

TIMBERLAND UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP A WELCOMING FELLOWSHIP

1510 North Timberland Drive, Lufkin, TX 75905 (tuuf.org)

AUGUST 2019 PROGRAM SCHEDULE For those who long for open minds and open hearts.

Services begin with refreshments at 5PM and service starts at 5:30PM each Sunday. Rev. Mike Thompson, our consulting UU minister, comes on 2nd Sunday of each month. Adult discussion forum & journaling will vary each month.

SUNDAY August 4, 2019

5:30PM Service: The Ninety Nine Names of God

The first question is, "Does God exist?" The next question is, "If so, in what form and how can I know Him/Her?" The final question is, "If not, then what?" Please join us for an inspiring sermon by psychotherapist Patti Henry, as she shares her thoughts on these questions and encourages you to explore your own answers.

SUNDAY August 11, 2019

5:30PM Service: "Adam, Eve, and the Serpent" by Rev. Michael Thompson. In this sermon we'll examine one of the most widely propagated myths of all time & its influence on our attitudes toward sex and human freedom.

6:30PM Potluck Dinner

SUNDAY August 18, 2019

5:30PM Service: Video "<u>"We're All Connected (but I got mine!</u>)" Utube video by Dr. Roger Ray <u>click here to see the video</u>

Physicists, Buddhist monks, and Christian mystics affirm in unity that "we are all connected." This is fundamental to a spiritual world view. As Martin Luther King, Jr. said, I can never be rich, even if I have a billion dollars, if others are poor. I can never be truly healthy while others languish without healthcare. The opposite of spirituality, a perspective sadly seen not only within secular culture but also at the heart of many religious communities, is to see the world only from the perspective of how to advance our own cause, increase our wealth, comfort and sense of security. Schadenfreude: pleasure derived from the misfortunes of others. This word is taken from German and literally means "harm-joy". It is the feeling of joy or pleasure when one sees another fail or suffer misfortune.

SUNDAY August 25, 2019

5:30PM Service:

TED Talk: "Dare to refuse the origin myths that claim who you are." By Chetan Bhatt We all have origin stories and identity myths, our tribal narratives that give us a sense of security and belonging. But sometimes our small-group identities can keep us from connecting with humanity as a whole -- and even keep us from seeing others as human. In a powerful talk about how we understand who we are, Chetan Bhatt challenges us to think creatively about each other and our future. As he puts it: it's time to change the question from "Where are you from?" to "Where are you going?"

Chetan Bhatt has published widely about the worldwide rise of racist and religious Far Right movements. He is interested in why the authoritarian ideas of these movements appeal to many groups and how understanding the nature of their ideas can help us challenge them effectively. He is currently working on several projects focused on violent Islamist, Hindu Right and white and ethnic supremacist movements, as well and the states and politicians that assist them in South Asia, the Middle East, Europe and the United States.

Bhatt is professor of sociology at the London School of Economics and Political Science in the UK, where he directs LSE Human Rights. Previously, he taught at Goldsmiths, University of London and the Universities of Essex and Southampton.

UU Fellowship Officers. Elected June 30th, 2019 for two year term

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The following still maintain fellowship responsibilities:

Ground Maintenance: Glenn Donnahoe

Sunday Bulletins: Gloria Barnett

Building Maintenance & web site coordinator: Thomas Ward

Music: Fisher & Thomas Ward

Facebook Administrator: Layne Thompson

Newsletter & Lufkin Daily News coordinator: Susan Mendola

TUUF Service Opportunities include:

Collection of supplies for homeless (House of Compassion)

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

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