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We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

November Schedule of Sunday Services

Worship With Us at 11am

November 4: Perfectly Small, Rev. Susan Smith, (Mary Andrews, host)

Rev. Susan Smith serves the larger UU community as District Executive of the Southwestern Unitarian Universalist Conference. **Potluck lunch to follow services. Please also stay after lunch for an opportunity to visit with Susan and with fellow members about the life of our Tyler fellowship.**

November 11: Faith Beyond Belief, Megan Dalby-Jones (Erik Lewis, host)

We are a religion without a creed. Still, we are a people of faith. Too often, faith and belief are collapsed into one. As we sort through the differences between the two, Megan Dalby-Jones invites us to come and reclaim our living faith.

Megan is a ministerial candidate. She and her partner came down to Texas so that she could serve as last year's ministerial intern at First Unitarian Church of Dallas. At the moment, the family focus is on Kristi's career. They plan to stay put geographically for the next few years. Megan is enjoying a secular job and her new role as a weekend circuit rider.

November 18: Guest At Your Table (John Sims and Bonnie Horick, hosts)

This annual service highlights the work of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, which helps UUs and other put their faith in action to advance human rights and social justice around the world. Please support the UUSC by taking home a Guest At Your Table box and putting some money in at each meal through the holiday season.

November 25: Thanksgiving Sharing Service (host TBA)

At this service following the celebration of Thanksgiving, members and guests are invited to share reflections on thanksgiving and gratitude.

Hope has two beautiful daughters: Anger and Courage.
Anger at the way things are, and Courage to see that things do not remain the way they are.

-- St. Augustine

November Calendar

Sunday, November 4

- Current events forum hosted by John Sims, 10 am, UUFT Building.
- Potluck lunch following services
- Discussion with Rev. Susan Smith, District Executive for Southwestern Unitarian Universalist Conference, following lunch

Saturday, November 10

- Wildwood concert featuring Randy Brown with Sam and Michael McBurnett (Dave Sherman opens), 7:30 pm, UUFT Building

Sunday, November 11

- Second Sunday sitting meditation, 9 am in UUFT sanctuary.

Saturday, November 17

- Tyler Recycles Day, 8am to noon, City Recycling Collection Center, 418 N. Bois D'Arc

Sunday, November 18

- UUFT board meeting, 12:30pm.

Sunday, November 25

- Fourth Sunday sitting meditation, 9 am in UUFT sanctuary.

Monday, November 26

- Tyler Race Relations Forum meets from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in the Genecov Room of the Blackstone Building in downtown Tyler. Brown bag lunch.

Love is the ultimate force
that makes for the saving choice
of life and good
against the damning choice
of death and evil.

Therefore the first hope in our inventory
must be the hope
that love is going to have the last word.

~ Arnold Toynbee

Holiday Cards Benefitting the Work of UUSC

You can share special holiday greetings with your loved ones, while helping to make a difference in our world, by purchasing UUSC holiday cards. Visit <http://www.uusc.org/holidaycards> today.

Three beautiful new UUSC holiday cards are now available, including an original design by Holiday Card Contest winner Megan Miley of Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Goleta, Calif. Cards can be ordered on consignment or purchased directly.

Proceeds from the sale of holiday cards help UUSC advance justice and work for basic human rights in the name of UU principles. Order your holiday cards today!

UUA Begins Fire Relief Fund to Help Californians

The fires which recently swept across southern California have affected UUs in many communities. According to the UUA's Pacific Southwest District (PSWD) Executive Ken Brown, 90% of the members of our Chalice Congregation in Escondido evacuated their homes, with several homes burned. Meanwhile, members of other UU congregations have opened their homes to the evacuees.

In response to this disaster, the Pacific Southwest District has begun the PSWD Fire Relief Fund. A district committee will disburse all funds collected to UU congregations, UUs in need, community groups in relationship with UU congregations, and other groups supporting those most in need. Ken Brown notes, "As we have found in the past, insurance does not cover such devastation and it can take years for those affected to recover."

Donations to the PSWD Fire Relief Fund are being accepted online at www.uua.org and by mail. Please send funds to:

Pacific Southwest District
Fire Relief Fund
2052 Norma Street
Oxnard, CA 93036

Wildwood Concerts Features Randy Brown

Randy began performing in coffee houses and colleges in the late 60's. After moving to Mineola, he began playing with country bands, including 10 years as lead guitar for Texas Weather. He quit to write and perform his own music, and he's back in the acoustic venues that appreciate original, thoughtful music.

Randy is the 2007 winner of the Nacogdoches Americana Festival Songwriting Competition and a 1997 Kerrville Folk Festival New Folk Competition Regional finalist. A member of the acoustic folk, jazz swing trio Jealousy Motel for 8 years until its demise in 2005, Randy recently released his first solo project since 1988, *Dream Big*. Randy says he calls his brand of music "folk music, not for the faint of intellect."

Also appearing with Randy will be Sam and Michael McBurnett. Dave Sherman opens. This concert is Saturday, Nov. 10, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. A \$10.00 donation is requested.



The Wildwood Coffeehouse Concert Series provides a listener-oriented, smoke-free, alcohol-free, and drug-free environment in which to see and hear some of the best folk entertainers around.

The Wildwood Concerts is a non-commercial effort operated by volunteers to provide a venue for many talented musicians, both touring and local, who otherwise might not be heard in the Tyler area.

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Tyler supports Wildwood by providing our building, and all proceeds go to the musicians and to local charities.

Wish List

- ?medium to large dust mop
- ?safe, quiet toys for children's room
- ?folding stepstool for kitchen
- ?outdoor storage box or cabinet for deck

Recycling Collection Center 418 N. Bois d'Arc Ave Saturday, November 17, 8am-noon

Goodwill Industries will be disassembling collected electronics to be recycled and guarantees data removal on all hard drives and any other information storing devices based on the Department of Defense Standards and Guidelines.

Eligible items include keyboards, servers, power supply units, connectors, cables, wire, telephones, cell phones, video and audio equipment, circuit boards and computer cards, computer monitors, LCD flat screens and peripherals, printers, fax machines and scanners, and televisions.

Reuse Roundup will also be going on at the Tyler Recycling Collection Center as Goodwill is on hand to accept clothing, furniture, working appliances and electronics or anything else in good and reusable condition.

The Tyler Recycling Collection Center always accepts clear plastic bottles, plastic milk jugs, newspaper, magazines, paper, junk mail, cardboard, aluminum cans and clear and brown glass. The center is also accepting phone books to be recycled.

Everyone is also asked to bring a new or gently used blanket for the PATH Blanket Drive to help keep warm people who choose to do without heat this winter so they can pay for other essential needs.

Environmental-change group Cool Planet will have a booth at the event to distribute information about preventing global warming. Children who bring items to be recycled or reused will receive stickers, magnets and temporary tattoos. For more information call Kristi Boyett, City of Tyler Recycling Coordinator, at (903) 531-1348.

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**PATH Item of the Month:
Frozen Turkeys
(please drop off at PATH office)**