



August 23, 2018

This Week

Sunday Service

August 26, 2018 10:00am

**"Bible, Bhagavad Gita, Battlestar Galactica, and Beyoncé: Modern
Unitarian Universalism"**

Rev. Joanna Fontaine Crawford

Religious Education Classes - 11:00am-11:50am

Share the Plate

Founded in 1978, Refugee Services of Texas (RST) is a social-service agency dedicated to providing assistance to refugees and other displaced persons fleeing persecution based on race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group. Guided by the principles of human compassion and dignity, RST welcomes refugees and supports them in integrating and thriving in their new communities.

Their five service centers offer programs uniquely designed to assist refugees, helping them to become self-sufficient as quickly as possible. Their programs are also tailored to meet the needs of the host communities as they welcome these new neighbors. www.rstx.org

A Few Words from the Minister...

What Does Respect Require of Us?

Unitarian Universalism holds two principles in tension. [Read more](#)



A Few Words from the DLFD...

(Director of Lifespan Faith Development)

Kindle Your Flame II

If you were at church last Sunday, you already know...

[Read more](#)



A Few Words from the Music Director...

Choir Call Fall 2018

Welcoming in New Voices and Old!

The first choir rehearsal of this season is Wed. the 29th, this Wednesday, at 7:30 in the Sauber Music Building. I am very excited about the coming year, but I must admit to having some fear because I am not certain who will show up!



If you are new to our church, and you enjoy singing and have some exposure to reading music (even if it was decades ago), will you consider joining us? We would love to have a big choir this year, because it opens up new performance possibilities! For example, if there are enough people, we could consider splitting the choir so that members could perform at one service only (if they prefer). Also, we could perform a large musical work for our Spring Choir Sunday if we had 20 or more members. Our music will include pop, gospel, and classical, as usual. The bigger the choir, the more interesting pieces we can sing.

We have a new accompanist, Darja Tomanovic, classically trained in piano, who also has a degree in Jazz Studies. It's going to be a good year! Would you please let me know if you are coming back, or interested in joining?

Thank you! Rebecca
music@liveoakuu.org

Special Notices

"I was hungry and you gave me food" - Matthew 25
Read how Live Oak UU Church interprets this Bible quote.

Church Pool Party on August 26
Pack your lunch and sunscreen and meet us at the Milburn Pool!

Executive Team invites you to an ALL CHURCH POOL PARTY at Milburn Pool on Sunday, August 26 at 1pm. Milburn Pool is inside Milburn Park at 1901 Sun Chase Blvd.

Pool opens at 1pm. Admission is: Adults \$3, Kids 9-17 \$2, Kids 4-8 \$1, 3 & under free, Seniors \$1. Bring a lunch or snack. See you there!



WOMEN'S POTLUCK

Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2018

**A GATHERING OF LIVE OAK
WOMEN & FRIENDS.
FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & INFORMAL
CONVERSATION ON SOCIAL &
SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

*live oak fellowship hall
5:30 pm gather / 6 pm eat*

Please reserve childcare by August 26th.

Email: childcare@liveoakuu.org

New Indoor Plant Caretaker!

Many thanks for getting his hands dirty! I am happy to announce that Karl Mulling has taken on the role of tending to our plants in the sanctuary! He has been doing it for a month now, and everything is thriving. Thank you Karl! It is so appreciated.

Church Ladies Lunch Will Meet on Labor Day 9/3

The Church Ladies Lunch group meets on the first Monday of each month at the IHOP at 11654 Research Blvd/183 (just south of Duval). All Live Oak women and their friends age 16 and over are welcome at this informal gathering. We will meet in the back room around 11:45 and begin ordering at noon. Contact Margaret Sheehan at ChurchLadiesLunch@LiveOakUU.org if you have questions or need more information.

