



The Big Blue Phrog



UUFW Core Values:

Compassion Inclusion Spiritual Growth Inquiry Celebration

The Big Kahuna— Thinking Out Loud with Reverend Nathan L. Stone

There is something happening at UUFW that doesn't make a big splash --- might even go unnoticed.

I'm talking about Meals on Wheels. Meals come to us from their downtown office on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Teams organize the meals into regular or diabetic packages. Some ask for buttermilk, some ask for juice, most ask for milk. Anybody who wants a copy of that day's "Waco Tribune-Herald" is given one.

I am told that meals are delivered mostly to widowed folks in the 80+ age-range.

Then there are those wonderful drivers who deliver the meals to a particular route. All routes are in and around our Fellowship. They deliver food --- yes. But what they really deliver is love and compassion. So many of the recipients are just plain lonely. A Meals on Wheels driver may be one of the few human contacts available to our recipients.

It is easy to think that church at UUFW only happens at 10:45 on Sunday mornings. Not so. Since service is our prayer --- it seems to me that

our quiet MOW teams are doing some heavy praying every Wednesday and Friday. At UUFW church is much more than a Sunday-thing.

Oh yes --- about our drivers. They are folks from UUFW. But they are also Baylor students. Some are administrators and social workers from area nursing facilities. The Association of Realtors even sends different drivers every week. Most route deliveries take less than an hour.

Any of this speak to your compassionate heart? I hope so since we are always in need of drivers and substitute drivers. Our volunteers can't always be in place each week so it helps to have a backup list of volunteers.

Of course this is a ministry that falls under the purview of our Social Action Team. Make your willingness known to them.

One last interesting note: the late mother of my wife, Pat's, best friend actually started Meals on Wheels in Waco back in the 60s. Her name was Minnie Maloy. She would be tickled to death to know that her dream lives on.

She would also be blown away to hear some of

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Upcoming Sundays at a Glance

April 4 - "A Narnia Story and the Deeper Meanings of Resurrection" - Rev. Nathan Stone and the children. [FLOWER COMMUNION--A MULTIGENERATIONAL SERVICE]

April 11 - "Approaching Uncertainty: Mastery, Myth and Mystery" - Dr. Susan Pantle, PhD

April 18 - "Tackling the Angel Question" - Rev. Nathan Stone

April 25 - "Only Peace Will Do" - Ingrid Martine, Certified Life Coach

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Weekly Events

Sunday Services:
10:45 am-12:00 pm

Nursery care provided.

Snacks for all before and after in the Fellowship Hall

Youth and Children's RE:
Approx. 11:20am-12pm

Choir Practice:
Sundays, 10:00 am

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For Board Member and Committee Chair contact information, please request the most up-to-date membership list from Robyn Morrison.

An Official Disclaimer

The opinions expressed and the ministries described on our website or newsletter do not necessarily represent the opinions of all members of the church, nor the organizations with which it affiliates, but if you are a Unitarian Universalist, you already know that.

(Adopted by the UUFW Board, 01/15/06)

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Our Affirmation

 *Love is the doctrine of this Fellowship, the quest for truth is its sacrament and service is its prayer. To dwell together in peace, to seek knowledge in freedom, to serve others in community to the end that all souls shall grow into harmony with creation, thus do we covenant with each other.*

Covenant of Right Relations

We, the members of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Waco, adopt this covenant for the purpose of being in right relationship with one another.

Through this covenant, we make a commitment to act with mutual trust and support in this liberal religious faith community.

We covenant to:

- listen deeply and speak with openness, caring, and respect;
- engage newcomers, youth and young adults in the life of the congregation;
- contribute time, ideas, and income in support of our mission and our community outreach, according to means and abilities;
- foster stable congregational growth by drawing on new people and new ideas while maintaining the best of our Unitarian Universalist traditions;
- resolve conflicts in a timely manner with compassion, dignity, and empathy
- communicate clearly about leadership activities and decisions; and
- create, communicate, and follow clearly-defined congregational policies.

