



**TIMBERLAND UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP**  
**A WELCOMING FELLOWSHIP**  
**1510 North Timberland Drive, Lufkin, TX 75905**

**DECEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER & PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

For those who  
long for open  
minds and open  
hearts.

**All Sunday services begin at 5:30PM & Refreshments at 5pm**  
**Rev. Michael Thompson conducts service every 2nd Sunday**  
**Forum discussion on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at 4 PM**  
**Journaling group meets the 4th Friday at 10:30am unless posted**

**December 4th**

**4 PM FORUM: "So What? Imperatives of My Theology." Read pages 82-85 and complete Worksheets 6, 7, and 8 of the "Building our own theology" workbook.**

**Moderated by Monica Ross**

**5:30 PM Service: "LONG STRANGE TRIP: UU HISTORY Film Series Part 2b of 6. The Birth of Unitarianism (1553-1794) Edited by: Ron Cordes , Moderator: Glenn Donnahoe**

We will be viewing the 2nd half of Part 2 of the series chronicling those who carried on Servetus' message after his martyrdom, primarily Faustus Socinus and Georgie Biandrata, and how they carried his message forward to religious liberals in Poland and Transylvania. It discusses how the thoughts of Servetus, Socinus, Biandrata, and others came together in the mind of David Ferenc in Transylvania and led to the formation of the first coherent Unitarian theology. It tracks that theology through the rise of liberal religion in Poland and how the Catholic Counter-Reformation of the 17th century drove the Unitarians out of Poland and west across Europe towards the Netherlands and England. It documents the influence of Servetus, Socinus, David Ferenc, and various Polish Unitarians on the early English religious liberals such as John Biddle and Thomas Emlyn, and the work of Theophilus Lindsey and Joseph Priestley in forming an organized English Unitarianism. It discusses the split between the Arian and Socinian Unitarians in England. It notes the early feminist work of the Unitarian Mary Wollstonecraft. It concludes with the emigration of Joseph Priestley from England to America in 1794. (Note: Each of the six parts are 60 minutes long. We will view approximately 30 minutes of each part , one Sunday per month, until completed.)

**December 11th**

**5:30PM SERVICE: "Why We Need Christmas" by Rev. Michael Thompson.**

During the time of winter cold and darkness, a resurgence of myth and magic warms our hearts and lights our path. The most universal of holidays, Christmas is not just for children, nor is it

the exclusive property of Christians. It's a celebration of our shared humanity and highest aspirations.

Followed by the **HOLIDAY** potluck dinner. We will have music during dinner.

**December 18, 2016**

4 PM FORUM & 5:30 SERVICE: [“6 Shopping Days Until Chanukah: A Look at some Jewish Texts on Chanukah By Rabbi Neal Katz](#) of Congregation Beth El in Tyler Tx.

**December 25, 2016**

**5:30PM SERVICE: Holiday Music Extravaganza. Lead by Fisher  
Cookie Exchange**

**No Journaling in December 2016**

Volunteer opportunities include:

CISC Food Bank 8:45am- noon. (except 3rd Wed of the month) Monday-Friday

HOST Mentoring Program at Brandon Elementary Contact Sheila Skelton at 936-633-7629

**Refreshments: Dec 4- Susan & Richard  
Dec 11- Christmas Potluck  
Dec 18 - Muriel  
Dec 25 - Cookies to share**

<b><u>Timberland Unitarian Universalist Fellowship</u></b>	
<b><u>Officers</u></b>	
<b>President:</b>	<b>Glenn Donnahoe</b>
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<b><u>Fellowship Responsibilities</u></b>	
<b>Web Site</b>	<b>Thomas Ward</b>
<b>Sunday Bulletins &amp; Custodial:</b>	<b>Gloria Barnett</b>
<b>Bld. Maintenance Coordinator:</b>	<b>Orval Love</b>
<b>Music:</b>	<b>RW Fisher</b>
<b>Forum Fellowship Chair:</b>	<b>Mildred Love</b>
<b>Refreshments Chair person</b>	<b>Mildred Love</b>
<b>Facebook &amp; newsletter:</b>	<b>Susan Mendola</b>
<b>Program:</b>	<b>Richard Mendola</b>