and communities, and for each of us as individuals.

Kansas City

The City of Fountains is practically overflowing with adventure. Whether it's the scent of smoldering BBQ luring you to a plate of ribs, the sweet echo of jazz welcoming an evening of entertainment or the spray of fountains inviting you to kick off your shoes and make a splash, you'll sense inspiration in the air – and find it along every boulevard.

As America's most centrally located major metropolitan area, Kansas City's location is a huge advantage for travelers. In fact, more than 55 million Americans can get to Kansas City in less than a day's drive. And flying there is even easier—as Kansas City International Airport is just a three-hour flight away from each coast.

Excellent Programming

GA will offer more than 175 programming selections over the course of five days. Major worships this year will be lead by UUA President Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray and Rev. Sofia Betancourt. More programming details are available at www.uua.org/ga.

Financial Aid Available

The UUA is committed to the goal of making GA accessible to as many attendees as possible. Go to www.uua.org/ga in the month of March to learn about scholarships to support delegates - particularly those from marginalized groups - and volunteer opportunities (work in exchange for registration).



EASTSIDE MINISTRIES

Eastside Ministries Needs You!

Daytime, business hours volunteers needed at Eastside Ministries to help receive, sort, tag, and display clothing donations that come in each day. If you are able to help, come by any day during business hours to get started. Eastside Ministries, 5929 E Lancaster Ave, Fort Worth, TX 76112, (817) 446-3278.



OFFERING DONATION

On Sundays, if an offering is not designated to one's budget drive pledge, half is passed on to a recipient organization chosen quarterly. Suggestions for recipient organizations to Irene Forrester, Board president.



COMMUNITY GARDEN

Prime East Fort Worth sandy loam plots = \$35/yr. Contact: Connie Nolen or Karl Thibodeaux.

Support the community garden when purchasing free trade coffee or chocolate! Next sales day is Sunday, May 6.



CHILD & YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Council Chairs: Mary West and Julia Sexton

Summer Maker Space Coming Soon!

The final Religious Education classes of the 2017-18 year will be on May 20th. The teachers and RE families will then take a break for a few weeks. On June 17, we begin our summer program: Maker Space. The goals include exploring our creative sides, inventive reuse of materials, and the joy of making things. We could use any old craft supplies you have been meaning to re-home as well as cardboard, plastic, or fabrics. We are also accepting volunteers to come help lead the youth and maybe share new techniques with them. Adults are encouraged to come and get creative with us!

Nursery

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.

Our Current Curriculum

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.

PK-1

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. Using the Montessori method, Spirit Play students hear stories and then choose how to respond to that experience using craft and other materials or work directly with the stories. The spiritual environment of the classroom includes a range of ages and developmental levels. *Lead Teacher: Jackie Freeman*

Grades 2-8

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." *Lead Teacher: Mary West*

High School

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. *Lead Teacher: Dan Sexton*

Become Part of Our Program

If you are interested in teaching, or have any questions, comments, concerns, etc. about the religious education program for children and youth, please see Mary West or Julia Sexton.



Adult Forum

Sundays, 9:45 am, Jagers Parlor

May 6th: Come learn about being better men and women. Man Kind Project will conduct the adult form including part of a sample MKP meeting. This demonstrates how men help men be better man. How men can get in touch with their feelings and improve their lives.

May 13th: James Farmer, a PHD psychologist, will talk about ways not to be stuck in life.

May 20th: TBA

May 27th: Bill Maginnis will show some of his varied and interesting videos for discussion.

Coordinator: Lorraine Levine. Got something interesting to say? Let Lorraine Levine know. We have openings in the months to come.



Adventures in Religion—

The Hero with a Thousand Faces

John Adams Room, Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

Adventures in Religion is a round-table discussion group about world religions. We are currently discussing 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).

