

Courier

First Jefferson
Unitarian
Universalist
Church

Hope  Joy  Awe  Connection

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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.

■ CONGREGATION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Fellow Congregants,
We all have those special quotes that linger in our minds, define us, explain us, or guide us. One that pops into my head quite often comes from George Herbert Walker Bush. He made me believe in humanity and how working together we can all make a difference. He referred to “the thousand points of light.” How true it that! Even in outer space, our many little points of lights, light up the earth. I believe in that statement. I see so often how the work of many can change the world, save a people, bring joy and life to places, people or times thought lost.

People bringing their light, their gifts, talent, and time is how our church was created, is maintained, and will grow. I have been thinking of this a lot lately, while thinking of our church's needs, dreams, and mission. Thinking of how fellow congregants help light up our church. People like Julie and Mary, working hard to make sure we have great services; Joel who rides his bike to church, even in the heat of summer, to water plants and other odd jobs; David who brings life into the sanctuary with his beautiful plants; RE council who tirelessly make RE fun. This list is long—too long for me to list, but I think you get the point.

When I started coming to this church, I didn't know how to help. I am not sure if I thought I had a light to share. So, as many new-comers do, I worked in the kitchen. There are always dishes to wash, pots of coffee to be made. I then added teaching in RE—boy did I have fun there. Eventually I went on to other things. Some were visible to others: coordinating our pen-pal program or fun events like the service auction. Some were invisible chores: cleaning closets. Through all that, I learned I have a light. When I let it shine, I make a difference too. My little light, shining next to others, really does brighten up our church, our community, our world.

I write of this and ask, have you found your way to shine? Do you know we value the light within you? Or are you like I was, trying figure out where to shine your light? If it's the latter, talk to someone on the board or membership. Or, if you are uncomfortable asking, here are some ways you can shine: join the name change task force, chair or help with the service auction, help with hospitality (coffee and such), pitch in with RE, teach a class, help host an event, lay lead on a Sunday, help with the garden. This list can go on and on, so just realize, your passion, your gift, your light, is welcome here. Please share your light, together we really can light up our church, community and world.

I would also like to share that Jo Burnham, who has shone her light for many years and in many ways, has graciously accepted to fill the member at large position on the Board of Trustees. This is the position vacated by Sue Lowry's resignation.

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

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

In other news: NTUUC is holding a workshop entitled “Equipped for Action: Training for UU Volunteers.” It will be held 08:30am–04:15pm August 11, 2018, at First Unitarian Church of Dallas. If that wasn't enticing enough, let me add that Annie Foerster will be the key note speaker and she is conducting a workshop on spiritual practices. You can sign up on the NTUUC page. <https://ntuuc.org/events/current-events/equipped-for-action-training-for-uus>

July 29

“Transactions: Don’t Panic!”

Betty Churchman

Douglas Adams wrote about a character named Authur Dent who was going through changes very quickly. Changes in our church community seem to be traveling at light speed. While we are searching for “the ultimate question of life, the universe and everything” Just Remember “Don’t Panic”

August 5

“I am a Minister and So Can You”

The Reverend Annie Foerster

The concept of shared ministry is a fascinating one, especially for a congregation seeking a permanent minister. Sometimes we do it without thinking; sometimes we stand in its way. Let’s be intentional in examining its benefits.

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

August 12

“UU R Creative”

UU Ministerial Candidate

D. Scott Cooper

Creativity has been defined as “the ability to transcend traditional ideas and rules and to create meaningful new ideas and interpretations.” For centuries, UUs have realized we didn’t have to sign on with the majority view and have been creatively engaging religion, community and concepts of the Divine ever since! Join us to learn how we might continue this tradition of creativity.

Scott will begin a Chaplaincy Residency at Parkland Hospital in Dallas later this month. He was recently interviewed by the Ministerial Fellowship Committee and will soon begin preliminary fellowship as a UU minister. Scott served as Sabbatical Minister at his home church, the First Unitarian Church of Dallas and completed his Ministerial Internship at the Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento. Scott graduated in 2016 with his Master of Divinity degree from Brite Divinity School.

Scott and his husband Conrad share a nearly-hundred-year-old home in the Oak Cliff borough of Dallas with Conrad’s father Rudy. Conrad is a psychologist, and his son and daughter attend college.

August 19

“Threads of Unitarian Universalism: Unraveling Buddhism”

The Reverend Annie Foerster

The most popular established religion among UUs is probably Buddhism. I’ll try to unravel the mystery of why so many of its concepts work their way into our faith.