Our true covenant will show by our actions. May this covenant deepen our connections with one another and guide us through conflict with dignity and respect for one another. We sometimes fall short of peacefully resolving our misunderstandings and difficulties. When this happens, we will strive to repair relationships and recommit to these covenants.

This is a living document, intended to reflect the needs of our congregation as it changes and grows, revisiting it as needed.

(Adopted by the UUFW Congregation, 05/31/09)

MOW's 2009 report: Total meals served? 269,693. Total expense? \$1,565,168. Meals on Wheels is a ministry of Central Texas Senior Ministries (www.seniorministry.org). If you want to see how it all works make an appointment to see their facility at 501 West Waco Drive (254) 752-0316.

I am so very proud that UUFW has the privilege of quietly being a part of something so big. Proud of you all. Proud to be called your minister.

P.S. As I write this it is March 20 (Saturday). I have just returned from the Building Our Future Together event. I am stunned and jazzed beyond description. Such a great turnout but an even greater result. You'll hear much more about this. For now, it's very simple: we have a great future. UUFW is on fire. UUFW rocks. Stay tuned.

Nathan

From Your Board President

On Saturday, March 20, during the Building the Future workshop, we shared peak experiences. I told of performing civil rights and gospel songs in the multi-racial, multi-generational Community Race Relations Coalition Choir at Waco Cultural Arts Fest last September along with Nathan Stone and Richard Wilson. The choir was a mixture of White, Latino and African American adults and school children from the Waco community. We were experiencing the fruits of the civil rights movement and the children were learning history. It was a stretching experience as we learned the songs by rote in two practices. For some, it was the first experience in learning and singing in gospel style. As I moved with the rhythm, feeling the emotion of the words, I got teary eyed.

Based on the peak experience stories told by each participant, we developed possibilities for the desired future of the UUFW. Energy was very high by the end of the day. I am not known to get teary eyed very easily, but I did as I read these closing words:

“The central task of the religious community is to unveil the bonds that bind each to all. There is a connectedness, a relationship discovered amid the particulars of our own lives and the lives of others. Once felt, it inspires us to act for justice....”

Jane Derrick,
Board President

**WELCOME!
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From the Membership Team

The Membership Team is working hard to coordinate our spring session of Becoming UU. Becoming UU is held twice a year and is an orientation of Unitarian Universalism and the history and current events and activities of UUFW. We are looking forward to a large number of newcomers to attend. We are so honored and excited so many have decided to take advantage of this important event.

We wish to thank all of the Members who help support this event in various ways including giving presentations, providing child care, photography, and contributing food items for the luncheon held prior to the event.

We wish to welcome all of our newcomers who honor all of us by choosing to attend UUFW! We look forward to getting a chance to know all of you better.

I wish everyone a very happy celebration of all the ways we welcome the spring.

Robyn Morrison,
Membership Chair



*“Spring is nature's way
of saying, ‘Let's party!’”*

~Robin Williams

Congregational Meeting, April 18, after Sunday Service

PLEASE BE THERE

At the congregational meeting we will be doing three things:

1. We will have an update on the Mission/Vision process.
2. We will elect a nominating team which will develop a slate of officers to be elected at the October 17, 2010 congregational meeting. (Nominated for the team are: Brian Gates—Chair, John Hendry, Becky Fox)
3. We will introduce a new Hospitality plan for the provision of Sunday refreshments.

Friends of the fellowship and new members: We want you at the meeting, but remember that you have to be a member for 28 days in order to vote.