This book uncovers truths disguised under figures of religion and mythology. Campbell explores Apollo, the Frog King of the fairy tale, Wotan, the Buddha, and others, and the relationship of their timeless symbols to those rediscovered in dream by depth psychology. He compares the psychological view with the words of such spiritual leaders as Moses, Jesus, Mohammed, Lao-tse, and the "Old Men" of the Australian tribes. From behind a thousand faces, the single hero emerges, archetype of all myth, and, through him, a statement of the basic truths by which man has lived throughout the millennia. (Joseph Campbell and Princeton University Press)

March Estimated Preview

Part Two: The Cosmogonic Cycle

Chapter II: The Virgin Birth

3. Out of the Void—Space

4. Within Space—Life

Chapter III: Transformations Of The Hero

1. The Primordial Hero and the Human

2. Childhood of the Human Hero

3. The Hero as Warrior

4. The Hero as Lover

5. The Hero as Emperor and as Tyrant

■ MAY 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TUE MAY 1, 2018

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

WED MAY 2, 2018

7pm Men's Covenant Group, Jagers Parlor

THU MAY 3, 2018

6pm LGBTQ S.A.V.E.S Board Meeting, Jagers Parlor
7pm PFLAG, Coleman Hall
7pm PFLAG/LGBTQ S.A.V.E.S Youth Group, Jagers Parlor

FRI MAY 4, 2018

7pm Movie Night, Jagers Parlor

SAT MAY 5, 2018

7am Election Polling, Coleman Hall
10:30am Gentle Yoga, Sanctuary
12:30pm Knitting Group, Jagers Parlor

SUN MAY 6, 2018

12:15pm Potluck Sunday, Coleman Hall
12:30pm Faith Forward—Membership 101 & Congregational Life, Jagers Parlor
12:30pm HUUDLE/Voices in Action, Library
12:30pm The Galdr Kindred, John Adams Room

TUE MAY 8, 2018

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

SAT MAY 12, 2018

10:30am Gentle Yoga, Sanctuary
12:30pm Knitting Group, Jagers Parlor

SUN MAY 13, 2018

12:30pm Religious Education Council, Religious Education Office
1pm Covenant of UU Pagans (CUUPs) Meeting, John Adams Room
1:30pm Astrological Society of North Texas, Jagers Parlor

MON MAY 14, 2018

6:30pm Finance Committee Meeting, Church Office
7:30pm Spectrum Concert Series, Sanctuary

TUE MAY 15, 2018

12:30m Membership Committee, Library
1pm First Jefferson Quilters, Jagers Parlor
7pm Trans-cendence Meeting, Coleman Hall,

WED MAY 16, 2018

7pm PFLAG Board Meeting , Library

THU MAY 17, 2018

6pm Worship Arts Committee, Jagers Parlor
7pm LGBTQ S.A.V.E.S., Library

FRI MAY 18, 2018

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 MAY 19, 2018

10am Teacher Appreciation Prep, Coleman Hall
10:30am Gentle Yoga, Sanctuary
12pm The Galdr Kindred, John Adams Room/ Library
12:30pm Knitting Group, Jagers Parlor

SUN MAY 20, 2018

8am Teacher Appreciation, Coleman Hall
12:30pm Metaphysical Research Group, Library
1pm Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary

TUE MAY 22, 2018

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

SAT MAY 26, 2018

10:30am Gentle Yoga, Sanctuary
12:30pm Knitting Group, Jagers Parlor

SUN MAY 27, 2018

1pm Cross Timbers Magical Studies Group, John Adams Room

TUE MAY 29, 2018

1pm First Jefferson Quilters, 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.

LGBTQ S.A.V.E.S.

Meets 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month, 7pm Jagers Parlor/Library

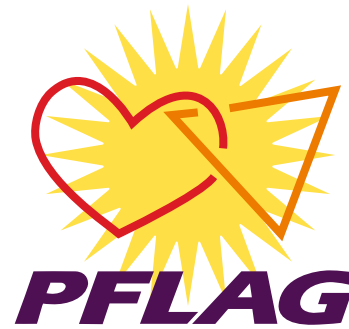
Vision: A community where ALL youth are safe.

