

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



"Super harvest moon" over
Austin Sept. 22, 2010



Ed Brock,
Interim Minister

FUUCA needs \$820,000 in pledges. That's \$2,900 per pledging unit. I have good news and bad news regarding this amount. The good news is, we have the money, more than enough, to reach this goal. The bad news is, that money is still in your pocket. We need to find a way to liberate that money for the benefit of the church.

\$820,000 will give us a \$946,941 budget. This figure is not a fantasy budget but a reality budget. Let me share with you why. Do you want to attract and fund a Settled Minister equal to the challenge and opportunities of this congregation? Do you want a Settled Minister who can provide excellent sermons, facilitate pastoral care, supervise staff, and bring leadership to social justice? To do so you will have to provide a solid, competitive compensation package.

Furthermore, a top quality candidate for ministry will think twice about coming here if you do not address your crisis in staff compensation. You are blessed with an excellent staff. Do you want to keep them? You are in danger of losing your wonderful staff. You are in danger of staff burn-out due to the chronic stress of inadequate funding of their work. No matter how talented and hard working your future settled minister is, turn-over and instability in staff will undermine their work and your investment in them.

The answer to the challenges I have outlined is \$820,000 in pledges.

Let me state clearly that I don't like to talk about money. You see, I want people to like me. I don't want people scattering and running from me because I bring up the subject of money. But, people, there is a problem about commitment to funding and hesitancy to discussing it in and among the flock of souls here at Austin that somebody needs to talk about.

FUUCA is at an important juncture. Such opportunity as lies before you now is here but will not last forever. Prospective candidates for settled ministry at this congregation are going to look hard and long at the results of this canvass.

The Board has risen to the occasion. They have, as a group, pledged an average well above \$3,000 among those who have so far made their pledges.

What does this church mean to you? How does your giving to this church measure up to what you spend on entertainment, dining out, summer vacations and other idle pleasures? Think about it. There is a whole lot of chronic under-pledging going on at FUUCA and it needs to end.

I cannot do this for you. I do not have a magic wand. And, sadly, I cannot evoke the threat of Hell and Damnation to spur your generosity. You have to do it because it is what you care about. You have to stand up and say "We are putting our money commitment in alignment with our values. We care about this church. We are going to give in accord with how much this place means to us."

FUUCA is at an important juncture. Now is the time to be generous. I am asking you to be generous. Don't tell me how much you love this church, show me the money.

This church stands right now before two destinies. You can live your exciting mission, transform hundreds of lives and be a major force for justice in the greater Austin area – or you can miss this opportunity and succumb to fear, old habits and inertia. Real and substantial potential is here. Whether this potential is brought to life is literally in your hands right now.

I would love to talk to you about the matters addressed above any time you are available to do so. You may reach me at ed@austinuu.org or by phone at the church office. Peace, Ed

Justice is LOVE in Action

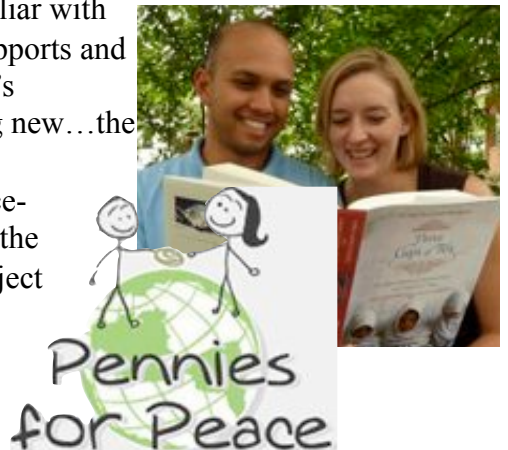
Hello everyone,

Our new interim minister, Ed Brock, has asked me to write a monthly social justice column. (No pressure!) So, forging ahead...I hope this column will be a place you can learn about important social justice issues. Important in light of our church's mission, and important in light of our Unitarian Universalist values.

First off, I would like to congratulate the several church members who were so moved by the current atmosphere of distrust of Islam in America that they attended an interfaith dialog on the issue. The dialog was hosted by Austin Area Interreligious Ministries, a local network of religious organizations of which our church is a member. In general, folks came away heartened by the discussion and were glad to be of support to their Muslim neighbors. I am so glad AAIM was able to present this opportunity! Our own denomination, the Unitarian Universalist Association, has also been active on this issue through the "Standing on the Side of Love" campaign. On their website, standingonthesideoflove.org, you can send a letter to President Obama urging him to continue to fight anti-Muslim hysteria and advocate for religious freedom.



