



# All Souls News

*A newsletter for the members and friends of All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Shreveport, Louisiana*

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## MARCH SERVICES

**Worship Service starts at 11 a.m.**

*Children and Youth are dismissed during the service for Religious Education. Nursery care is available during Adult RE (9:15 a.m.) and till the service ends.*

**March 6—It's Celebration of Women Week.** Our guest this morning is **Annette Simmons**, who will speak to us on the power of storytelling in the lives of women and in the lives of all of us. *Board Persons of the Day are Melissa Gibson and Diane Bundy.*

**March 13—Rev. Barbara Jarrell** is in the pulpit. *Board Persons of the Day are Eric First and Jocelyn Lanham.*

**March 20—Rev. Barbara Jarrell** is in the pulpit. *Board Persons of the Day are Kathy Osuch and Ken Peterson.*

**March 27—It's Easter Sunday**, and we invite you to join us for this celebration of rebirth and renewal featuring special music and an inclusive communion ritual. This year, we will have a **Potluck Brunch** at 9:45 a.m. before the service and, of course, our **Easter Egg Hunt** (see page 3) for the children immediately after the service. *Board Persons of the Day are Bob Jordan and Amanda Lawrence.*



## All Souls Presents Satirist Roy Zimmerman March 15

Do you remember last year when you were kicking yourself because you missed this guy?

Or do you remember last year when you came to hear this guy and wished you'd brought all your friends?

Now is your chance to see singer/songwriter/satirist Roy Zimmerman, whether for the first time or for the second, third, or fourth time with friends in tow.

Join us on Tuesday, March 15 at 7 p.m. at All Souls.

Admission is a \$18 at the door (don't let finances keep you away, any amount is accepted).

*This Machine* is 90 minutes of Roy Zimmerman's hilarious, rhyme-intensive original songs. While the title is a reference to Woody Guthrie and Pete Seeger, it is also an acknowledgement that songwriting does good work in the world.

**(Continued on Page 4: Roy Zimmerman)**

## St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Friday, March 11 at 7 p.m.

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church  
9449 Ellerbe Road, Shreveport 

**Music by "The Conlys Celtic Band"**

Bill Conly  Bethany Sorkey  Bob Jordan  
*Irish, Scottish, Blue Grass, Folk, and More*

**Snacks and Cash Bar Available**  
**All-Ages Event**

*\$10 Suggested Donation at the Door*



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**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
Tuesday, March 29 by 8 p.m.

All Souls is a  
Welcoming  
Congregation.



# FROM THE MINISTER

## Find Respectful Ways to Speak Your Truth

By Rev.  
Barbara Jarrell



We are surrounded with opportunities to grow into this chosen faith of ours. Sunday after Sunday as we rise in body or spirit and recite “Love is the doctrine of this church” we are reminded that beyond our individual thoughts rests a deeper principle that can faithfully guide our efforts for good.

Each Sunday, by that one first word, we again pledge ourselves to the incredibly difficult task of moving past our own narrow concerns and fears to serve something more—a value more enduring than politics or religious views.

Love is no feeble position or easy road.

How often do we really stop and call ourselves out to own what we regularly profess with our voices? Every time new members stand before the congregation to sign our membership book, on behalf of All Souls I say that we are extending the freedom of our tradition to them with **love**. That is a commitment.

I tell them that we trust their journey will be guided by integrity, reason, and **love**. Of course, this means we trust ourselves to be guided by the same. I also make the claim that we are working to build **beloved** community and shape the

meaning of our lives speaking the truth in **love**. It doesn't take great intelligence to love but it does take great character and generosity. It does take an intentional willingness to set aside the mental chatter of story-lines and indulgences that may coax us into smaller thinking and behavior.

**“How often do we really stop and call ourselves out to own what we regularly profess with our own voices?”**

In political seasons this is even more challenging because so few seem to be holding themselves to such a standard. We are, however, covenantally obligated to find respectful ways to speak our truth as we endeavor to grow in our capacity to love and understand people whose conclusions are unlike our own. We all have our work cut out for us.

I submit that every action we undertake which is deeply grounded in a foundation of love will have significant positive impact on the world around us and unless we are acting from love our greatest efforts will be of little consequence. When cultivated and mindfully tended the transforming power that we affirm and declare as our communal basis changes hearts, restores spirits, and saves lives.

