

TIMBERLAND UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP A WELCOMING FELLOWSHIP

1510 North Timberland Drive, Lufkin, TX 75905

JANUARY 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 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 4 PM Journaling group meets the 4th Friday at 10:30am unless posted

SUNDAY JANUARY 1, 2017 HAPPY NEW YEAR

4PM Forum: "How to speak up for yourself" TED talk by Adam Galinsky. Followed up with a discussion of 6 habits that create a culture of speaking up. Article from Daily Kos Dec 21, 2016 by Sky Nelson.

5:30PM Service: "Making America Great Again" Utube video by Rev Roger Ray, Springfield Community Christian Church, Springfield, Mo.

"We cannot make America Great by exporting Hispanics, by closing our borders to Muslims, by taking away the rights of same sex couples, women, union laborers, and the differently abled. In fact, America is great, not in spite of its diversity but specifically because of it." Lead by Susan

SUNDAY JANUARY 8

5:30PM SERVICE: "Forgive us our Sins" by Rev. Michael Thompson

Despite the best of intentions, sooner or later we all find that we've hurt or offended someone, or that someone has hurt or offended us. As members of an inclusive religious community, how should we deal with each other in such situations?

6:30PM. Potluck Dinner

SUNDAY JANUARY 15

4PM FORUM: Final Review of <u>new.tuuf.com</u> website. 2nd quarter business meeting

5:30PM Service: "LONG STRANGE TRIP: UU HISTORY Film Series Part 3a of 6.

American Unitarianism (1620 - 1860) Edited by: Ron Cordes

This film talks about the development of Unitarianism in America from 1620 through the death of Theodore Parker in 1860. It discusses the early fractures between religious liberals and

Congregationalists in Colonial America. It discusses the effect of Joseph Priestley's immigration and William Ellery Channing's role in the formation of the American Unitarian movement. It tells the story of the final split between the Unitarians and the Trinitarian Congregationalists in the 1820s from both a theological and a legal perspective. It revisits the Arian/Socinian fracture that played out here as well and the Transcendentalism of Ralph Waldo Emerson, Margaret Fuller, and Theodore Parker. It talks 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 part is approximately 60 minutes long. We will show ½ of each part (approximately 30 minutes) during the service when scheduled, until we have viewed the 6 part series.] Service led by Glenn Donnahoe

SUNDAY JANUARY 22

5:30PM SERVICE: "LETTING GO, MOVING FORWARD- THE SPIRITUAL PRACTICE OF RENEWAL." By Anne McCrady. She will offer insights and strategies for personal growth and positive action.

FRIDAY JANUARY 27 JOURNALING 10:30AM

SUNDAY JANUARY 29 TO BE DETERMINED

Volunteer opportunities include:

CISC Food Bank 8:45am- noon. (except 3rd Wed of the month) Monday-Friday HOST Mentoring Program at Brandon ElementaryContact Sheila Skelton at 936-633-7629

Refreshments:

1st Sunday: Mildred Love

2nd Sunday: Potluck

3rd Sunday: Susan Mendola 4th Sunday: Glenn Donnahoe 5th sunday: Thom & Cassia

Timberland Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

<u>Officers</u>

President: Glenn Donnahoe
Vice President/Programs: Susan Mendola
Treasurer: Gloria Barnett
Secretary: Monica Ross
Past President: Lois Clemens

Fellowship Responsibilities

Ground Maintenance: Glenn Donnahoe **Sunday Bulletins & Custodial:** Gloria Barnett **Bld. Maintenance Coordinator: Orval Love** Music: **RW Fisher** Forum Fellowship Chair: Mildred Love **Refreshments Chair person** Mildred Love Facebook & newsletter: Susan Mendola Program: Richard Mendola Website: **Thomas Ward**