

October 2009



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We are a welcoming congregation

LONGVUU

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Longview

October Programs

October 4th
Celeste Fisher - Covenants

October 11th
Dr. Salaheddin Momani
The Islamic Constitution

October 18th
Rev. Michael Thompson
Is Religion a Good Thing?

October 25th
Water Communion

SUNDAYS



Coffee, Tea, & Snacks 10:30
Service 11:00
Talk Back 12:00 noon - 12:45

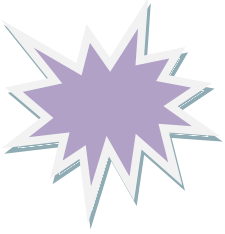
Pre-School, Toddler, and Infant
Care and R.E. for Youngsters
Sundays 11:00 -12:45

BOARD MEETING

**THIS MONTH'S MEETING
WILL BE OCTOBER 11TH**



Happy Birthday



Celeste Fisher	October 1 st
Erika Blakely	October 13 th
Sandra Riley	October 13 th
Amanda Koepke	October 15 th
Huey Mitchell	October 15 th
Barbara Cavin	October 21 st
Helen Ausman	October 29 th



There are seven principles which Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part



UPCOMING EVENTS:

The Longview Interfaith Council will host a public forum -- "Health Care Reform: A Theological Perspective" -- at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6. The Forum will be held at the Senior Circle, 3000 N. 4th St., across the street from Longview Regional Hospital. The panelists for the forum will include people representing a variety of faiths as well as medical professionals with a background in faith-based programs. The focus of this event will be on the moral and ethical issues related to health care reform from a theological perspective

The forum will open with each panelist speaking on a separate aspect of the role of faith in the health care reform discussion. Fellow panelists will be allowed to ask a question after each speaker's brief talk. After all of the panelists have spoken, the members will then take questions from the audience.

The panelists will include:

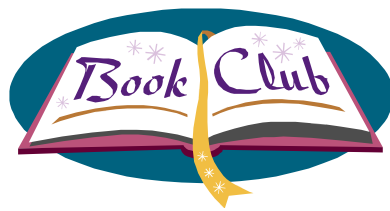
- Rev. Scott Hookey, pastor at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Longview. His topic will be: "How do we talk and listen to each other and acknowledge our differences in these discussions. And how do we fulfill the call to serve the less fortunate in our community?"
 - Dr. James Woodson, M.D., director of a medical clinic at Alpine Church of Christ in Longview and emergency room physician. His topics will include: "Productive and counterproductive compassion, the Alpine experience and the religious tradition of the Founding Fathers."
 - Rev. Gavin Vaverek, priest at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Longview. His topic will be: "The value and dignity of the human Person."
 - Saleem Shabazz, a member of the East Texas Islamic Society. His topic will be: "The responsibility to the less fortunate from the viewpoint of the Quran."
 - Dr. Phil Farmer, a licensed Baptist minister and executive director of Special Health Resources of Texas. His topic will be: "What does it mean to be in community and the practical application of living in community."
 - Unni Varier, a Longview business executive and member of the Hindu community. His topic will be: "The issue of health care goes beyond religion and is a societal issue that asks how we help those who are less fortunate."
 - Dr. Ellen Remenchik, M.D., an internist and a former assistant professor of medicine at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, AZ. She is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Longview and her topic will be: "Nitty-gritty problems: How do we find balance between the moral imperative to help others given our needs?"
- For information on the forum or the Longview Interfaith Council, contact Steve Crane at (903) 236-4652





We are having another garage sale!!! Gather up all of you "old or new stuff" that you no longer use or just plain do not like anymore and bring it on down to the UUFL.

The UUFL garage sale is scheduled for November 7, 2009. The first step is to sort through and price the items we did not sell at our last garage sale. We will do that on Saturday, October 14th beginning at 11:00 a.m. A couple volunteers are needed to help with that task. Please call (903.797.4325) or email (gene1@etex.net) me if you would like to help get this project off the ground.



Book Review Corner

Submitted by Barbara Cavin

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society

By Marie Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

This book has several unusual components. First of all, the author died just before the final printing, so her niece Annie completed the final rewrite of the book. The story is set in post World War II England and on the island of Guernsey. The book is entirely in letter form which sounds stilted but works great

for this particular book. I found myself wishing that people still corresponded by letter instead of email or texting. It makes me really miss the beauty of our language when used so effectively.

The story is about the lives of the people of Guernsey who experienced the horror of German occupation during WWII. The book combines the lessons learned from an awful experience with a mystery, romance and true friendship. It is a quick and easy read leaving lots of provoking thoughts about what someone would do if under occupation by the enemy.