Jane Derrick,
Board President

Religious Education For Children and Youth

The Religious Education Department for our children and youth started this year with a bang! Several great big events have already taken place and many more are coming up. Here is an update:

- We have a **Spring Sleepover** for children 13 and under scheduled for Thursday evening, April 1, starting sometime between 5-6PM and ending at 10:00 the following morning. There'll be many fun and exciting activities for the children. Parents with children under 5 are asked to accompany them.
- The same evening at the Spring Sleepover, from 6-9PM, we have scheduled a **Spring Cleaning Session**. RE Team Members, teachers, and parents will clean and organize the RE Classrooms.
- Tracey Villanueva is developing some kind of **performance** for the children and youth for the Easter service, April 4. We plan for this performance to coincide with our study of Christianity. Tracey appreciates your ideas.
- **HOGWARTS SCHOOL OF WITCHCRAFT AND WIZARDRY** is scheduled for June 14 to June 17 from 5:30 – 8:30 each evening. Planning is already underway. If you would like to volunteer, please let Tracey know. We appreciate all offers.

Robyn Morrison,
RE Volunteer

Safe Congregation Policy

This month Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Waco institutes a Child and Youth Safe Congregation Policy that includes background checks (via [Integriscan](#)) for all of our teacher volunteers who work with children and youth, as well as the standing policy to have two unrelated adult teachers with each RE class at all times. These and other Safe Congregation policies are designed to both protect our children and youth and to help protect adult volunteers against possible unfounded accusations of abuse. We have not had any incidences of abuse of our children or youth, and hope to continue this good record with the prevention measures of this policy in place. But should a problem arise, we now have extensive measures available in our Policies and Procedures to deal with such issues, thanks to the tireless efforts of RE Teams and their volunteers, past and present, to get this policy right. See Child and Youth Safe Congregation Policy, Appendix E of [Policies and Procedures](#) for last year's version. The 2010 version will be online soon.

Brian Gates,
PR Team Co-Chair

Youth Group at UUWaco

The UUWaco Youth Group is up and running! We'll also be coordinating activities for the younger kids at an upcoming sleepover, as well as looking for other opportunities for fun and service to the church. Members, friends and visitors ages 14 to 18 are welcome to join the Youth Group. For more information, please e-mail youthgroup@uuwaco.org.

Kris Cervantes,
Board Secretary

Good Clean Fun

The House and Grounds Team is hosting a garden and grounds clean up morning at the Fellowship on Saturday, April 17th. The team is seeking members and friends who are willing to work on sprucing up the grounds and garden. Work will involve clipping shrubs, raking out flower beds, cleaning up the play equipment on the playground, cleaning outside windows and entrances and generally making the outside area of our building clean and shiny. Helpers are asked to bring garden tools so that our work can go quickly. We are going to be outfitted with bags and materials from Keep Waco Beautiful as arranged through Jaymi Furniss. Lunch will be provided by the H and G Team at noon. Children are invited to join in the fun. Please sign up to help. See Fanny, Claudia, Rob, Mark, Susan, Jim, Jaymi and James to find out more details.

Other H and G News

The newly laid sod in the garden area and in front of the Fellowship was made possible by contributions made to the Memorial Garden fund. Thank you all for the contributions—the garden is looking more beautiful every day.

Work on the renovation of the library is moving along. You will be please to see the results of the transformation taking place. The chief decorator and worker is Fanny Rendtorff. She is amazing!

Claudia McLatcher,
House and Grounds Co-Chair

Treasurer's Report

Our receipts this year are almost \$ 3,000 above what we budgeted with all of that accounted for in the pledge category. You may recall that we had some PU's who made their annual pledge payment as a lump sum in January.

Expenses are only \$ 200 over the budget so far. The large culprit there is Utilities. The cold winter we have had so far accounts for that.

We had budgeted for a \$ 3,500 deficit to date but because of the good pledge number we are running a deficit of only \$ 900 as of the end of February.

We have \$ 56,000 in the bank and CDs.

Joe Ahlers,
Treasurer

Waldo's Coffeehouse

Albert and Gage played a wonderful show to a full house March 5. Opening for them was Grace London, who is UU Members Dutch and Carol Schmidhauser's granddaughter, and a very talented young lady.

Next performance Friday, April 23 features Dana Cooper of Nashville, Tennessee, returning to Waldo's stage after several years. Many of you may remember his appearances with Shake Russell. The show starts at 8pm, refreshments and child care are included, \$10 adults, \$5 children. A donation from the proceeds will be given to the Animal Birth Control Clinic of Waco.

