



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

**FEBRUARY 2017 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**

***SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2017***

4PM Forum: **“Poetry: Poems for Living” Lead by Richard Mendola**

Please bring a poem to share that helps you through the day or night. Rich will address the difference between sentimentality and feeling in poetic expression. Be extra careful to avoid Mother’s day poems.

5:30PM Service: **“NOW! An animated Thom talk ” Lead by Thomas Ward.**

**Thomas will lead us through some words of wisdom and original distillation to what it means to act NOW. Come join us to hear his new song creation by the same name.**

***SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12 Lincoln’s Birthday***

**5:30PM SERVICE: “Haunted by the Holy Ghost” by Rev. Michael Thompson**

Who or what is the Holy Spirit, and how do we know when we’ve encountered it? Rev. Mike will share with us some his own “close encounters of the divine kind.”

6:30PM. Potluck Dinner

***SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19***

4PM FORUM: TED talk **“The ethical dilemma of designer babies.”** by Paul Knoepfler.  
Discussion lead by Glenn Donnahoe

**5:30PM Service: “LONG STRANGE TRIP: UU HISTORY Film Series Part 3b of 6.**  
American Unitarianism (1620 - 1860) Edited by: Ron Cordes

In January we viewed the 1st half of Part III, which talked about the development of Unitarianism in America from 1620 through the death of Theodore Parker in 1860. It discussed the early fractures between religious liberals and Congregationalists in Colonial America. It

discussed the effect of Joseph Priestley’s immigration and William Ellery Channing’s role in the formation of the American Unitarian movement. It told the story of the final split between the Unitarians and the Trinitarian Congregationalists in the 1820s from both a theological and a legal perspective.

Part III B will begin with a replay of the last few minutes of Part A and will then proceed to revisit the Arian/Socinian fracture that played out here as well and the Transcendentalism of Ralph Waldo Emerson, Margaret Fuller, and Theodore Parker. It will talk about the key role Fuller played in moving Transcendentalism out from a niche movement in Concord to the driving force behind Unitarianism. Finally, it discusses the role Theodore Parker played in advancing Unitarianism beyond its traditional Bible-centered roots and his role in some of the great social justice issues of the day, especially the abolition of slavery.

[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. Service led by Glenn Donnahoe

*FRIDAY FEBRUARY 24 JOURNALING 10:30AM lead by Angelyn Bassinger*

*SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26*

**5:30PM SERVICE: “Saying yes to the message of Jesus in an age of turmoil.” By Pastor Kyle Childress from Austin Heights Baptist Church in Nacogdoches, TX.**

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

**February Refreshments provided by**

**1st Sunday: Susan Mendola**

**2nd Sunday: Potluck**

**3rd Sunday: Angelyn Bassinger**

**4th Sunday: Lois Clemens**

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