

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
FELLOWSHIP of LONGVIEW

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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REMINDERS

Marolen:

Next Sunday, December 8th, the program will be presented by Tom Stovall, a member of our sister UU Fellowship in Tyler. His talk is entitled *Five Smooth Stones of Liberalism*. Tom is an architect and has helped us redesign the layout of our building to make it more inviting and focused. He is also made and gifted us with the beautiful wooden chalice you see on the altar table in the sanctuary. You are invited to come and meet, listen to, and ask questions of Tom.

Jay & Jessica:

The UU Fellowship of Longview will have its annual **Yuletide Gathering** this Saturday beginning at **6:30 PM** at our home. We will enjoy a **pot luck dinner** followed by a "**white elephant**" **gift exchange**. If you successfully unloaded all your white elephants earlier in the year, you are allowed to buy something (preferably used) for no more than \$15.00. Wrap it up real pretty but do not put any "to" or "from" label on it.

We will have a meat dish and drinks, and you are invited to bring any dish you have taken to the pot lucks at the Fellowship or surprise us with something new. Suggestions are bread, salad, dessert, casserole, or

DIRECTIONS to our home at 229 Bridgers Hill Road in Longview:

Bridgers Hill Road is just south of George Ritchey Road between Gilmer Road (300) and Pine Tree Road.

From the intersection of Loop 281 and Gilmer Road (300), go north (towards Gilmer) on **Gilmer Road**. You will cross Reel Road where Wal-Mart is on your right. Continue on Gilmer Road, crossing Hawkins Parkway. Just past the Dairy Queen you will come to **George Richey Road**. Turn left. (You can only turn left.) On George Richey Road you will see the New Beginnings Baptist Church and a sign that says "Hills and Trails." This is where you will turn left onto **Remington Trail**. (Again, you can only turn left.) Go past 3 houses and turn right onto **Bridgers Hill Road**. Follow the curving road to #229. We're on the right! (even though we lean more to the left ;-)

Amanda:

It's your *last chance* this year to attend a Social Justice mUUvie night! Don't deny yourself the opportunity to enjoy an evening exploring important social justice issues with discerning members of the greater Longview community.

~If you wish, bring snacks to share~
~Drinks provided~

WHEN: Friday, December 18th Doors Open @ 6:30 PM Movie Starts @ 7:00 PM
WHERE: UU Fellowship of Longview 2301 Alpine Road in Longview
WHAT: *Ten Questions for the Dalai Lama*

ABOUT THE FILM (from the website)

Written By: Rick Ray
Original Music Score: Peter Kater
Starring: The Dalai Lama, Rick Ray
Directed By: Rick Ray

How do you reconcile a commitment to non-violence when faced with violence? Why do the poor often seem happier than the rich? Must a society lose its traditions in order to move into the future? These are some of the questions posed to His Holiness the Dalai Lama by filmmaker and explorer Rick Ray. Ray examines some of the fundamental questions of our time by weaving together observations from his own journeys throughout India and the Middle East, and the wisdom of an extraordinary spiritual leader. This is his story, as told and filmed by Rick Ray during a private visit to his monastery in Dharamsala, India over the course of several months. Also included is rare historical footage as well as footage supplied by individuals who at great personal risk, filmed with hidden cameras within Tibet. Part biography, part philosophy, part adventure and part politics, "10 Questions for The Dalai Lama" conveys more than history and more than answers - it opens a window into the heart of an inspiring man.

If you had only one hour, what would you ask?

(for more information about the movie, go to: www.thedalailamamovie.com)

Questions about mUUvie night? Call Amanda: 903-746-2224 (cell) or 903-291-8203 (home)

Lisa:

The 2010 Snack Calendar is on the counter where our delicious snacks are served. You can sign up for ANY Sunday you would like to bring snacks and help with making coffee and cleaning up. You don't have to do it by yourself either. Add your name to a Sunday that already has a name by it. Or find a friend to sign up with you!

Jessica:

Our Fellowship has participated in the Guest At Your Table fundraiser program sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee for several years now. We will take up a special collection this coming Sunday and send it in along with the personal donations we have already received.

Are you curious about what the UUSC does with these donations? Here is some information from their website:

The following list illustrates the many ways in which UUSC translates support from our donors, during Guest at Your Table, into tangible projects to advance human rights.

Gifts of \$30 and up

- **\$30** pays for part of a multilingual brochure for Boston residents about the [Color of Water campaign](#), which aims to adopt a human right to water in Boston, Mass.
- **\$40** buys materials for a woman in Northern Uganda to make her own groundnut sheller. A groundnut sheller helps to reduce women's workload and generate needed income for families, as residents return home after more than 20 years of war.
- **\$65** pays for a small business loan for a displaced woman in Kenya. Kakamega Grassroots Initiative organizes women displaced by the 2008 electoral violence into groups of 20 and provides them with training and small business loans. There is a very high rate of repayment and the first group of recipients is now on their second loan.
- **\$66** pays for door-to-door campaigning in Soweto, South Africa, to educate people about their human right to water — as guaranteed by their constitution — and helps to carry out inspections by residents of municipal water services.

Gifts of \$150 and up

- **\$170** purchases a month's supply of chemicals and testing strips for members of indigenous communities in San Marcos, Guatemala, to carry out water-quality monitoring of rivers downstream from the GOLDCORP mine.
- **\$200** would buy a bicycle ambulance (a stretcher pulled by a bicycle) for a resettled village several miles from a health center in Northern Uganda.