Live Oak Hosts iAct Red Bench to Much Acclaim

On Wednesday, August 22, Live Oak hosted the iAct Interfaith Red Bench Dialogues event. Our fellowship hall was filled with people from so many faiths: Muslim, UU, Latter-Day Saints, Methodist, Jewish, and more, all discussing the concept of "respect." Thank you so much to all of our helpers and contributors - everyone was raving about Live Oak's hospitality.

Amy Thomas
Pat Van Sprague

Linda Ruchala
Katherine Enyart

Sue & Tim Buckley	Carolyn Dower
Hella Holoubek	Michelle O'Donnell
Karen Santhanam	Sandy Gilchrist
Carrie Krause	Jon & Donna Durbin
Nancy Mason	Patti Schneider
Mary Hengstebeck	Diane McCormick
Nan Farris	Kim Ono
Jeanne Wiggerman	

Elementary Religious Education Volunteer Orientation

Grab a cup of coffee...[Read more](#)

Finance Report

Financial Summary for most recent month (July 2018)				
	current month	Year to Date	% of budget	% of year
Pledge income *	\$ 12,447	\$ 108,899	55%	58%
Total income (incl. pledge)**	\$ 22,305	\$ 198,697	58%	58%
Expenses	\$ 29,973	\$ 192,272	32%	58%
Net gain/ (loss)	\$ (7,668)	\$ 6,425		
Total Balance in Church				
Operating Accounts	\$ 130,300			
less Dedicated Funds	\$ 72,376			
(Capital Campaign, included above)	\$ 32,191			
Available Funds for Operations	\$ 57,924			
= months of operating expense	2.0			
*Note this includes \$11,660 prepayments of 2018 pledges in 2017				
** includes service auction = \$7,318				

Ships Ahoy Youth Leadership Training

Here is an opportunity for your High School youth...[Read more](#)

RE Registration 2018-2019

Please register your child or youth for RE by going to [RE Registration 2018-2019](#). There is a link on the sidebar of the website as well.

Registering allows us to plan for leaders, space requirements and gives us a more accurate picture of the entire faith development program. If you were registered last year, you will still need to submit the registration form to give permissions, etc. You may be able to skip some portions if you were previously registered and have no changes other than age and grade of your child/youth. Thanks for your help in this!

If you encounter any issues with the registration form, please notify Carrie Krause, dlfd@liveoakuu.org.

Faith Development

Here's what you need to know...

Mark your calendars now!

August 25, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m., Online teacher orientation for elementary age classes. All those who will be in the classroom are encouraged to join the video conference to hear about the plans for the year. Newbies to the classroom will also have a 1 hour in-person orientation to go over safety procedures, classroom logistics, etc. (Date TBD)

September 16, 1 - 3 p.m., Parent Orientation for 5th/6th grade OWL. OWL classes are now full! Note: This is not an informational meeting as everyone responded they did not need that meeting, rather it is the time to register and learn how parents support the program at home. If you have informed us that you want your child to participate, you should plan to attend this meeting.

Our first day of Fall classes will be September 16th. We go to two services that day and RE classes will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Our summer program is nearly over and again I want to thank those who stepped up to lead or assist in classes over the summer. There is still an opportunity to help out. We need teachers and/or assistants for the following Sundays:

Sept 2nd and 9th

Please take a moment to sign up for a Sunday -- **Summer RE**



Flowers for Sunday Service

If you would like to bring flowers to commemorate a birthday, anniversary, or any event or idea, please sign up at tinyurl.com/louu-flowers. If you fill



in the comment section, it will be printed in the Order of Service.

Church Calendar

- 8/25 Online Teacher Orientation
- 8/26 Church Pool Party
- 8/29 Sack Lunch with the Minister
- 9/3 Church Ladies Lunch

In the Community

UBarU Camp & Retreat Center Upcoming Events:

Women's retreat Oct 5-7, 2018

Men's retreat Oct 19-21, 2018

For more information and to register visit www.ubaru.org.

The deadline for the weekly e-newsletter and the Sunday announcements is midnight on Tuesday. The submission form can be found [here](#)

If you have any questions or comments about this Newsletter please email: editor@liveoakuu.org



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