Secondly, I know many of you are familiar with the several long-standing, amazing service projects our congregation supports and funds: Sack Lunch Program, Hands On Housing, Freeze Nights, People's Community Clinic, and more. Just this past summer we tried something new...the Social Action Committee worked together with the Religious Education Department to support their summer curriculum, which was social justice-based. The idea was to encourage the entire congregation to learn what the children were learning. The "Pennies for Peace/Three Cups of Tea" project was a success in many ways – over \$1500 was raised, over 60 folks participated in the potluck lunch, and many more read the book. But I think a real point of pride for our congregation is that so many of us rallied around the issue and our kids, making it very much a theme for the summer and truly a church-wide social action project.



Given that success, Ed Brock and I are developing a new theme for Spring 2011:

“UU Journey with Food”

This theme encourages you to examine how your food choices align with your Unitarian Universalist values. This “journey” will cover a broad range of issues found within the context of food, from food production to equal access to environmental impacts. We are currently forming an interest group to help plan programming and projects that will engage all aspects of our church in this theme...our children, our worship, our social action, and much, much, more. Please contact me if you would like to join this group – we already have four members and are looking for three more.

In fellowship,
Corinna Whiteaker-Lewis corinna@austin.rr.com



Hands On Housing Saturday, October 23rd

Once again, our church will participate in Austin Area Interreligious Ministries' (AAIM's) fall "Raise the Roof" Hands on Housing event on Saturday, October 23rd. We will be painting the home of a low-income homeowner who cannot afford to have this work done.

This is a great way for our congregation to help less fortunate families while enjoying fellowship with other UUs. You can participate, no matter what your skill level. This is a family-friendly event -- Supervised children are welcome to help. Volunteer shifts are: 9 am to 12 pm, 1 to 4 pm, and 4 to 7 pm. We'll have pizza from 12 to 1 pm and take a group picture. You can sign up at the Social Action table in the gallery on Sunday mornings or contact Beverly Donoghue at beverlydonoghue@yahoo.com. We need planning, preparation, and organizing help so if you are interested, please call Beverly at 971-5402.

Give Generously Oct 10 to People's Community Clinic



Sunday, October 10, our church will collect a special offering for the People's Community Clinic: an independent clinic offering comprehensive health and wellness care to uninsured and underinsured Central Texans. Walk through the door any week day, the great need is apparent--- children and adults lining the waiting rooms, many non-English-speakers who encounter barriers to care in most other settings. Seventy-four percent of the clinic's patients earn incomes at or below the U.S. Federal poverty level. The services provided include prenatal, pediatric and adult care; immunizations; testing and screenings; social work and mental health services; nutritional and healthy lifestyle counseling.

Our church has strong ties to PCC. Our own Dr. Celia Neavel helped start the Center for Adolescent Health at the Clinic more than 13 years ago and remains its director. Since 2006, our church has partnered with PCC to provide volunteers to support their work. Many of you helped conduct immunization fairs for school children, others have stayed after Sunday services to produce patient materials, or perhaps you provided a training or set tables for a fundraiser, some of you sent appointment reminders or copied or compiled materials for the staff to use or give to patients. Many of you have given generously to support their financial needs. First UU is a trusted and valued partner of PCC.

If you would like more information about volunteering at PCC, please contact Sheri Overton at sherioverton@hotmail.com or 512-847-2685. You may help out from time to time rather than make a monthly or weekly commitment. Whether you can help in person or not, your generosity on Sunday, October 10th, will help a great deal.



*Brent Baldwin
Music Director*

MUSIC MATTERS

Nourishing Souls and Transforming Lives Through Music

Britten and Old England:

A journey through time,
words and music.

Sunday, October 24th, at 3 PM

As images of the lush and beautiful greenery of the British Isles pass through your mind, immerse yourself in the engaging and enthralling sounds of Klondike Steadman and Kathlene Ritch. The two will take you on a journey through Benjamin Britten's finest works for guitar and voice, as well as visiting the music that inspired these works, from English Folk Songs to the Renaissance music of John Dowland.