August 26

“Shall we Gather at the River? Water Service”

The Reverend Annie Foerster

It’s time for the annual water service, when we mingle the waters from all the places we’ve visited this summer, and welcome all travelers home.

■ 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.

Please keep **Cheri Husband** in your thoughts after her recent fall and back injury.

Dr. Rita Cotterly, a renowned therapist of LGBT communities and a local neighbor fell and broke her hip recently. Please keep her your thoughts and prayers.

Please hold a warm thought for **Pam Cox's** daughter Susan and her family as they proceed through the process of adopting a child currently in the state system

Dale Husband's friend, Madeline Wampler, is dealing with financial issues after falling victim to a scam that wiped out her bank account. She lives in Chicago.

Thank you to **David Binde** for keeping the Sanctuary filled with cool green living plants during these extremely hot days.

Wishes for safe travel for **Andrew Fields** as he takes his first vacation to see a highly anticipated in New York. This is his first solo trip out of state.

First Jefferson is a community of folks who gather for worship and/or other activities within the congregation. One of the functions of a healthy community is to care for one another during good times and bad. Therefore, we will be developing a Caring and Sharing ministry among the congregation. Some of the activities will include sending cards (get well, sympathy, thank you, congratulations, etc.), making telephone calls and visiting folks who are in the hospital or home-bound, and making casseroles that can be frozen and used when needed. If you are interested in doing some or all of this, you can contact Betty Churchman at bettychurchman@swingingbridgesministries.org or Sue Lowry at sue.lowry56@gmail.com.

■ 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:

August 28—*Eats, Shoots & Leaves: The Zero Tolerance Approach to Punctuation* by Lynne Truss [Nonfiction]

September 25—*American Kingpin: The Epic Hunt for the Criminal Mastermind Behind the Silk Road* by Lynne Truss [Nonfiction]

October 23—*News of the World* by Nadeem Aslam [Fiction]

November 27—*The Storied City: The Quest for Timbuktu and the Fantastic Mission to Save Its Past* by Charlie English [Nonfiction]



■ POTLUCK SUNDAY

Sunday, August 5, 12:15pm, Coleman Hall Bring a dish to share or just join in and help us share the food, fun and fellowship.

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 2nd & 4th 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!

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.

Groove Shack Drum Circle

Date & Time TBA, Sanctuary Welcoming all drummers, dancers, spinners (no fire as we're indoors), music lovers—all people! Don't have a drum? No worries, we have something you can use to join in! We have plenty of room, with comfortable chairs and a great floor for dancing. Beverages provided. Come get into the groove!

Friends Covenant Group, A Women's Group

Meets monthly, the third Friday, 4 pm, Jagers Parlor (Group will not meet in July and August—Have a great Summer!) 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, Covenant Group for Women

Meets monthly on the third Tuesday, usually in a member's home Group is on Summer hiatus. See you in the Fall! 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, 1pm, John Adams Room Contact Rosalind Dugan 817-447- 9240/rosalind.dugan@yahoo.com or Charlotte Bailey, charlibailey@gmail.com.

Upcoming: CUUPS Lammas

Saturday, August 4 at 7pm, Coleman Hall

Sacred Hearth invites you to join us as we celebrate the beginning of the harvest season with the blessing of the loaves. The Kitchen Witches will bake up a storm all day and create tasty, handmade loaves in sacred space for ritual and for our annual bake sale the next day. This is a child-friendly ritual.

Doors open at 7 pm for ingathering, and circle begins at 7:30. Potluck feasting will follow ritual, so bring your favorite spreads, butters, cheeses, etc. to share and enjoy on fresh-baked bread. As always, our circles are free and open to the public, and one need not be Pagan or Unitarian Universalist to attend. Hope to see you there!

DEWAYNE CHURCHMAN

Dewayne Churchman was born and grew up in Palestine, Texas. He attended Tyler Junior College and then joined the US Navy where he worked in Aviation Ordnance assembling missiles and bombs on Navy ships. This work took him around the world to far places including Hong Kong, the Persian Gulf and Tasmania. In Hawaii among the large fleet of ships gathered to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II Dewayne was on the Flagship where the best crew, best weapons personnel and best airplane pilots served.