As always, help with setup, cleanup and food is greatly appreciated.

Jane Kittner,
Waldo's Co-Chair

Social Action Needs You

"Living our core values." "Truth is in the lived human experience." "Vibrant" "Outside of our comfort zone." "Authentic practices and experiences that stand for things that matter." And finally, "Social involvement with community that fosters mutual spiritual growth." Apparently, all UU mission/vision roads lead to social action. Well, we have a small social action team with large plans. We need your help. We would love to get the entire UU community involved in a new special project. We need assistance with some ongoing social action projects that make a difference in our community TODAY. Please contact Becky Warren, social action chair, for more information and more "authentic" experiences!

Becky Warren,
Social Action Chair



Habitat for Humanity volunteers Jason Hendry, John Hendry, and John Nobis. (Photo by Kris Cervantes.)

SERVICE IS OUR PRAYER!

Only UU Can Keep Social Action Programs Alive!

ORGANIZATION	MISSION	VOLUNTEERS PROVIDE...
Planned Parenthood	Family Planning & Women's Health	Support for Nobody's Fool Sex Education Program
Central Texas Senior Ministries	Meals on Wheels	Serve & Deliver Meals to Seniors Twice Weekly
Caritas	Food & Emergency Assistance	Cereal Donations Monthly, "Souper Bowl Sunday" Funds
Habitat for Humanity	Low Cost Home Ownership	Construct Homes In Cooperation with Interfaith Build
Community Race Relations Coalition	Promote Racial & Cultural Acceptance	Leadership and Support of Fundraising & Events
Talitha Koum Nurture Center	Pre-School Nurturing Childcare	Angel Tree Christmas Gifts
Cedar Ridge Elementary	Public School In Our Neighborhood	Covenant Group Tutored Students in the Past
PFLAG	Support Group to Families of Gays & Lesbians	Meets at UUFW, UUFW Members Participate in Gay Pride March



What's YOUR Passion?

~ See Becky Warren, Team Leader ~

VOLUNTEER Today!

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One Book One Waco Discusses *The Summer Kitchen*

The CRRC supports One Book, One Waco. One Book's current selection is *The Summer Kitchen* by Lisa Wingate. Please consider reading this warm and heartfelt book by the author living just right next door to us in Clifton, and **join us for the CRRC-sponsored book discussion on Thursday, April 8, 6:30-8pm, at the Central Library**, 1717 Austin Avenue. Call 836-4599 or email Jo_Welter@hotmail.com with questions.

Community Race Relations Quarterly Meeting, April 22

Join CRRC members and friends on Thursday, April 22, 5:30 to 7:30pm at the Texas Life Annex, 1000 Washington Avenue, for "Understanding Ourselves," the next in this year's series, "Let's Talk About Race." We will have dinner together, provided by the CRRC board (with donations accepted), and hear about white privilege and internalized oppression and have an opportunity to ask questions of our speakers. PLEASE RESERVE A SPACE by calling 836-4599 or emailing Jo_Welter@hotmail.com. It is very helpful to have a headcount for dinner!

Jane Derrick,
CRRC Secretary

Enjoy your New (Used) Books!

Thanks to everyone who bought books at the UUWaco Reading Circle book sale. The sale cleared \$320 and \$163 in Golden's book credits. Work has begun on the library and we look forward to finding out what's under the carpet and linoleum!

The Reading Circle will make a donation to the Communities in Schools literacy program with the remaining proceeds (www.cis-hot.org).

Cheryl Foster,
Reading Circle

Texas Native Plant Sale

Hosted by: Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society, Baylor U.

Where: Baylor University Science Plaza
(corner of Bagby & Speight, look for signs)

When: Saturday, April 17, 9:00am–3:00pm

Payment: Cash or check only, please

All profits support undergrad Scholarships at Baylor. Over 100 species of Texas native plants, including perennials, shrubs, grasses, and ornamental trees. All plants were grown in Baylor greenhouses from native seed or cuttings taken from outstanding parent plants. Support wildlife and conservation by planting these beautiful, drought tolerant natives in your landscape!