After the concert join us for a delectable experience of the finest treats a good British Tea has to offer.

Suggested Donation: \$15 adults / \$12 children All Proceeds will go to benefit the church.

Kathlene Ritch

After graduating from UT with a degree in Music Education, Kathlene Ritch moved to New York where she was fortunate to sing with such noted ensembles as the New York Philharmonic, London Sinfonietta, and the Vienna Philharmonic. She has sung under the batons of Lorin Maazel, Kurt Masur, James Levine, Zubin Mehta, Pierre Boulez, Andre Previn, Sir Colin Davis, and Sir John Eliot Gardiner. She made her solo debut at Avery Fisher Hall with the American Symphony Orchestra in Listz's Dante's Inferno and recorded with them Strauss' Die aegyptische Helena as Hermione opposite Deborah Voigt's Helen. She now resides in Austin and in addition to singing, has turned her passion for cooking into a business, The Red-Headed Chef.

Klondike Steadman

A nationally recognized performer, Klondike Steadman has appeared as a soloist with orchestras in Santa Barbara and Austin. He holds a B.M. degree in guitar from the University of California at Santa Barbara and an M.M. degree from the University of Texas, where he studied with Adam Holzman. In 2002 Klondike became the first person to receive a D.M.A. degree in classical guitar performance from The University of Texas at Austin (UTA).

A member of FUUCA for the past 13 years, Klondike is excited and honored to be serving on the Board of Trustees at this tremendous time of growth and change in our church.



Here we go!

Not long ago, another trustee and I were chatting about all the goings-on here at First UU Austin. Board activity had hit a momentary lull; dates were set, motions had been passed, committees and task forces had their charges. Our Mission was revamped, introduced, and embraced. We had thanked Janet for a wonderful year of interim ministry, and welcomed Ed to a new one.

So naturally the question came up. “What else are we going to do this year?” I thought about it for a minute and said: “Well, we are replacing our system of church governance, calling a settled minister, conducting an ambitious stewardship campaign, working with our second interim minister, developing leadership...other than that, not much!”

Seriously, folks, a lot is happening in our community these days. While it is very exciting to see so much going on, change can be unsettling. The world outside our walls is changing so quickly that it’s dizzying. Shouldn’t church be the sanctuary from all of that, a shelter from the storm of change?

In typical UU fashion, I’ll say yes and no. We need to keep the things we cherish: mission, trust, community, spirituality, intellectual curiosity, and so forth. The governance changes we are working on will ideally ensure that these values have a home here at First UU for a long time to come.

Mainly, we need to make sure we are talking to, and listening to, each other. Let’s be open, honest, and above all, respectful. Allow for mistakes to be made, and give them time to be corrected. This is always good policy, but it’s especially important during times of change.

It’s an honor to be your President during this very exciting time in our history. Here’s to a great year!

For further insight on governance and the importance of Mission, I highly recommend Governance and Ministry by Dan Hotchkiss. *-Eric Stimmel, Board President*

Harvest the Power: Leadership Development Training.

During the last year we have heard a lot about system thinking. This session of Harvest the Power is an introduction to system thinking. “Participants practice identifying relational and emotional patterns within the congregation as they examine congregational challenges. Looking at their own congregation's issues from a system perspective, participants will apply system thinking to consider healthy approaches to real life challenges.”(UUA website, Harvest the Power)

Please plan to attend a leadership development training entitled Understanding Systems in your Congregation, on Wednesday, October 20th, from 7-9 p.m. Margaret Borden and Lynn Anderson will co-facilitate this month’s topic. Anyone can attend and is very welcome, so please invite others. This program is the tenth session of a 12 part UUA leadership development program called Harvest the Power. Its focus is leadership development that goes hand in hand with faith development. The series continues once a month until December. New and experienced leader have the opportunity to enrich the skills they bring to leadership.

Please join us for Meet and Eat in Howson Hall at 6:00pm prior to the class. Childcare will be provided with one week’s notice. You may sign up at the Religious Education table in the Gallery or e-mail Linda Buehlmann:



Sunday Worship



The time for the Sunday morning Worship Services is 9:45 and 11:30

October 3: "The Worth and Dignity of All Persons" by Rev. Ed Brock. Inspired by the mission of the church to "gather in community to nourish souls, transform lives, and do justice" Rev. Brock will talk about the first of the seven principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

October 10: "The Joy of Giving" by Nell Newton. Nell Newton, a long-time member of the congregation, will reflect on the act of giving, its meaning and importance, in this pivotal year of FUUCA, as the church looks ahead to the coming of FUUCA'S next settled minister.