Each time you are able to participate in the worship service, when we reach the Unison Affirmation let the words we offer one another sift their way to your core. Feel their weight and then with pride and purpose once again take them as your own. I will do the same.

Yours in ever  
evolving faith,

Barbara

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# CORNER OFFICE WITH A VIEW

## Focuses on Ourselves, Our Community, and Our Planet



By Susan Caldwell,  
Director of Lifespan Religious Education

As we continue the Season of the Peacemaker in our UU Liturgical Year, our children and youth have finished up their pillar on World Religions and are beginning to explore themes of Peace, Social Justice and the Interdependent Web.

Though our focus turns to our second and seventh Principles, and to our Second and Sixth Sources, all of our Principles and Sources point us toward an obligation to care for our planet and to seek a more just world for all. While our Pre-K/K-1 class will emphasize an appreciation of nature and each other, our 2nd through 5th Graders will be focusing on ways to be a peacemaker (including preventing and stopping bullying, appreciating all kinds of families, and learning how to resolve conflicts peacefully) and our Middle and High Schoolers will look at hunger, poverty, and global and local inequities and the efforts we can make to resolve them.

Many thanks to our teachers from this past pillar: **Diane Bundy, Pamela Carlisle, Jax Schmidt, Jocelyn Lanham, Noah Wagstaff, and Clyde Knox**, with special thanks to subs **Sam Normand, Eric First, and Steve**

**Caldwell**. This pillar, we welcome **Melissa Gibson** to the Pre-K-K-1 class teaching with Diane, and we welcome back Diane, Jax, Jocelyn, Noah, and Clyde.

### EASTER EGG HUNT INFORMATION

Every Easter, we have an Easter Egg Hunt immediately following the service for our Nursery toddlers through 5th graders. (Middle and High Schoolers hide the eggs, and do receive a generous “Hiders’ Commission” for their trouble!)

As we do every year, we’re asking that each family bring 12 filled plastic eggs per child to contribute to the hunt. Others are more than welcome to contribute eggs, too, of course. *Not interested in buying more plastic Easter eggs?* We have a large bag of leftover eggs in the RE closet. I’m not sure how many, but I would love it if some of you could take them off my hands, fill them and bring them back. We would still

need some new ones, but probably not nearly as many.

The eggs can be filled with candy, small toys, stickers, temporary tattoos, or anything fun and kid-friendly that will fit in an egg. Remember to mark your eggs as to whether or not they are safe for children under 3. Eggs for our Small Souls should not contain gum, hard  
**(Continued on Page 4: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.)**

***“If we work only on our individual spirituality, with no regard for our community, we defeat the very purpose of the spiritual life.”***

## Building & Grounds Work Day



Saturday,  
March 12

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All ages and abilities  
encouraged to  
participate!

## Highland Blessing Dinner

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church co-hosts the Highland Blessing Dinner on the first Thursday of every month. On months with five Thursdays, all sponsoring churches are asked to send volunteers.



The intent of the meals is to serve individuals and families who may “fall through the cracks” of social services. Currently, more than 120 meals are being served each Thursday.

Volunteers are needed to host tables, serve, and help in several other capacities—but the cooking is already done.

Sign up with Susan Caldwell or just show up at the Highland Center, 520 Olive Street, at 5 p.m.

**Upcoming Meal(s): March 3rd and 31st**

**this machine**

**All Souls UU Church**  
9449 Ellerbe Rd - Shreveport  
**Tuesday, March 15**  
**@ 7 pm**  
\$18 or pay what you can

**roy Zimmerman**

"Without a doubt, Roy Zimmerman is among the most important political commentators of the last few decades. With music this good and humor this insightful, there is good reason to be optimistic."  
— *The Depression Magazine*

"He simultaneously inspires me and makes me laugh my ass off."  
— *Paul Krassner*

"Roy's lyrics move beyond poetry and achieve perfection."  
— *Joni Mitchell*

**ROY ZIMMERMAN:** Roy said, "Sometimes I think satire is the most hopeful and heartfelt form of expression because in calling out the world's absurdities and laughing in their face, I'm affirming the real possibility of change."

Roy's songs have been heard on HBO and Showtime. He has shared the stage with Bill Maher, Robin Williams, Ellen DeGeneres, John Oliver, Kate Clinton, and George Carlin.

Roy has been profiled on NPR's *All Things Considered* and he's a featured blogger for the *Huffington Post*.