In 2011 Dewayne returned to Ft Worth and married Betty, his high school sweetheart, after reconnecting with her online after twenty years of being apart. They have two children. He is presently working on his bachelor's degree at the University of North Texas in history with a focus on European and military history with a minor study in Leadership, Community Organizing and Grant Writing. Dewayne enjoys working with non-profit organizations.

Dewayne grew up in the Baptist church. He and Betty started looking at churches together investigating several denominations to find a good fit, and were finally told by a Disciples of Christ minister that the Unitarian Universalist church was where they belonged.



■ EQUIPPED FOR ACTION

Equipped for Action:

Training for UU Volunteers

A gathering for renewal of energy, hope, and connection for teachers, greeters, and other volunteers

Saturday, August 11, 2018 8:30 am
 First Unitarian Church of Dallas
 4015 Normandy Avenue
 Dallas, Texas 75205-1750
 (214) 528-3990

This event is being hosted by First Unitarian Church of Dallas and is being made possible by generous financial support from NTUUC.

Programs offered this year:

- Safety & Security Training for Teachers and Greeters
- Spiritual Practice & Self-Care
- Side with Love
- Small Group Ministry
- Youth Ministry - Circle Worship

There will also be:

- CPR/AED Training from American Heart Association

Opening Speaker:

Rev. Annie Foerster
 "Jumping In On Time"

In the sport of jump rope, "on time" is the highest skill!

Registration Information:

Free registration and childcare, but class sizes are limited. Please register early to reserve your seat. **All the tracks are capacity controlled—please register early to make sure you reserve your space.** Register by Wednesday, August 1st (11:59pm) https://www.ntuuc.org/equipped-for-action-training-for-uus/icalrepeat.detail/2018/07/28/289/-/?rp_id=2664

Childcare

Free childcare available—with online reservations by August 1st. Children will be served lunch of cheese pizza, raw veggies and fruit, and fruit juices; if this does not fit your child's dietary needs please bring appropriate snacks and label them with your child's name.

Dietary Concerns

We will have a choice of vegan or omnivore meals - please specify your preference on the registration form. We are unable to accommodate other special dietary needs. If you're on a restricted diet, we ask that you bring something tasty that you will enjoy.

Questions:

Please contact us at equipped@ntuuc.org

Our Presenters

The Reverend Annie Foerster

Rev. Annie Foerster has nearly 40 years of experience as a UU minister and has gotten the "theology habit." She finds wisdom in many places and use what she finds to stitch together the fabric of her faith. She proclaims that Unitarian Universalists aren't given many answers in church and we are encouraged to "build our own theology."

Natalie Briscoe

Natalie Briscoe is currently serving as the Co-Lead for the Southern Region of our UUA. She has amassed over a decade as a Religious Educator, serving as a Director of Religious Education, a Regional Smart Church Consultant, and a National Youth Ministry Consultant before joining the UUA's Congregational Life Staff. Natalie has authored several curricula which are used nation-wide for Youth, Families, and Young Adults, as well as being featured in the Interconnections newsletter for UU Leaders.

The Reverend Nathan Hollister

Rev. Nathan Hollister leads Sacred Fire Unitarian Universalist in Central, NC. Sacred Fire UU is a ministry that plants covenanted communities and does justice leadership training in congregations across the country.

Beth Ferree

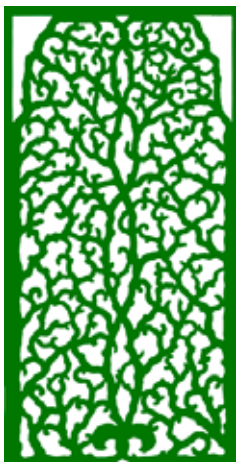
Beth Ferree is Chair of the Social Justice at UU Church of Oak Cliff, Beth is also a life coach and counselor.

EASTSIDE MINISTRIES

School Supplies for Eastside Ministries

Please join the Religious Education Council in helping to provide Backpacks and School Uniforms for Eastside Ministries' client families with school-aged children. While school supplies such as pencils, paper, crayons, and glue are needed, also, there is a particular need for the white or navy-blue polo shirts that are a part of most schools' uniform. All youth sizes from S to XL, and smaller adult sizes are wanted. Backpacks are used by every student in every grade! A variety of sizes in these is helpful, too. We will be collecting donations in the red grocery cart in the church foyer through August 12. Monetary contributions are welcome, as well.

Thank you for your continued support of the RE Council, and Eastside Ministries!



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!

