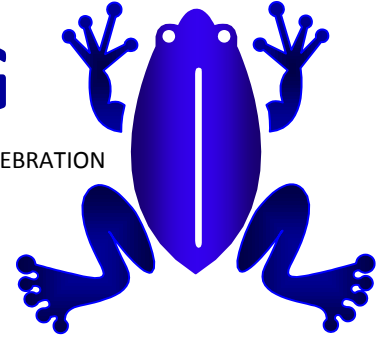




# THE BIG BLUE PHROG



**Our Core Values:** COMPASSION, INCLUSION, SPIRITUAL GROWTH, INQUIRY, AND CELEBRATION

**Mission Statement:** The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Waco is an inclusive spiritual community that reaches out and inspires people to live meaningful, joyful lives of service toward the creation of a more just and loving world.  
(Adopted by UUFW on 5/23/10)

## Reverend Bonnie

### Moving into the Next Chapter



Photo Credit: Kris Cervantes

As of Aug. 1, the UU Fellowship of Waco will have new clergy leadership, and formally begin a new chapter in its life. This was unforeseen by most of you this time last year, and I know it has been a shock to the system. Personally, I will be moving into hospital chaplaincy next year, and I will be working with all kinds of families who have had a similar shock to their systems. Something out of the blue has come up, and now they know their identity moving forward will be very different than what they had thought. There will be lots of feelings such as "it isn't fair!" and "this shouldn't have happened to us!" There will be anger and grief and confusion. And eventually these families will learn new things about diseases or chronic conditions or even what it's like to live without someone they thought they couldn't do without. None of us are safe from these sudden shocks to our system; congregations included.

The key to moving forward after such an experience is taking a deep breath and being willing to do the work ahead of you. You need to face the remaining emotional issues openly and with as much compassion for each other as you can. You need to learn new skills and change the way you have been used to doing things. You will have some hard times—certainly financial challenges, which I know you are concerned about. But I don't think financial challenges really harm the core of a congregation. These challenges make things harder for a while, but that will ease. What will be harder is redefining yourself. It is time to

come up with a new vision of who you will be in the future. It is time to change some of the habits that are so ingrained that you don't even know they are there. That is the purpose of interim ministry. Your minister will help you recognize these ingrained habits and will sometimes challenge you on them. He will assist with the continued healing and also challenge you to keep your commitment to openness and compassion. He will help you figure out who you want to be after this sudden, unexpected shock. Who is the new UUWF that will emerge? Then he will help you search for a new minister. It will take lots more work, and I know some of you feel this year has been quite enough work, thank you very much. Just like those families in the hospital, though, you don't really have the option to not do the work. The question is whether you will do it well or poorly.

You have a lot of love and commitment here. You care about one another very much. It is great to watch. So I know you can do it well. My very best wishes to you on the good work ahead of you.

Faithfully, Bonnie  
[bonnie.vegiard@uuwaco.org](mailto:bonnie.vegiard@uuwaco.org)

## Upcoming Sundays

**July 3 - "American Idols: What The Founders Say To Us Today"** – Terri Jo Ryan

**July 10 - "Three Old Codgers I Wish I'd Known"** – Dr. Paul Derrick, UUFW Old Codger

**July 17 - "Early Freethinkers in Central Texas History"** – Miss Kate Friend (aka Terri Jo Ryan)

**July 24 - "Traveling Souls"** - Rev. Bonnie Vegiard

**July 31 – "Science and Religion: How Compatible?"** – Dr. Chris Rios, Asst. Dean of Graduate Life and Asst. Prof. of Religion, Baylor University

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### 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 Religious Education:  
Approx. 11:20am-12pm  
(See Contact Information, R.E. Children's and Youth Group, third column of this page)

Choir Practice:  
Sundays, 10:00 am  
(POC: [jane.kittner@uuwaco.org](mailto:jane.kittner@uuwaco.org))

### Adult Programs

Reading Circle Covenant Group  
Second Mondays, 6:30 pm  
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What are we reading? Find out at  
<http://uuwaco.org/index.php/community/reading-circle/394-reading-circle-june-2011--book-reviews>

Humanism Interest CG  
Every 4 (±1-3) weeks, more or less  
Next meeting June 9th, 6:30pm  
POC: Jane Derrick (753-6920)

Sisters On A Journey is on summer hiatus.