October 17: "Justice, Equity and Compassion in Relationships." By Rev. Ed Brock. Inspired by FUUCA'S statement of mission and values, Rev. Brock will discuss the second of the UUA's seven principles.

October 24: "Islamophobia and Unitarian Universalism" by Rev. Ed Brock. Using FUUCA's own mission statement and the UUA principles, Rev. Brock will examine the recent series of outbursts of intolerance toward people associated with the Islamic tradition.

October 31: "Unmasking Courage" by Chris Jimmerson. Our earliest Unitarian forebearers in Transylvania and Poland faced religious oppression and through their fear showed great courage. Compare this to the repressive religious environment modern UUs have to fear, and the courage we must demonstrate in the face of it: shooting in a UU church 2 years ago, bomb threats to churches that extend welcome to the LGBT community, the UU church in Amarillo being attacked by the right wing "Repent Amarillo" group. How do we summon courage to confront the demands of our time?



Sunday Forum



The time for the Sunday Forum is 11:30 in Howson Hall

October 3: Ken Stein Paramount/State Theaters Artistic Director, "The Jewel of Congress Avenue" Since 1915 the Paramount has been bringing the brightest stars from around the world to Congress Avenue. From Harry Houdini to Kathryn Hepburn and Willie Nelson to Anthony Bourdaine the building is full of stories. Learn about the significant architectural marvel that resides at 713 Congress Avenue as Executive Director, Ken Stein, discusses the 95 year history of The Paramount Theatre.

October 10: Rick Cofer, Bag the Bags Coalition, "Reducing Plastic Bag Waste in Austin" In April 2008, the Austin City Council unanimously approved a resolution to reduce plastic bags entering the solid waste stream by 50% from current levels by June of 2009. Each year across the world some 500 billion plastic bags are used, and only a tiny fraction of them are recycled. Some communities in America have started taking serious action. How far have we come, and what more do we need to do to reduce plastic bag use in Austin?

October 17: Dr. Peter Trubowitz, "Barack Obama, the November elections, and U.S. Foreign Policy" Much of the commentary on Barack Obama focuses on his domestic policies. However, Obama has also pursued significant changes on the foreign policy front. This lecture will discuss Obama's approach to foreign policy and consider what, if any, changes the November election hold in store for U.S. foreign policy.

October 24: Doug Greco, Lead Organizer, Austin Interfaith, "Organizing for Economic Justice" Please join us to hear how congregations, schools, and unions in Austin have come together as partners in a distinctive model of institutionally based organizing for economic justice. Doug Greco, a former Austin ISD teacher who serves as lead organizer for Austin Interfaith, will explain how this multiethnic, multi-issue coalition works to empower working families to promote economic justice and democratic values in their communities. Austin Interfaith is one of 57 local organizations that make up the national Industrial Areas Foundation network, which also has Texas affiliates in San Antonio, Houston, Dallas, El Paso, and the RioGrande Valley.

October 31 Brooklyn James (Author/Singer/Songwriter) will host a book reading and unplugged music set, featuring songs from the original music soundtrack to the novel, "The Boots My Mother Gave Me," inspired by a true story. A candid, sometimes tragic story meant to encourage awareness, incite conscientious, change, and instill hope.

News from the Settled Minister Search Committee

The Unitarian Universalist Association has a deliberate and thorough process for congregations seeking new ministers. Your First UU search committee is following these guidelines and taking advantage of the many resources the UUA offers to find the best minister for our church.

Over the past two months, we have devoted most of our time to gathering information from the congregation about the type of person you seek. From Aug. 22 through Sept. 15, we distributed a survey (online and paper) to members, friends, and covenant groups with detailed questions about church life and the qualities you want in our next minister. We held four focus-group sessions in September to enable people to share their ideas with others. We visited RE classes to ask our youth about their church experiences and thoughts about our next minister. We interviewed staff to get their input. And we met with the Board of Trustees and Walter Pearson, UUA compensation consultant for the Southwest District, to learn about the UUA salary structure for ministers and to discuss a competitive financial package that we can offer our candidate.

