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.WE COVENANT TO PROMOTE:

The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
Justice, equality, and compassion in human relations;
Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth,
A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
The right to conscience and the use of the democratic process;
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.

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Notice to Contributors:

The most reliable way to send text material for the newsletter is to copy and paste to an e-mail. The ability of my computer to open attachments is highly uncertain even when they are sent in two different types of files.

Also be advised that no matter what the monthly calendar reminder may say, the newsletter deadline henceforth will be the first Sunday after the CUUC board meeting on the second Wednesday.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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Mar 30 "Why UUs Should Support Eminent Domain Laws," Steven Boyd
Apr 06 "Selfless Love", Karthik Srinivasan
Apr 06 Brown Bag Socrates Cafe
Apr 09 CUUC board of trustees meeting, 7 pm
Apr 12 Annual CUUC Fellowship Dinner, 6:30 pm
Apr 13 Third Annual April Fools Celebration, Rev Phil Schulman
Apr 13 Hatha Yogs with Kitty Bevis
Apr 13: Men's Group, 6:30 pm
Apr 14 Women's Group, 7 pm
Apr 20 "Show and Tell" , Ron Clarke
Apr 27 "No Such Thing as God, No Such Thing as Atheists," Rev. Phil Schulman

#2.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fellowship Dinner
Remember the annual CUUC Fellowship Dinner on April 12, 6:30pm

#3

UPCOMING SERVICES

March 30
Steven Boyd
Why UUs should support existing eminent domain authority of the state and federal governments.

Title basically says it all -- eminent domain is an important governmental power to be used for the public good; the alternative will in all likelihood damage the goals most Unitarians support -- reasonable land use, public access to parks and recreation, etc.

April 6
Karthik Srinivasan
"Selfless Love"

Karthik Srinivasan represents the Sathya Sai Baba group that rents from CUUC and holds services in our sanctuary. Here is how he describes the purpose and activities of the group:

This is a voluntary organization that is purely devoted to service to the needy. This organization has established hospitals all over India to treat patients free of cost for any ailment and surgeries. Also this institution runs schools and university in India, which is provided free of cost to one and all. Sathya Sai Baba has not created any religious sect but asks us to follow truth and righteousness in all our actions. His motto is "Love All, Serve All, Help Ever, Hurt Never"

Our Organization here in San Antonio provides service to aged and the homeless. We feed more than 300 people at SAMM's shelter every month by going there, cooking food and serving them. Also, we spend time at Texas rehabilitation center every month with the old people and play bingo and provide cake and refreshment to them. All this is done under the dictum of selfless love and service, the pillar and foundation for which the organization was started over 40 years ago.

April 13th
Rev. Phil Schulman

3rd Annual April Fools Celebration

Seek "enlightenment." Dare you to dress foolishly, wear your clothes inside out, wear outrageous costumes, or find other ways to celebrate the wisdom of the fool! Your creativity and input are requested. How shall we embrace play, humor, nonsense and irreverence?

April 20
Ron Clarke
"Show and Tell"

Participants will bring some item of personal importance to you for some reason and tell us the story that goes with it.

April 27th

No Such Thing as God. No Such Thing as Atheists.

My goals are to challenge every one's theology and celebrate some of the ways we keep our religious community religious, maintain our diversity, and keep growing together.

#4

ARTICLES AND REPORTS

RE News
Glenna Jones-Kachtik

We have been talking about win-win rules and looking at problems in different ways as well as looking at how we can be friends with those different from us. One week, we talked about people who were differently abled. When Pastor Phil sang the song "Don't Laugh At Me", the words really hit home - The little boy with glasses, the girl with braces on her teeth, the child always chosen last for a team on the playground - even the teenage unwed mother and the beggar on the corner or the homeless on the street - these are all familiar subjects to our UU children. Those words spoke volumes about the inherent worth and dignity of each and every human being.