For a list of the species being offered please see <http://www.baylor.edu/content/services/document.php/83270.pdf>

From The Editor

Last month Dustin Morrow and this month Cheryl Foster helped edit the Phrog, and I'd like to thank them both for their hard work—thank you very much! With additional editors I have time and energy to put in a brief editorial note.

Last night I was pondering how acrimonious the health care reform debate has been and was struck by the stark contrast of our own process of reform and change at UUFW guided by Consultant Joe Sullivan.

When I was board president in 2008 and first heard of "appreciative inquiry," a process UU Consultants use to guide congregations through change by finding and building on strengths instead of the usual problem-solving method of focusing on flaws and "fixing" them, I wondered "How can that possibly work?"

After experiencing it then, feeling the positive changes wrought since, and experiencing appreciative inquiry again a few days ago at Building Our Future Together, I'm starting to look at our country's often rancorous political process and wonder "How can *that* possibly work?" And I dream of how it would be if decision makers—everyday citizens and politicians—would try a little appreciative inquiry and consult with Joe Sullivan instead of Joe Camel and Joe Six-Pack.

What a strange, wonderful world that would be!

Brian Gates,
Phrog Editor

UU Fellowship of North Bay WINE COUNTRY HOLIDAY

The UU's of Napa, California proudly announce a new season of our **Wine Country Excursions**. Again, we offer a variety of options for an inside look at one of America's most beautiful areas, internationally known for fine wines, gourmet dining and spectacular vistas.

There much to see and do in the Napa and Sonoma Valleys: e.g. wine tasting at renowned and boutique wineries; visits to art galleries and museums; exploring the natural beauty of our hills and valleys on miles of hiking and bike trails or by car on our highways and back country roads.

We offer two choices: Both start with comfortable lodging in members' homes with full breakfast (up to 3 nights). You can choose a 2-day "Wine Country Excursion," a guided, personalized tour conducted by one of our members—some with wine industry experience—or lodging and self-guided touring. If desired, we provide guidance, maps, etc.

The program runs from April through October. Our fees are below market rate for similar services and **all proceeds go to our small fellowship**. For complete details contact: Tom Wilson (707-254-7443) or 2wilsons1dog@comcast.net

UUFW Building our Future Together Congregational Workshop March 20, 2010

On Saturday, March 20, members and friends embarked on a journey to plan our future together. The workshop began in a true UU form with Rev. Nathan Stone offering a witty blessing to kick off our meal. Everyone seemed energized for the task ahead.

Joe Sullivan—long-time friend and consultant to UUFW—had been retained by our Board of Directors to help plan, shape, and lead this important day—as well as future steps in this planning process. Logistics and communications had been coordinated by your very own Mission-Vision Planning Team (“the MVP’s”).

The four-hour workshop was a picture of teamwork by all participants, 55 of us plus five young people. Through a long afternoon of fun and hard work, we shared personal values, memories, hopes, and ideals with one another—a clear indication of our common purpose and a genuine commitment. Young people, new people, church founders, youth, and elders alike helped shape our church’s future ripe with great potential.

Nearly a hundred pages of notes and flip charts are now being carefully transcribed by The Writing Team, led by MVP April Hull. Those volunteers will ensure that every written word is illustrated and then shared with the Board and Congregation.

From there, our “structured planning process” will march on with a growing sense of our brighter future. This process will roll out roughly as follows:

- April 10 Board Retreat – Board members buckle in for a long, six-hour day of studying transcripts and drafting Mission and Vision Statements that accurately reflect our church’s aspirations and intentions for the future, as expressed by workshop participants.
- Mid-April to early May – Board issues draft Mission-Vision Statements for congregational review and feedback. Revisions and second drafts may be issued.
- April 18 – Congregational Meeting to vote on slate of 2011 Nominating Committee members. Some discussion of Mission-Vision Statements. Friends are welcome and can express opinions but cannot vote.
- May 23 – Congregational Meeting to review and vote on the Board’s recommendation for Mission and Vision Statements. Friends are welcome and can express opinions but cannot vote.

