



TIMBERLAND UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
A WELCOMING FELLOWSHIP
1510 North Timberland Drive, Lufkin, TX 75905 (tuuf.org)

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

SUNDAY APRIL 2, 2017

4PM Forum: TED Talk - by Megan Phelps-Roper: **"I grew up in the Westboro Baptist Church. Here's why I left."** Discussion lead by Glenn Donnahoe

What's it like to grow up within a group of people who exult in demonizing ... everyone else? Megan Phelps-Roper shares details of life inside America's most controversial church and describes how conversations on Twitter were key to her decision to leave it. In this extraordinary talk, she shares her personal experience of extreme polarization, along with some sharp ways we can learn to successfully engage across ideological lines. Filmed Feb 2017, approx. 15 minutes followed by what UU's do best: discussion.

5:30 Service: **"A Throw Away Society"** by Patti Henry, Psychotherapist & author from Houston.

"We throw away, throw away, throw away: packaging, plastics, glass, food, relationships, and people. What does this do to our environment and also, our psyches?" Come hear psychotherapist and author Patti Henry in this thought-provoking sermon.

SUNDAY APRIL 9, 2017

5:30PM Service: **"Norbert Capek, Unitarian Martyr (Part 2)"** by Rev. Michael Thompson
In this sermon we'll honor the memory of Norbert Capek, Unitarian minister who was arrested by the Nazis in 1940, sent to a concentration camp and later executed. This service will include a Flower Communion. Everyone is asked to bring two freshly picked flowers, preferably from your own yard or garden.

6:30PM. Potluck Dinner

SUNDAY APRIL 16, 2017

4PM Forum: **"What happened in the Garden of Eden"** Lead by Richard Mendola

5:30PM Service: **“Everything you wanted to know about Easter, but were afraid to ask.”**
Lead by Layne Thompson

SUNDAY APRIL 23, 2017

5:30PM Service: **“Earth Mass”** Lead by Richard Mendola
Please bring a potted plant to display in the sanctuary.

SUNDAY APRIL 30, 2017

5:30PM Service: **“Long Strange Trip: UU Film Series Part IV-A: Universalism (1600 – 1860)”** Edited by: Ron Cordes. Service lead by Glenn Donnahoe.

We will view the 1st half hour of Part IV. Part IV documents the development of Universalism from the early German and English pietists such as Jakob Böhme and Jane Leade, and 18th century English ministers such as George Whitfield, James Rely, Georges de Benneville, and John Murray. It chronicles the emigration of de Benneville and Murray to America and their roles in the formation of an organized Universalist religion. It tells the story of the Thomas Potter incident and the role Judith Sargent Murray played in the movement. It tracks the theological development of the movement through Murray, Elhanan Winchester, and Hosea Ballou. It discusses the unprecedented explosion of Universalist churches across America during the first half of the 19th century, and why the movement began its precipitous decline after the death of Hosea Ballou.

Followed by short business meeting.

(If you would like to run for office this summer, please let the current officers know).

Volunteer opportunities include:

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

HOST Mentoring Program at Brandon Elementary (Begins in the fall).

Contact Sheila Skelton at 936-633-7629

April Refreshments provided by :1st Sunday:

Susan Mendola, 2nd Sunday: Potluck

Need volunteers for 3rd-5th sunday.

Timberland Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Officers

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
Maintenance Coordinator:	Thomas Ward
Music:	RW Fisher
Refreshments Chair person	Mildred Love
Facebook & newsletter:	Susan Mendola
Program:	Richard Mendola
Website:	Thomas Ward