One of our lessons was entitled “My Friend, the Monster.” It was about a young prince who made friends with a monster and goes to his home and finds that the monster lives a life pretty similar to him. A second lesson looked at differing ways of looking at problems or trying to frame disagreements in terms where both people can win so the situation is diffused and both parties get their main wants taken care of. We even read a story called “Give the Ball to Peetie” about a coach who decides to put an uncoordinated, mentally challenged child into the game and lets him play. Both teams let the boy play unhindered. The team lost but everyone felt like they had won.

We talked about epilepsy and whether they thought certain disabilities were treated differently- whether some disabilities were accepted more than others. We have a number of lessons left in In Our Hands. We will, no doubt, continue talking about social justice issues. But we may revisit, “Don’t Laugh At Me”. Because we are all fat, thin, short, tall, blind, deaf and different. I think the lesson from that song can never be heard too much..

The children are still looking forward to making the toiletry kits for Under the Bridge; and we encourage the members of the congregation to bring sample/trial size bottles and bars of toiletry items for our kits. There will be a box provided in the RE room. We are also thinking about doing a modified empty bowl project. The children are participating in the Flower Communion and we just held our first ever Egg Tree Ritual! Thanks to those who took time from their busy schedules to decorate an egg for our tree and bring it to church on 3/16.

A big thanks to Stephanie Walls for helping me to decorate the tree and to Mark Walls for helping the kids make their leaves and petals for the flower communion skit. March birthdays were Anna Thomason who turned 9 on 3/6, and Crystal Grant who turned 15 on 3/8. Stephanie & Mark Walls and Von Kachtik also have March birthdays. Glenna Jones-Kachtik, RE gjkbear822@yahoo.com <<mailto:Gjkbear822@yahoo.com>> -----

Social Justice Committee
Glenna Jones-Kachtik & Mary Beth Romeo, Co-Chairs

Social Justice Social Justice did not meet this month. However; we would like to remind everyone that UUHAC is currently holding its membership drive. Membership is good for one year and costs \$25.00 - information as well as enrollment forms are available in the coffee room. You must have renewed your membership by 3/15 in order to vote in the 4/1 election. Currently, we are asking for finger foods for the 4/1 meeting. Contact Nancy White if you can help. We will also be looking for persons to transport tables and other items over to 221 W Poplar on the day of the meeting. PLEASE ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 1, 6-8 PM - GAZEBO BEHIND OFFICE AT 221 W POPLAR..... Joan Bradshaw sent around a missive about the Peacemaking project. I am not sure if anyone answered her back or not. Basically they wanted someone to be the contact person. We encouraged everyone to go out and vote on March 4th.

Remarkable Films

Glenna Jones-Kachtik

Remarkable Films chose Comedies from the American Film Institute as their next series. So far, 2 films have been chosen. We hope that you will join us for popcorn, drinks and “theology” - how does the film apply to UU Principles? And as always, fascinating tidbits and perhaps a few things to look for while watching the film...

4/20 6:30 PM

- Mel Brooks “Young Frankenstein” (1974) Black & White. The film was #13 on the AFI list and stars Gene Wilder, Teri Garr, Marty Feldman, Cloris Leachman, Madeline Kahn and Peter Boyle.

Some of these great talents are now gone from our midst but this comedy lives on. “Pardon me, boy, Is this the Transylvania Station?” - this satirical homage to 1930s horror films and spoof of Frankenstein films starred Wilder as Victor Frankenstein, the heir to the original mad scientist's research materials. He travels to Europe to continue the experiments and create a new life. Boyle played to role to its fullest as the Monster who learns to tap to Puttin’ on the Ritz and has a fondness for violin music

. Leachman as Frau Blucher is the castle house keeper, Terry Garr is the research assistant and Madeline Kahn plays Victor’s fiancée to the hilt. Feldman’s shifting hump always gets laughs as does Kenneth Mars inspector. Gene Hackman has a nice cameo. (This movie was translated to Broadway by Brooks in 2007). In [2003](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2003_in_film) [2003](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2003_in_film), it was deemed "culturally, historically or aesthetically significant" by the United States [National Film Preservation Board](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Film_Preservation_Board) [National Film Preservation Board](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Film_Preservation_Board), and selected for preservation in the [Library of Congress](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Library_of_Congress) [Library of Congress](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Library_of_Congress) [National Film Registry](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Film_Registry) [National Film Registry](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Film_Registry). It was nominated for several Academy Awards as well as Golden Globes.