To see some videos of Roy and hear his song, check out the event page on Facebook, and be sure and Share early, Share often:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/723421127759926/>

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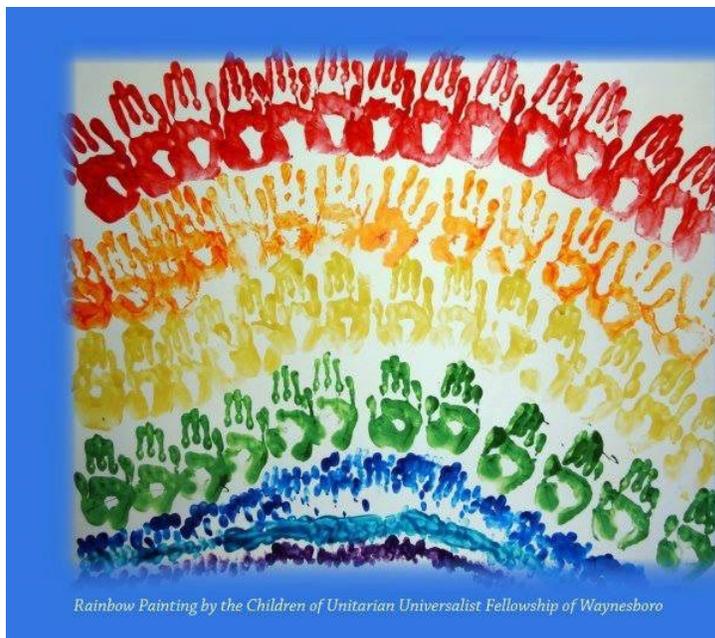
## ADULT RE INFORMATION

When asked, "What should we UUs emphasize most, spiritual growth or social justice?" my answer is always simply, "Yes."

If we work only on our individual spirituality, with no regard for our community, we defeat the very purpose of the spiritual life. To quote the Book of James from the Christian Testament, "Faith without works is dead." At the same time, if we continually do the work of social justice with no grounding in the spirit, by whatever name we call it, we are on the expressway to burnout.

In Adult Religious Education, we've begun a new

series, "Spirit in Practice." Adapted from a UU Tapestry of Faith curriculum by the same name and from the recent video series we watched with Ken Wilber, this program explores various types of spiritual practice and encourages adults to look at the possibility of developing or strengthening their own spiritual discipline. Adult RE is at 9:15 a.m. most Sundays, child care provided.



May we be reminded here of our highest aspirations, And inspired to bring our gifts of love and service to the altar of humanity.

May we know once again that we are not isolated beings, But connected, in mystery and miracle,

To the universe, to this community, and to each other.

—Reading #434 in *Singing the Living Tradition*  
Unitarian Universalist Hymnal

# Ron Thurston Named March's Volunteer of the Month

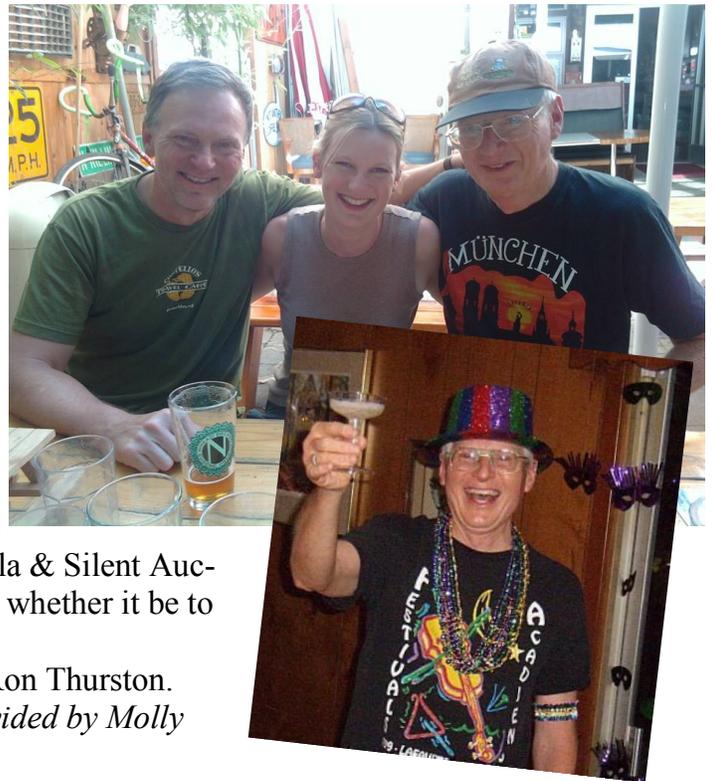
The All Souls Board of Directors is pleased to announce **Ron Thurston** as March's Volunteer of the Month.