We are now compiling all of this information, which we will put into a report called the Congregational Record. The report will be posted on the UUA web site where ministers can read it and decide if they would like to be considered for the position. We will also post the report and survey results on our church web site. Look for these in November.

For more news and information about the minister search, please visit our web site at <http://www.austinuu.org/wp/minister-search/>. Or email us at search@austinuu.org with your thoughts, questions, or concerns. We want to hear from you.

Your Settled Minister Search Committee
Co-Chairs Michael Kersey and Sharon Moore, Gary Bennett, John Franks, Maria Nehring, Jill Smith, Lynda West, Dale Whiteaker-Lewis, Jill Wiggins

Special Membership Events OCTOBER 17TH and 20TH

On Sunday, October 17th, Rev. Ed Brock and the Membership Committee will welcome First UU's new members. Individuals and families who joined our church between January 1, 2010 and October 10, 2010 will be recognized at both services. As a part of our committed congregation, you are asked to attend. Please make it a point to get to know these newest members who have made First Church their spiritual home.

On Wednesday, October 20th, Membership Committee's monthly Meet and Eat program will be held in Howson Hall, dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. The charge for supper will be \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family. All new members who joined in 2010 will be honored guests. RSVP to [<jeanetteswenson@yahoo.com>](mailto:jeanetteswenson@yahoo.com) or sign-up on the Gallery bulletin board by Oct. 17th.

This Meet and Eat program will focus on getting to know our new members and finding the ways they may get involved in church life. Staff, Board members and Committee chairs will make short presentations describing the church's social action, adult education and covenant group opportunities.

Canvass 2011

Interim Minister Ed Brock has defined our challenge for the 2011 Annual Canvass. His questions to all the groups he has stood before boil down to these: Who are we now? Who will we be? Will ours become the Church we want it to be? Will ours be the Church that we are capable of creating? Ed does not provide the answer. We provide the answer.

Our Canvassers have our names. You can expect your Canvasser to contact you. Welcome her.

*-Bill Edwards,
Chairman of Stewardship*

Community: to connect in joy, sorrow and service with those whose lives we touch.



Sending cards to acknowledge important life events, making a phone call or visiting someone who is ill, taking a “mommy meal” to new parents, assisting families during the memorial service for a loved one, providing a ride to a doctor’s appointment...



These are just some of the ways that the **Congregational Care Team** has been supporting the members of our church community in times of joy and need. There are two big ways that you can help: by volunteering to provide these services (contact Pat Walters at pat3walters@gmail.com) and by letting the church know when someone needs help.

There are several ways to make those referrals. Leave a message at Extension 315 at the church; send an e-mail to uucongcare@gmail.com or to pat3walters@gmail.com; join the Joys and Concerns yahoo group (see congregational care on the church website for specifics).

We are especially excited about two new avenues for sharing these important life events. Beginning in October, the weekly announcements will include a Joys and Concerns section. For additional information, or to submit joys and concerns, please contact Pat Walters at pat3walters@gmail.com or Linda Taylor at linda@austinuu.org. Please note that only information that has been approved by the individual concerned or a family member will be posted. Also beginning in October, there will be a Congregational Care referral card available during Sunday morning worship services. Simply fill out the card and put it in the offering plate.

One of our stated values is **Community -- to connect in joy, sorrow and service with those whose lives we touch.** Please help us continue to make that value a reality at First UU.

Do you recognize these two lovely ladies without their cameras in front of their eyes?



Jane Parsons

*Thank you for taking
the great pictures that
appear in our newsletters
each month!*



Margaret Roberts




Season Ticket Special thru October

Our 2011 Season is now confirmed and described on fliers available in the Gallery on Sundays, as well as on the website. What is new for October is the reduced price! Early Birds pay only \$65 for 5 tickets (two are Guest Passes) to three shows. This price includes Opening Night Galas, which cost \$20 when purchased individually. After October, 2011 Season Passes will return to the regular price of \$75 (still a 25% discount off individual tickets). So act now – not only will you get a tremendous bargain, you will be guaranteed seating in the front rows for the best viewing and hearing. AND you will be supporting the church, since Paradox Players donates at least 50% of its profits to the church. Our 2011 pledge to the church is \$5000, which could increase along with increased revenues. Purchasing Season Tickets



benefits yourself and your church. What a win-win for everybody! As the final show of the 2010 Season, ***Incorruptible*** tickets are selling briskly. If you have a 2010 Season Ticket, remember to reserve your seat soon. You won't want to miss this "monks run amok" Comedy with a capital C! The show closes October 17, the last opportunity to purchase a 2011 Season Ticket at the

discounted price. Reservations and purchases can be made online at paradoxplayers.org, or in the Gallery on Sundays.