These events and activities leading to a new Plan and its implementation will take time. Timing is uncertain for us, since some churches complete the strategic planning process in six to nine months. Others take much longer. Your Board promises a deliberate, careful, and highly energetic effort for planning our future together -- a brighter future for us all. Team Leaders won’t be without direction in the meanwhile. We all are busy accomplishing many interim ministry and governance goals this year.

Thanks for our Many Volunteers! We want to recognize and thank the MANY people who contributed—great and small—to the Mission-Vision Planning effort thus far. I will try to name them all. Please forgive any errors or omissions...

- Workshop Facilitators – Joy Hayes-Gates, Dustin Morrow, April Hull, Rob Cervantes, Bruce Allen, Claudia McLatcher, David McLatcher, JP DeMeritt, Becky Fox, and Jane Derrick.
- Kitchen Helpers – Terri Jo Ryan, Fanny Rendtorff, Ingrid Martine, Liz Turnage, Claudia McLatcher, Jane Derrick, and many others who pitched in. Melanie “The Wonderful” Witherspoon prepared an amazing macrobiotic meal for the Facilitator Workshop. Joy Hayes-Gates deserves a hearty “Atta Girl!” also.
- Joe Sullivan – For consulting, caring, commitment to UUFW, and thoroughness.
- Writing Team – April Hull, Dustin Morrow, Becky Fox, and Jan Snyder.
- Humanist Covenant Group – We

appreciate your setting up Fellowship Hall for our workshop.

- Paul Derrick – What would we do without you or your projector? Thank you!
- Claudia and David McLatcher – Thanks for providing Joe Sullivan with your hospitality!

Lastly, let me thank our hard-working, very resourceful, and effective Mission-Vision Planning Team. You all have been awesome! Thank you!

Anita Knight, Team Leader
Mission-Vision Planning Team



Focus Group: Michaela Morrow, April Hull, Randy Culp, Dan Capps, Jaymi Furniss, and Myron Morrison. (Photo by Anita Knight.)

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Covenant Groups

INTERESTED IN MAKING CONNECTIONS?

Join a Covenant Group!

“Reading Circle”

Kris Cervantes
kris.cervantes@gmail.com
Second Mondays, 6:30 pm

“Let’s Go To the Movies”

John Nobis (756-4653)
3rd Wednesdays

“Humanism Interest Group”

Jane Derrick (753-6920)

Every 3 or 5 Weeks, more or less
Next meeting: April. 14th, 6:30pm

New Spring UUWorld focuses
on change: <http://uuworld.org/>.

For “UU Parenting” and other new UU
blog entries, see
<http://www.uuworld.org/about/blogs.shtml>



UUFW Calendar 2010

The Waco International Folk Dancers schedule has changed to 2nd and 4th Mondays.
Next meeting is **April 12**, 7:00 pm at UUFW.

See [Calendar](#) at UUWaco.org for most up-to-date calendar and email Claudia
McLatcher at claudia.mclatcher@uuwaco.org to schedule events at UUFW facilities.

Area UU Upcoming Events

SWUUC Spring Conference and Annual Meeting: **April 23 - April 25**
SWUUSI (Southwestern UU Summer Institute), **August 1-6** at Western Hills Guest
Ranch in Wagoner, Oklahoma
Faith Development Training, All Souls Unitarian Church, Tulsa OK, **June 3 – 6**
General Assembly, Minneapolis MN, **June 23 - 27**
Primary Camp, U Bar U, **July 4 - 10**
Junior Camp, U Bar U, **July 11 – 17**
Senior Camp, U Bar U, **July 18 – 24**
Dwight Brown Leadership Experience, Glen Rose, TX, **July 25 - 30**

Unitarian Universalist Principles

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

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