Ron is a steady presence at All Souls, greeting members and visitors at the front door nearly every Sunday. As the chair of the Membership Committee, Ron runs the monthly Information Sessions and provides follow-up calls and care to people considering All Souls for their church home.

Ron is a reliable source for all our potluck endeavors. He's also a dedicated attendee on Building & Grounds Workday (March 12, in case you need to know). Ron is also an active representative for All Souls at Northern and Central Louisiana Interfaith functions and at the Highland Blessing Dinner.

Each year, Ron reaches out to area businesses and comes through with dozen of donations for the All Souls Annual Gala & Silent Auction. He is also one of the first to sign up for most any event, whether it be to help set up and/or clean up.

For so all these items and more, All Souls is grateful to Ron Thurston.  
*Submitted by Melissa Gibson, Newsletter Editor; photos provided by Molly Thurston Parker*



## 2016 Unitarian Universalist Summer Camps

**10-13 June 2015 Family Camp (U-Bar-U Camp – near Austin TX).** For more information, go online -- <http://ubaru.org/home/familyCamp>

**12-18 June 2015 Camp Murray Youth Camp (Lake Murray State Park – near Ardmore OK).** This camp is for high school age youth. For more information, contact the church office.

**19-25 June 2015 Sojourner Camp (U-Bar-U Camp – near Austin TX).** For children entering grades 3 through 5 in Fall 2016. For more information, go online -- <http://ubaru.org/home/SummerCamp>

**26 June – 2 July 2016 Olympia Camp (U-Bar-U Camp – near Austin TX).** For children entering grades 6 and 7 in Fall 2016. For more information, go online -- <http://ubaru.org/home/SummerCamp>

**3-9 July 2016 Seeger Camp (U-Bar-U Camp – near Austin TX).** For children entering grades 8 and 9 in Fall 2016. For more information, go online -- <http://ubaru.org/home/SummerCamp>

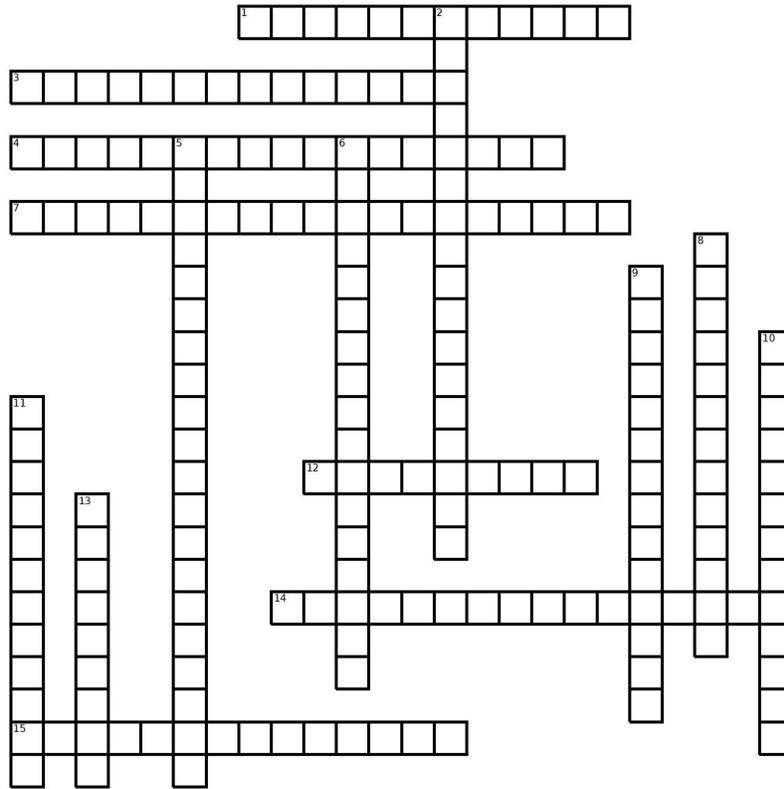
**10-16 July 2016 Reeb Camp (U-Bar-U Camp – near Austin TX).** For children entering grades 10 in Fall 2016 through 2016 high school graduates. For more information, go online -- <http://ubaru.org/home/SummerCamp>

**24-29 July 2016 “The Point” Family Summer Camp (formerly “Southwest UU Summer Institute – SWUUSI” – Western Hills Guest Ranch, Sequoyah State Park, Hulbert OK).** For more information, contact the church office.  
*Submitted by Steve Caldwell, Denominational Affairs Committee*



# WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH CROSSWORD

Test your knowledge of famous women leaders of the Women's Rights Movement.