Seniors' Luncheon

Tuesday, October 12th

Howson Hall at Noon

Soup, Salad & Dessert \$5

RSVP to Alice Cashman 837-0988

Program: Art Elliot will recount some humorous and ironic experiences over his 40 years in the criminal justice system.

Divination Fundraiser:

Oct 15 - At 6 pm in Room 13. Tarot readings by genuine witches for only \$10.

"Look without, look within." Back by popular demand, the Yew Grove Pagan Interfaith Divination Fundraiser. Our staff of trained mages and witches will be on hand to offer you Tarot readings at a discount price of only \$10. Are you ready to look into the mysterious? In room 13, on Oct 15th with an early start at 6 pm. Special rates for kids, bring the whole family!



Sharing Suppers Pool Party Great Success!



Over 35 UU's had a wonderful time at the July Sharing Suppers. Brian and Sharon Moore opened their lovely home and pool to the guests who were from both Sharing Suppers and Couples Club. We all thank the Moore's for their hospitality.

Sharing Suppers will meet on the 3rd Saturday of October, the 16th. Everyone is invited to participate, whether you are members or visitors. To register, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board by Office #8, e-mail lindabuehlmann@sbcglobal.net or call her at

323-5334 by Sunday, October 10th, the Sunday before the suppers. These suppers are a great way to help our visitors and new members feel welcomed by our church community. I hope to see you there.

Over \$1500 Donated = 2 Teacher Salaries!

This summer, we made a difference. This summer we nourished souls, transformed lives, and did justice: *we lived our mission*. This summer, our children learned how they can help others, and our congregation rallied around them. And together we raised over \$1500, enough to pay the annual salaries of two teachers in Pakistan or Afghanistan.

How did we do this? By reading, discussing, supporting, and giving. Each summer in our Religious Education classes, our students take on a social action project as their curriculum. This summer they followed the *Pennies for Peace* program, based on the book *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson. (Thank you Jim and Carol Reed!) This best-selling book describes Mortenson's transition from mountain-climber to humanitarian committed to reducing poverty and educating girls in Pakistan and Afghanistan. The congregation as a whole was asked to read *Three Cups of Tea* in support of what the children were learning. We sold the book after services all summer and also placed several copies in our church library. In class, our children's cultural horizons were broadened as they also learned about their capacity as philanthropists. We hung posters in our hallways where folks could leave messages about what they thought of the book. Both worship leaders and lay leaders incorporated the insights they gained from the book into services. One teacher did a special storytelling during a service where the children playacted as if they were in Afghanistan, learning about children at a church in Austin who wanted to help them build a school. And finally we had a potluck luncheon and discussion between children and adults with over 60 people in attendance. Throughout the summer the children had their hand-painted buckets out in the church on Sundays. And your generosity resulted in over \$1500!

Several folks have asked me, is this the end of our involvement with Pennies for Peace? It doesn't have to be. If you would like to create an interest group to continue supporting Dr. Greg and his mission of sponsoring education and spreading peace, let me know. I will put you in touch with like-minded folks. In fellowship, - Corinna Whiteaker-Lewis

Krause Springs Campout - October 8th through 10th



Please join us for a weekend of camping at a privately held campground near Spicewood. Some people arrive around 4:00 p.m. on Friday night. Bring food for Friday night plus breakfast and lunches. It's a beautiful campground. There's a swimming hole and a waterfall. You can also hike to Lake Travis. There are restrooms and shower facilities nearby. There's a potluck meal at around 6:00 pm on Saturday.

Afterwards there's a campfire and musical jam. You don't have to camp. You can just spend the day—it's just 35 miles from Austin. On Sunday morning we fix a communal breakfast.

Bring: Musical instruments, food and drinks to share, lawn chairs, flashlights, and water for cooking, washing up and drinking. (No dogs are allowed). Tents, bedding, camping equipment and flashlights if you are staying overnight.



