

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP of LONGVIEW

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marolen:

Next week's program, *The Jesus Seminar, Bishop Spong, and the Emergent Village*, will be presented by Ruth Semrau. Ruth explains: In 1985, a group of academic Bible scholars formed a group dedicated to carefully studying and re-thinking the basis of the Christian faith, the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Bishop John Shelby Spong, a prolific and accessible theological writer was one of those scholars. The group was immediately met with hot denunciation from Christians who felt that this undertaking was a danger to traditional faith. What has been happening since then? How does this affect us?

And it is **Pot Luck Sunday** this coming Sunday. Bring your favorite dish to share and join the dinner conversation after services and Talk Back.

Celeste:

The UUFL Annual Congregational Business Meeting (ACBM) will be held after services on May 16. All members and friends are invited to attend. We will be voting on a Behavioral Covenant, the annual budget, and all governing board positions.

The proposed covenant is now posted at the Fellowship and on our website (uulongview.com). Hard copies are available in the lobby.

All members in good standing are eligible to serve on the governing board. I am responsible for presenting the slate to the Board. If you are interested in serving as one of the officers or members-at-large, please let me know (celeste551@yahoo.com or 903-472-8227). If you would like to nominate someone for a particular position, there will be a nomination sheet at the Fellowship or you can contact me or speak with any Board Member. (It is presumed that you will have spoken with the person you are nominating and they are willing to serve on the Board.) The last day to submit a nomination is May 2

Amanda:

mUUvie night returns! This Friday, April 23, doors open at 6:00, movie starts at 6:30. We are showing *Doubt* this time. See attached document for more details.

Huey:

A reminder that this is Pledge Month and we need your information so we can prepare a realistic budget for the coming fiscal year. To that end, we have made pledge cards so you can let us know your financial plans for donating to the Fellowship's upkeep and sustainability. The pledge card is attached to this email. Hard copies are available at the Fellowship. Please complete and return the forms by May 2.

- [Hard copies](#) can be placed in the Treasurer's mail slot at the Fellowship (behind the snack counter)
- OR mailed to:
 UU Fellowship of Longview
 P O Box 3451
 Longview, TX 75606
- [Soft copies](#)
 email to gene1@etex.net

Farmers Market

Thanks to Judi H for alerting me to this good news: Danielle Heard has been working to set up a farmer's market in Longview and it is scheduled to open May 15th. This is an opportunity to spend your food dollars on locally and organically grown fruits and vegetables.

Danielle writes on her blog: "The new farmers' market will open on Saturday, May 15, 2010 in downtown Longview, Texas on the historic Kelly Plow Works site which is located at High, Cotton and Center Streets. The market will be open initially on Saturdays and will expand as the growing season develops. The hours of operation will be 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM each day the market is open. "

Go to her website and read [all](http://artemisinthecity.com/blog) about it: <http://artemisinthecity.com/blog>

Community Resources

Several people have contacted or come to the Fellowship looking for financial aid because they had run into hard times. The Board decided that, even more helpful than a bit of financial aid, we could help by compiling a list of some of the resources available in the Longview area and giving this information to those in need. We will keep copies of the handout in the lobby so that anyone who is asked can assist the person in need. Feel free to take an extra copy of the handout to keep in your car or purse.

The following is what the handout will say:

Because we are a small congregation, we do not have the resources to respond to requests for food, shelter, clothing, medical care, or money to pay bills. Therefore, we support and work with the larger aid agencies in our community. We have compiled a list of those agencies with information about what resources each has and how to contact them. We hope it helps you find what you need.

Caring & Sharing Center

903-234-9521

Food, clothing, and household items provided for those in need

House of Hope

903-295-0904

Women & Children Homeless Program

Hope Haven Home

903-234-2853

Women & Children Homeless Program

Highway 80 Rescue Mission

903-759-9875

Men's Shelter

INFOLine of Gregg County

903-236-9211

Information Center for Gregg County Programs

Jacobs Institute

903-844-8066

Job Training & Education for Sustained Employment

Longview Community Ministries

903-753-3561

Food-Clothes-Crisis Intervention-Shelter-Financial Assistance

Longview Interfaith Hospitality Network

903-234-8343

Helping families regain independence in times of homeless crisis with family assistance in temporary housing (must have children)

Newgate United Methodist Mission

903-757-6146

Clothing and furniture (must qualify w/ID & proof of income), computer literacy classes (fees vary), assistance with benefits application process (homeless 1 year+, mental or physical disability, HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C), free cooked meals
207 S Mobberly Avenue (Walk-Ins Welcome)

Salvation Army

903-753-4511

Shelter