## Across

- 1 The first female justice of peace, she lobbied to pass a landmark suffrage law in Wyoming that helped make Wyoming famous as the Equality State
- 3 A sex educator, nurse and birth control activist, she coined the term birth control, opened the first U. S. birth control clinic and established Planned Parenthood
- 4 She served as president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association and founded the League of Women Voters and the International Alliance of Women
- 7 In 1871, she moved to Portland to found The New Northwest, a weekly newspaper devoted to women's rights and helped make Oregon the seventh state in the US to pass a women's suffrage amendment
- 12 The original author of a proposed Equal Rights Amendment in 1923, she formed the National Woman's Party, which held the first political protest to picket the White House
- 14 A founding member of the NAACP, she was a journalist, speaker, anti-lynching crusader, suffragist, and women's rights advocate. She was also one of the first black women to run for public office in the United States when she ran in 1930 for the Illinois State legislature
- 15 The first ordained female Methodist minister in the United States, she was a physician who fought for the women's suffrage movement

## Down

- 2 One of the first African-American women to earn a college degree, she was appointed to the District of Columbia Board of Education in 1895. This daughter of former slaves was a journalist and activist who worked with the National American Woman Suffrage Association and founded the Federation of Afro-American Women
- 5 She drafted and presented the Declaration of Sentiments at the Seneca Falls Convention
- 6 A founding member of the National Woman Suffrage Association with Anthony and Stanton, she led the New York Woman Suffrage Association
- 8 This writer and activist co-founded Ms. Magazine in 1972
- 9 Born into slavery, this is her self-given name. An abolitionist and women's rights activist, she spoke at the Ohio Women's Rights Convention in 1851
- 10 An abolitionist and suffragist, she traveled the US speaking and canvassing; also convinced University of Rochester to admit women and successfully voted in the 1872 presidential election for which she was arrested
- 11 Wrote The Feminine Mystique and founded and was elected the first President of the National Organization for Women
- 13 The first woman to earn a college degree in MA, she was also the first recorded American women to retain her own name after marriage; helped establish both Women's National Loyal League and American Woman Suffrage Association

*Crossword courtesy of Trust Women: Change the World*  
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# Membership Matters

## Visitors Welcomed to March 20 Info Session

By Ron Thurston,  
Membership Committee



This month's Newcomer Information Sessions is slated for March 20.

Grab a cup of coffee after the service and join us in the middle/high

school classroom—the one with the couches.

The meeting is open to anyone interested in exploring more about Unitarian Universalism and membership at All Souls.

We will watch a short DVD from our UUA headquarters, spotlighting our principles, our history, and our ongoing mission in the world. We

will also share ongoing activities at All Souls, ways to get involved, and our membership process. Staff and members will be present to answer questions, and we will share spiritual journeys, as you are comfortable.

If you have questions regarding membership, please see me before or after church or contact me at (318) 300-9509.

## All Souls Board Seeks Emerson Award Choices

Each year, All Souls presents the Emerson Award to an individual or organization from the wider community who exemplifies the Principles of Unitarian Universalism and the values of liberal religion. The Board is soliciting nominations from the congregation and will vote on the recipient at the March 22 Board Meeting.

Please submit names of your nominees along with a brief description of their qualifications to any or all of the following persons: Rev. Barbara Jarrell, DRLE Susan Caldwell, Board President Eric First, or Board Vice President Amanda Lawrence.

Past recipients include civil rights attorney John Hodge for his ardent defense of bisexual, gay, lesbian, and transgender rights along with First Amendment rights; Interfaith Organizer Lady Carlson for uniting various faiths to work for change in Northern and Central Louisiana; and Shriners Hospitals for Children surgeon Dr. Philip Gates for using his gifts to help children across boundaries of race, class, faith, and geography.