Directions: Go west on Hwy 71 through Bee Caves, go 5 miles past the Pedernales river, and then take a right at the Exxon station/store to Spicewood. Take the second right at the County Road 404 sign. The road into Krause Springs will be on the left, slightly upgrade, after crossing a creek. Drive to the house where you pay. It's \$10/adults, \$5/children (4-11) per night and if you're just spending the day, it's Adults/\$5 and children/\$4. Tell them that you're with the Unitarians. We're camped close by the house.

Information: Lynn Vaughan at 989-5701 or 587-8221 or Lynn@Lynnspetsitting.com or Krause Springs at (830) 693-4181.

COME CELEBRATE ALL HALLOW'S EVE & EL DIA DE LOS MUERTOS WITH THE RE DEPARTMENT!



Our Dia de Halloween Extravaganza will be on Saturday, October 23, from 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm

The night will begin with a Healthy Halloweenie Hotdog Dinner that will be served from 4:00 to 5:30pm. The meal costs \$5.00 per adult or child, and \$12.00 for a family of four. Families of four or more will pay the \$12.00 price plus \$4.00 for each additional family member. The menu includes meat, veggie, and vegan hotdogs and buns. There will be variety of healthy and hearty sides as well. Keep your ticket to get one free photo from the Frightful Photo Booth per person!

During the end of dinner, kids can participate in a Costumed Catwalk, starting at 5:15 pm. Wear your cleverest costumes to show off on the stage in Howson Hall!

Starting at 5:30 pm there will be spooky carnival games & activities, a haunted hallway and trick-or-treating. The carnival and trick-or-treating is FREE!

We will have a frightful photo booth. If you participated in the Halloweenie Hotdog Meal, you get one free photo. If you did not purchase a meal, you can get your photo taken for free, but will only receive a copy of the photo for 50 cents. We will frame the photo for you for an additional \$1.00!

Please bring 2 bags of candy if you will be participating in ANY part of this event, to contribute to the trick-or-treating activity. It starts at 7:00 p.m.

We are still looking for volunteers to help out with everything from sorting candy to running a spooky booth. To volunteer, e-mail Beth at beth@austinuu.org. Check your classroom bulletin board, the church website, or the RE bulletin board for more information!



Bring the family! Wear your best costumes!

Have a TON of Halloween and Dia de los Muertos fun!

Spiritual Movie Night M MURDERERS AMONG US (1931) NR



German-American director Fritz Lang presents his first "talkie" -- and cinema's first serial killer -- in this 1931 classic whose central villain was later used in Nazi propaganda films to illustrate the evils of sexual deviance. Propelled by a compulsion he can't control, plump pedophile Hans Beckert (Peter Lorre) escapes the eye of the law -- but not the wrath of the Berlin underworld being blamed for his crimes. Otto Wernicke co-stars. The film has become a classic which Lang himself considered his finest work.

Friday, October 15th, 7PM in Room 15 *FREE Movie & Popcorn

*Donations of \$5 or what you can contribute are encouraged.

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Bits and Pieces

Singalong will be held on the fourth Saturday, October 23rd, from 7:30 to 10:30 at the Friend's Meeting House on 3701 E. MLK Blvd. Please bring snacks and finger foods, musical instruments, and copies of songs you want to sing with the group. Copies of "Rise Up Singing" will be available. Please do not bring alcohol, since this is not a custom of the Quakers. For more information contact Larry Vaughn 469-0029 or email lavest@sbcglobal.net. If you want to add somebody to the email list, contact Mary Jane Ford at mjaneford@grandecom.net.

Buddhist Ritual: October 22, 2010 at 7p.m. in the Gallery sponsored by Yew Grove Pagan Interfaith

Thanksgiving at the Church For those of you who plan ahead, here's an early notice that we will again serve

Thanksgiving Dinner at the Church, at 4 p.m. in Howson Hall, Thanksgiving Day (November 25). We will provide the roasted turkey, you bring your favorite side dishes and desserts.



Reservations will be required as this event usually fills the room. There will be a minimal cost to pay for the turkeys. More details as we get closer to the event. Volunteers needed for sign up table, set up and mostly clean up: please contact Sheila Gladstone – sglad@earthlink.net