Mission: LGBTQ S.A.V.E.S. fosters the well-being of LGBTQ youth and allies.

- provide safe spaces for social and personal development;
- promote supportive learning environments; and
- provide resources to youth and their families.

Trans-cendence

First & Third Tuesdays of each month, 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.



Astrological Society of North Texas

Second Sundays, 12:30 pm, Jagers Parlor
The Astrological Society of North Texas is a non-profit whose purpose is to share astrological information and to offer education in the science/art of astrology.

Spectrum Concert Series

Next concert is May 14, 2018 at 7:30 in the Sanctuary
Now in our 32nd season, the Spectrum Chamber Music Society is devoted to sharing diverse and exciting chamber music performances with the local community of Fort Worth, as well as neighboring communities. Our annual series of six unique concert programs take place at two local churches, First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth (downtown) and First Jefferson Unitarian Universalist Church (eastside). The group features musicians of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, joined by musicians from all over North Texas and beyond.

For questions concerning Spectrum concerts, please contact Dan Sigale by phone at (817) 938-5492 or via email at spectrumchambermusic@gmail.com, or visit our website at spectrumchambermusic.com.



THIS MONTH & BEYOND

Spectrum Chamber Music Society Concludes Their Thirty-Second Season

Spectrum Chamber Music Society, Fort Worth's oldest professional chamber music group, ends our 2017-18 season with a pair of concerts on Tuesday May 1 and Monday May 14, 2018. Featured are musicians of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra and friends performing popular music and hidden gems from the Baroque, Classical, Romantic and Contemporary periods.

The final downtown Fort Worth concert of the season will take place on Monday October 16 at 7:00pm at First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth, 800 W. 5th Street, and for the first time, the concert will take place in the main sanctuary of the church. The concert will feature a pair of quintets, before ending with a jazzy flourish.

The final eastside Fort Worth concert of the season will take place on Monday May 14, 2018 at 7:30pm at First Jefferson Unitarian Universalist Church, 1959 Sandy Lane, and will feature two great works for piano and strings, performed by Ken Iisaka, three-time Van Cliburn International Amateur Piano Competition finalist and winner of the 2016 Washington International Piano Artists Competition, along with members of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra.

The program begins with the light-hearted Cinq Pieces en Trio by 20th-Century French composer Jacques Ibert, featuring Elise Belk, oboe, Daryl Coad, clarinet, and Cara Owens, bassoon. The first half ends with Mozart's dramatic Quartet in G minor for Piano and Strings, featuring pianist Iisaka, violinist Jen Betz, violist Sarah Kienle, and cellist Allan Steele. The second half of the concert is devoted to Franz Schubert's lively and popular Quintet in A Major for Piano and Strings, also known as the "Trout" Quintet, featuring pianist Iisaka, violinist Molly Baer, violist Daniel Sigale, cellist Steele, and bassist William Clay.

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NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

The publishing schedule has moved up by a week to issue The Courier the Sunday prior to the beginning of each month.

June issue

Content and images due: Tuesday, 5/22

July issue

Content and images due: Tuesday, 6/19

August issue

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Send us your photos of fellowship and service in our church or community to publicize@firstjefferson.org! Send us your advertisements for groups, classes and parties to publicize@firstjefferson.org.

COUNCILS

The Church Council met on April 22 and collaborated on schedules and needs. The next meeting will be in August.

The committee of committee chairs, the Church Council, has a Facebook group for calendaring, collaboration or policy question. If you are a committee chair and have not received an invite, please email vicepresident@firstjefferson.org to be added.

The committee of small group leads also has a Facebook group for calendaring, collaboration and policy questions, if you are a small group of covenant circle leaders, please contact vice president@firstjefferson.org to be added to the Fellowship Council.

† Congregational Meeting †

Spring Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, May 20, at 1pm in the Sanctuary after our Congregational Lunch

Committee Chairs please have all reports submitted by May 14.



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