5/18 6:30

- M*A*S*H (1970). Film is #7 on AFI's list and stars Donald Sutherland, Elliot Gould, Sally Kellerman, Robert Duvall, Tom Skerritt and Rene Auberjonois. Bawdy black comedy about the members of a free-wheeling Mobile Army Surgical Hospital during the Korean War. Sutherland’s Hawkeye, Gould’s Trapper John and Kellerman’s Hotlips push the boundaries of irreverence and inject humor into the daily horrors they encounter behind the lines. Who can forget the football game! Don’t miss the shower scene! This movie established Robert Altman as a major director and inspired the long running TV series of the same name (which began in 1972). Gary Burghoff was the only cast

member who reprised his role (Radar O'Reilly) in the TV series. Two more movies need to be chosen - the following have received votes and there needs to be run offs for them: Vote for your favorite today! Send votes to gjkbear822@yahoo.com <<mailto:gjkbear822@yahoo.com>>. A Shot in the Dark, What's Up Doc, Cat Ballou, This is Spinal Tap, Topper, & The Producers. Glenna Jones-Kachtik Film Groupie

#5

AFFINITY GROUPS

Socrates Cafe
Marilyn DeKing

The Brown Bag Socrates Cafe will meet at 12:15 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at Community Unitarian Universalist Church. Bring your lunch and join us for a satisfying philosophical session.

At the beginning of each session, participants submit and vote on the question to be discussed. Resolution is not the goal of the discussion. We usually end with more questions than we began with.

Everyone is welcome to participate in Socrates Cafe or to visit and see what it is about

Women's Group
Jean Halff

The Women's Support Group is open to CUUC women and friends of the church. We meet every 2 weeks, on a Monday night at the church, starting at 7 p.m. and usually finishing before 9 p.m.

Each woman usually talks for about 10 minutes about anything she wishes. However, you don't have to talk if you would rather not. What is divulged is kept confidential unless otherwise stated. It is a great way to get to know the women in the church on a more personal level in a safe environment. We invite you to come and join us and let us get to know you.

Men's Group
Steven Botts

The CUUC men's group meets every second and fourth Sunday from 6:30 - 8:30 P.M. All CUUC men or visitors are welcome to join us.

Group leadership rotates from meeting to meeting. The leader for each meeting is also the

host, and he is responsible for furnishing snacks and drinks.

We usually start off meetings with a clearing, in which each member is allowed to talk about recent events in his life, if he wishes to, for as long as he sees fit. Next, the facilitator introduces the topic for the evening. This may involve a short reading - a poem, an article or other text. The subject could be just about anything that the facilitator would like the group to address: What's going on at CUUC, religion, economics science, health, family, friendship, etc.

Around 8:30, we wind things up by deciding who is going to facilitate the next meeting, declare this one finished, clean up, and leave.

Remarkable Film Group
Clem Chow

The Remarkable Film Group consists of members and friends of CUUC who gather each month to view one feature film and discuss it afterward. Everyone is welcome to attend. The films are usually shown at church at 6:30 PM on the third Sunday of each month. Films are shown in a series. The attendees select the theme, and content of each series normally compose of four films on that theme, whether directed by the same person or featuring a specific actor or actress. Current leaders of the group are Clem and Joyce Chow. Any questions about this group may be directed to Clem or Joyce.

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