Organizations receiving the award have included the Philadelphia Center for its efforts to treat AIDS patients and educate the public on prevention of the disease and the Shreveport Assembly of the Bahá'í for bringing the celebration of World Religion Day to Shreveport.

This year's award will be presented at Sunday morning worship service in April or May.



## DENOMINATIONAL EVENTS: March 2016 & Beyond



### 8-10 April 2016 Southwest Spring Conference (Wildflower Church, Austin).

The conference theme is "Differences that Make a Difference: Multicultural Justice Making Inside and Out." Join our Theme Speaker, Kathy McGowan (Congregational Life Field Staff, Southern Region UUA and Specialist in Intercultural Sensitivities) for a day of engaging conversation around areas of difference that make a difference. For more information, go online here - <http://www.uuasouthernregion.org/swspring2016.html>

### 29 April – 1 May 2016 North Texas YRUU Youth Rally

(Plano). For high school youth ages 14 to 19. For more information, contact the church office.

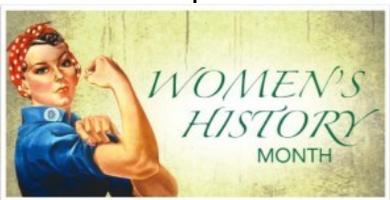
**27-29 May 2016 Louisiana Cluster YRUU Youth Rally (TBD – UU Church of Baton Rouge will probably host this event).** For high school youth ages 14 to 19. For more information, contact the church office.

**22-26 June 2016 UUA General Assembly (Columbus, OH).** For more information, go online at [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga).  
*Submitted by Steve Caldwell, Denominational Affairs Committee*

## Recycling Available at All Souls

The recycling dumpster at All Souls accepts all types of recyclable material —plastic, metal, paper, cardboard. No glass or trash, please. All Souls is pleased to be able to provide this earth-friendly opportunity to members and friends whose communities do not offer curbside service.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>MARCH</h1>						
		1	2 5:30PM Choir	3 5PM Support Group 5PM Highland Blessing Dinner 	4 6PM Seale Rehearsal 7PM Game Night 	5 10:30 Seale Wedding 10:30AM Meditation 3PM ADF 
6 9:15AM Adult RE  11AM Worship / RE  1:30PM LTA	7 5:45PM Yoga  7PM TED Talks Discussion Group	8	9 5:30PM Choir	10 5PM Support Group	11 7PM St. Patrick's Day Celebration (Page 1)	12 9AM to 1 PM Building & Grounds Workday  10:30 AM Meditation  3PM ADF
13 9:15AM Adult RE  11AM Worship	14 5:45PM Yoga  7PM TED Talks Discussion Group	15 7PM Roy Zimmerman Concert (Page 1) 	16 5:30 PM Choir	17 St. Patrick's Day 5PM Support Group 7PM Interfaith Leaders Meeting 	18 7PM Game Night 	19 9:30AM Interfaith Prayer Breakfast  10:30AM Meditation  3PM ADF
20 9:15AM Adult RE  11AM Worship / RE  12:15PM Newcomer Info Session (Page 7)	21 5:45PM Yoga  7PM TED Talks Discussion Group	22 6PM Board & Council Meeting	23 5:30PM Choir	24 5PM Support Group	25	26 10:30AM Meditation  2PM Eagle Scout Ceremony for Bayla Lanham  3PM ADF
27 EASTER SUNDAY 9:45 Potluck Brunch 11AM Worship/RE 12:15PM Easter Egg Hunt 	28 5:45PM Yoga  7PM TED Talks Discussion Group	29 8PM Newsletter Deadline	30 5:30PM Choir	31 5PM Support Group  5PM Highland Blessing Dinner	APRIL 1 7PM Game Night	2 10:30AM Meditation  3PM ADF

**LGBTQA Young Adult Social Support Group**  
For High School to College Aged Individuals

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People Acting for Change and Equality

The mission of the group is to provide a safe and affirming environment for peer-to-peer social interaction and support.

Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month on a local campus

For additional information about meeting location and events, please contact us at [PACEYoungAdult@gmail.com](mailto:PACEYoungAdult@gmail.com)

May I vote in a way that brings honor to all who fought for my right to vote.

May I vote in a way that bring justice and compassion to this day.

May I vote in a way that makes the way easier for the next generation. Amen.

- Tandi Rogers, Unitarian Universalist



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“For most of history, Anonymous was a woman.” - Virginia Woolf