OFFERING DONATION

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



■ CHILD & YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Religious Education Council Chairs:
Mary West and Julia Sexton**

New RE Year On the Way

The Religious Education Council is busy gearing up for another great year!

This year the Children and Youth Religious Education program focuses on our **Unitarian and Universalist Heritage** and teachings.

Pre-K through 1st grade youth will explore these themes using *Spirit Play*, a Montessori Method of story telling.

Second through 4th grades will be using our *Toolbox of Faith* to help understand how our faith calls us to action.

Fifth through 8th grades will discuss issues of faith using a *Hogwarts* theme.

High school aged youth will use a curriculum entitled *Our Name is Earl* which uses concepts from the television show "My Name is Earl" where the main character, Earl Hickey, goes on a spiritual quest to become a better person.

Classes begin on September 9, and we are excited to begin!

Chalice Children Bridging

On August 26th, in the Worship Service, we will recognize the children who are graduating from the Chalice Children program with a Bridging ceremony. This is for children moving from the second to third grades.

Feast For All Good Children

We will have the Children and Youth Religious Education in-gathering, our "Feast For All Good Children" in Coleman Hall on September 2 during the RE Hour (9:45-10:45 AM), and enjoy water play out front after the worship Service and Potluck. Be sure to bring swim suits and towels!

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.

Summer Maker Space Continues!

Our summer program this year is 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!

We need folks willing to help demonstrate arts and crafts projects to the youth for Maker Space Summer. Contact Thomas Earthman at RE@firstjefferson.org to talk about what weekends would be good!

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 SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION

Adult Forum

Sundays, 9:45 am, Jagers Parlor

August 5: TBA

August 12: James White, a leader in many secular organizations, will talk about secularism.

August 19: Dale Husband will talk about how the sun's evolution will change earth.

August 26: Carmyn Thom will talk about what you can learn from competitive high school debate.

September 2: Lorraine Levine will facilitate a discussion on current events.

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



Adventures in Religion—

July 8, 2018, through January 20, 2019

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

Adventures in Religion is a round-table discussion group about world religions. We discuss *The Thirteen Principal Upanishads*, Translation by F. Max-Müller, revised by Suren Navlakha, with an introduction and notes by Suren Navlakha. Hertfordshire: Wordsworth Editions Limited; 2000. ISBN-10: 1-84022102X. ISBN-13: 978-1840221022. Paperback. **(Please be sure to get either of the ISBNs cited here, so that we will all have the same edition.)**

Hindu scripture. Composed in Sanskrit between 900 and 600 BC, the Upanishads presented here are by far the oldest and most important of those that exist. Remarkable for their meditative depth, spirit of doubt and intellectual honesty, the Upanishads are concerned with the knowledge of the Brahman, the Ultimate Reality, and Man's relationship with it. (Wordsworth Editions Limited)

This Month's Estimated Preview

Katha Upanishad
Isha Upanishad
Kena Upanishad
Taittiriya Upanishad
Aitareya Upanishad

■ AUGUST 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WED AUG 1, 2018

7pm Men's Covenant Group, Jagers Parlor

THU AUG 2, 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

SAT AUG 4, 2018

7am CUUPs Lammas Prep, Kitchen

10:30am Gentle Yoga, Sanctuary

12:30pm Knitting Group, Jagers Parlor

4pm CUUPs Lammas , Coleman Hall, Kitchen

SUN AUG 5, 2018

12:15pm Potluck Sunday, Coleman Hall

12:30pm HUUDLE/Voices in Action, Library

12:30pm The Galdr Kindred , John Adams Room

TUE AUG 7, 2018

1pm First Jefferson Quilters , Jagers Parlor

7pm Trans-cendence Meeting, Coleman Hall, John Adams Room, HS Room

SAT AUG 11, 2018

10:30am Gentle Yoga, Sanctuary

12:30pm Knitting Group, Jagers Parlor

1pm Memorial Service - Francis Maginnis, Sanctuary

SUN AUG 12, 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 AUG 13, 2018

6:30pm Finance Committee Meeting, Church Office

TUE AUG 14, 2018

1pm First Jefferson Quilters , Jagers Parlor

WED AUG 15, 2018

7pm PFLAG Board Meeting , Library

THU AUG 16, 2018

6pm Worship Arts Committee, Jagers Parlor

7pm LGBTQ S.A.V.E.S. , Library

FRI AUG 17, 2018

6:30pm Interweave Get Together, No Frills Grill, 1550 Eastchase Pkwy., Suite 1200, Arlington 76017