## 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 UUFW on 5/31/09)

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For more: Church leaders see Leadership Roster on website (log in first) or contact Membership for current list.

## Social Action Updates

### Cereal Sunday continues

Please remember Cereal Sunday the 1st Sunday of each month. Caritas has experienced a huge growth in the number of people looking for help in feeding their families. Put your cereal donation in your car today to bring to church on July 3rd!

### Fan Club for Caritas

Fan Club 2011 will culminate on Sunday, July 3rd. Please make your donation in check form to UUFW with "Fan Club" written on the memo line. These string of 100-degree days are awful for all of us, but especially for those who have no other relief than the fans provided them by Caritas.

### Nobody's Fool set for August 3rd

The annual *Planned Parenthood* conference for students from 5th through 9th grade is scheduled for August 3rd at the Waco Convention Center. Bring your children to make them aware of the FACTS of life without scare tactics or moralizing. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Becky Warren at [becky.warren@uuwaco.org](mailto:becky.warren@uuwaco.org). Some volunteer positions require training. UUFW has long supported this important community event.

Becky Warren,  
Social Action, [becky.warren@uuwaco.org](mailto:becky.warren@uuwaco.org)

### Greetings Phrog People,

How long since you went to a song circle at the UU sanctuary? Well that's too long. Your next opportunity will be Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 7pm. The last one was a lot of fun. If you missed it you owe it to yourself to make it to this one. It's BYOB. If you play an instrument, bring it. If you sing bring your lovely voice. If you listen, that works too. Put it on your calendar: Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 7pm. Got questions? Drop me a line.

Thanks,  
Lee, [leevanwagner@yahoo.com](mailto:leevanwagner@yahoo.com)

## Choir Notes

The UUFW choir is looking for a few more willing singers. We rehearse on Sundays at 10:10 and one or two Friday evenings a month from 5:30-6:30. Join us for fun and musical adventures! Reading music is not required, but it would be good if you could carry a tune. Either contact Jane Kittner at [jane.kittner@uuwaco.org](mailto:jane.kittner@uuwaco.org) or just show up any Sunday at 10 a.m.

Jane Kittner  
Music Coordinator

## UUFW House Band Forming

If you play an instrument (including percussion) and would like to help with the music on Sunday mornings, contact Jane Kittner at [jane.kittner@uuwaco.org](mailto:jane.kittner@uuwaco.org). We will be practicing on weekends, and will plan rehearsals around the participant's schedules. We are particularly in need of a bass player, or even someone who is willing to learn to play the bass!

## Member Needs Ride to and from Church

Ellie Van Domelen is a long-time Member and supporter of UUFW. Due to a decline in health, she resides at Lakeshore Estates - Waco Senior Living which faces Lakeshore Drive and is very close to the church. She is no longer able to drive, but she is very interested in attending church on any Sunday someone is willing to offer her a ride.

If you are able to offer to Pick Up and/or Take Home Ellie on a certain date or dates, please let Becky Warren know at [becky.warren@uuwaco.org](mailto:becky.warren@uuwaco.org). July dates are desperately needed!

It is recommended that those offering Ellie a ride call her a couple of days prior to Sunday, and then follow up with her again about 9:00 that Sunday morning (9:00 is recommended because Ellie says they serve breakfast at 8:00.) She'll most likely decline, but the offer and the phone call are worth making if only just to check on her and let her know we're thinking about her.

Also, it is suggested to let her know a description of the automobile to look for. She waits inside the main entrance and comes out to meet the car picking her up. The car can be pulled directly in front, so there is not even a need to get out of your car.

Thanks so much!  
Becky Warren, [becky.warren@uuwaco.org](mailto:becky.warren@uuwaco.org)

## Hogwarts\* Express sees record numbers, record fun!

More than 70 kids and youth crowded the halls of UUFWaco from Monday through Thursday, June 13-16, as the annual Hogwarts\* Academy Summer Camp was a rousing success. Organizer Tracey Villanueva and a tireless team of volunteer "professors" and "House Elves" provided food, fun and fancy to the kids of Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw and Slytherin.

Thanks to all the children, youth and adults who worked so hard to make Hogwarts\* such a success - they've earned a break!

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**(Adopted by UUFW Board on 1/15/06)**

**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.

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