



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

OCTOBER 2016 NEWSLETTER & PROGRAM SCHEDULE

For those who long for open minds and open hearts.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 2, 2016

4 PM Forum: "WE ARE THE MEANING MAKERS". Read pages: 70-72 & complete the Purpose of Life Test (Worksheet #5) in the Building Your Own Theology Workbook. Led by Monica Ross

5:30 PM Service: "LONG STRANGE TRIP: UU HISTORY Film Series Part 1b of 6. In the Beginning (0 a.d. -1553 a.d.) Edited by: Ron Cordes , Moderator: Glenn Donnahoe

This film examines the early roots of liberal religious thought. During the 1st service in September we watched the 1st half hour of Part 1. It chronicled the isolated declarations of Universal Salvation in the early years of the Christian era. It traced the early anti- Trinitarians such as the monk Arius and his role in the Council of Nicaea. It discussed pre- Reformation heretics such as Katherine Vogel, John Wycliffe, and Jan Hus. The 2nd half hour (Part 1-B) resumes with the life and work of Michael Servetus. It makes the case that there were two Reformations going on in the 16th century- a theologically conservative one catalyzed by Martin Luther and a liberal one based largely on the works of Servetus.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 9, 2016

5:30PM Service: "LIVING IN A FASCIST STATE" by Rev. Michael Thompson.

Sinclair Lewis predicted in one of his novels that if Fascism ever came to this country, it would arrive with all the trappings of American patriotism. Apparently his nightmarish vision is well on the way to coming true. It CAN happen here.

Followed by Potluck dinner

All Sunday services begin at 5:30PM & Refreshments at 5pm Rev. Michael Thompson conducts service every 2nd Sunday

Forum discussion on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 4 PM Journaling group meets the 4th Friday at 10:30am

SUNDAY OCTOBER 16, 2016

4 PM Forum & 5:30 Service:

"FEAR & DESIRE: DEEPLY PERSONAL AND POSITIVELY UNIVERSAL.

By Anne McCrady, Activist and Poet from Tyler

Even as we think of ourselves as rational decision makers, all of us are compelled by the primitive fires of fear and desire. When we accept that human condition and explore its impact on our lives, we are able to better understand our personal choices as well as actions of others— and to seek a spiritual path that is both compassionate and wise. In the Forum, we'll consider the complex fears and deep desires of our personal, community and national families.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 23, 2016

5:30PM Service: "WHY SOME PEOPLE ARE MORE ALTRUISTIC THAN OTHERS" TED TALK led by Layne Thompson

6:30PM **Short quarterly business meeting following the service**

FRIDAY October 28 10:30am Journaling: "Sense and Scent" , Led by Angelyn Bassinger

SUNDAY OCTOBER 30, 2016

5:30Pm Service: "A RELIGION OF LIFE AND JOY"

Utube video By Rev. Roger Ray of Community Christian Church of Springfield, Mo.

Progressive communities of faith, if they are to survive the coming generation, must be willing to make some fundamental and fairly quick changes. Churches must be willing to embrace critical thinking and set aside creedal beliefs in otherworldly myths and superstitions. We must embrace a radical mission of service and prophetic witness to social justice. But, and this is crucial, we have to learn how to make this journey joyfully. Without joy, cynicism will paralyze our congregations.

Thought for the Day:

“Happiness comes from the health of the soul”