SAT AUG 18, 2018

10:30am Gentle Yoga, Sanctuary

12pm The Galdr Kindred , John Adams Room

12:30pm Knitting Group, Jagers Parlor

SUN AUG 19, 2018

12:30pm Metaphysical Research Group, Library

1pm Board Meeting, Jagers Parlor

TUE AUG 21, 2018

10am Courier Deadline, Email: administrator@firstjefferson.org

1pm First Jefferson Quilters , Jagers Parlor

7pm Trans-cendence Meeting, Coleman Hall, John Adams Room, HS Room

SAT AUG 25, 2018

10:30am Gentle Yoga, Sanctuary

12:30pm Knitting Group, Jagers Parlor

TUE AUG 28, 2018

1pm First Jefferson Quilters , Jagers Parlor

7pm Book Discussion Group, Jagers Parlor



■ HOSTED AT FIRST JEFFERSON

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

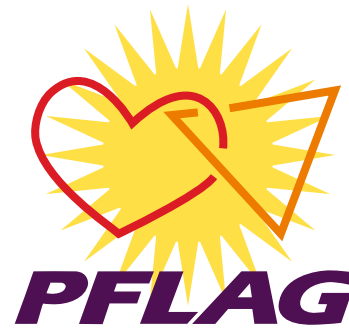
Vision: A community where ALL youth are safe.

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

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

Piano Recital

Featuring Sunday Pianist Mikhail Berestnev

July 30, 2018, 7:30pm, Sanctuary

Mikhail Berestnev is a pianist from Russia based in the United States for the last few years. Geography of his concert appearances includes countries such as Spain, Belgium, Italy, Morocco, China, Australia, Brazil, Canada, United States, Belarus and Russia.

He was a soloist with the Fort Worth, San Angelo and Meadows Symphony Orchestras in the U.S. Besides these orchestras he played with the Sydney and Brazilian Symphonies as well as with Royal Chamber Orchestra of Wallonia.

In chamber music he collaborated with violinists Emanuel Borok, Aaron Boyd, Matt Albert, Curt Thompson, pianist Andrey Ponochevny and principal French Horn of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra David Cooper.

His recordings have been broadcast on WQXP New York radio, ABC Classic FM in Australia and WRR Classical in DFW.

Program

Johann Sebastian Bach

Partita in E Minor BWV 830

Johann Sebastian Bach/Feruccio Busoni

Chacone in D Minor

Benjamin Britten

"Night Piece"

Robert Schumann

"Faschingswank aus Wien"

Nikolai Medtner

First Improvisation op. 31 #1

Sonata in G Minor op. 22

Teen Pride Event

4th Annual Fort Worth Youth Pride Presented by LGBTQ S.A.V.E.S

September 22, 2018, 1pm to 4pm, Sanctuary

We will have food, music, door prizes and fun!

We invite all that responded to previous invite to set up a table at the event and share your organization with our youth and families.

Cost to be a vendor: provide a door prize for youth giveaways. For more info contactus@lgbtqsaves.org.

GOOD EGG AWARD

Patrick Gutierrez was the 1st Quarter recipient of the Good Egg Award. Patrick is a long-time member of First Jefferson. He was president from 1995-96 and served on the Board twice. Patrick chaired the last minister search and is credited for re-invigorating the Church Council. Today, most of us know Patrick as our invaluable sound man. Patrick is a faithful, committed member of First Jefferson and an all-around “good egg”!



GOOD EGG AWARD

David Binde is the second quarter recipient of the Good Egg Award. One of David’s greatest contributions to First Jefferson is his flower ministry - our sanctuary is always beautiful thanks to his talents. David also helps with worship services; he sings in the choir; he supports and promotes the Spectrum Chamber music series at First Jeff; and, he is an awesome auctioneer at our annual service auction. All of these contributions make David a truly “good egg”.



MUUse Art Show & Sale

Art show is 6-9 pm 9/8/2018 (Gallery night) and 10-1pm 9/10/2018
Art show open to the public. First time presenters are encouraged to show.
Parties interested in being in the show, for more information, or to book space contact Karl at: administrator@firstjefferson.org or (817) 451-1505 or Irene at president@firstjefferson.org.
Nominal fee: \$15 admin fee (holds your space), fee waived for past participants, and only 15% of sales.
Artists 15 years and younger: no fees charged, with a signed letter of consent from parent or legal guardian.

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