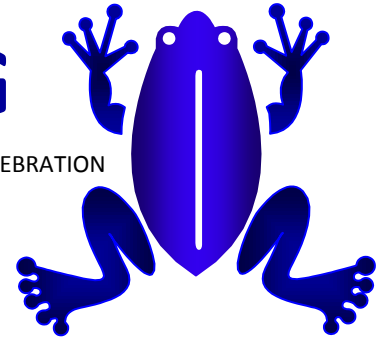




# THE BIG BLUE PHROG



**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



Photo Credit: Kris Cervantes

I'm so glad I've gotten a chance to meet many of you. I always enjoy meeting Unitarian Universalists. Many thanks to all of you who have offered me breakfast or dinner, either in your homes or out at a restaurant. I've had great conversations with you all.

I hope to meet more of you in my time here. Maybe we can talk while walking for *Race for the Cure*. (I will not be running!). Maybe you want to do breakfast or lunch, or even just coffee.

Maybe you want to drop by the fellowship on a Friday or Saturday afternoon and chat there. Friday and Saturday afternoons are great times for a relaxed conversation. Just let me know.

I am privileged to be with you in this time when you are doing some of the hardest work of community. We all know that good relationships take time and work, and this is true in community as well. This is a time of doing hard work with one another, and of beginning to seek a new identity for yourself as a congregation. This work will take time, but as in all good relationships, the time and the work serve to strengthen bonds in the end. I am happy to continue the conversations with you as you do this work. Please let me know, preferably by email, if you would like a meeting. Or, call the fellowship and leave me a message. I will call you back.

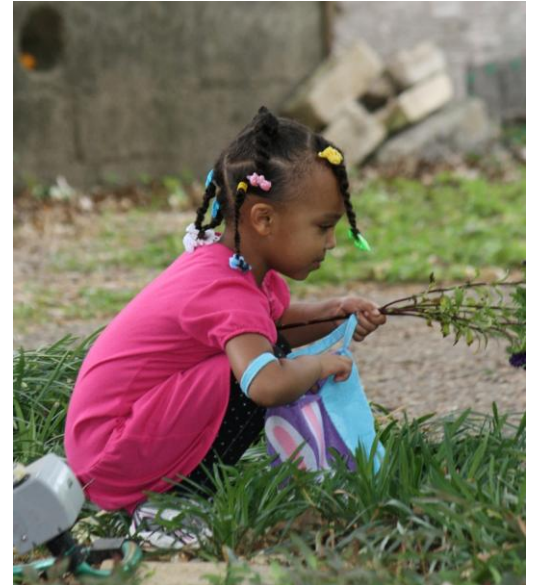
I will see you this month for the weekends of May 1 and May 15. I look forward to knowing you better.

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

## Easter Sunday



Children in the UUFW Nursery Eye Easter Eggs



For Online Viewers—Can You Spot The Egg?

## Upcoming Sundays

**May 1 - "Nature's Deranged Scheme":** Reflections on the nature of Nature, inspired by Annie Dillard's *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek* - Rev. Bonnie Vegiard

**May 8 - Mother's Day Service**

**May 15 - "Coming of Age"** - R.E. Coming of Age Youth Program - Rev. Bonnie Vegiard assisting

**May 22 - "Unitarian Universalist Merger of 1961"** - JP DeMerritt

**May 29 - "Hope Needs Only Hands and Hearts"** - Marc Adams

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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  
POC: [Cheryl.Foster@UUWaco.org](mailto:Cheryl.Foster@UUWaco.org)

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

Sisters On A Journey is an eclectic group of women exploring feminist, earth-centered spirituality.  
2nd Wednesdays  
Potluck meal 6-7PM, book study 7-8.  
POC: [Joy.Hayes@UUWaco.org](mailto:Joy.Hayes@UUWaco.org)

## 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)

## Social Action Updates

### Worms-R-UUs on Saturday, May 14th

The social action team will reprise the Vermicomposting Workshop on Saturday, May 14th, from 9 to noon at the Fellowship.

Cost of \$15 will cover the basic worm composting kit start-up, including your own worm livestock. To enroll, please email the social action team at [worms@uwaco.org](mailto:worms@uwaco.org).

### "Fan Club" for Caritas to kick off on Memorial Day Sunday

The third annual UU "Fan Club" for Caritas will start on Memorial Day Sunday. Donations will be accepted to purchase fans for those Caritas clients needing some respite from the Texas summer heat. To participate, write a check to UUFW with "Fan Club" in the memo line and place in the baskets during Sundays in June. Caritas has suppliers who can provide them with fans at a substantially lower cost, so donations are a more effective way to get the needy a breeze this summer. Any donation amount is very much appreciated!

### Tragedy in Japan

Dear Friends,

More than a month after the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan, roughly 12,000 people are dead, 15,000 are missing and 50,000 displaced. Japan is also coping with a nuclear crisis that is being compared to the 1986 Chernobyl disaster. The heart-wrenching situation changes day to day but help is on the way. Thanks to very generous donations from Unitarian Universalists and congregations across the country, the UUS and UUSC Japan Relief Fund has raised more than \$200,000 which will aid in recovery efforts. Read more in the UU World article "UUA-UUSC Japan Fund supports religious partners after quake." Your generous support is still needed to alleviate the suffering of the Japanese people and help rebuild their lives. Please give generously today.\* Your immediate support will help provide shelter to people who are homeless and bring food, clothing, fuel and other supplies. With your help, we can bring relief and hope to the people of Japan. Thank you.

In faith,

The Rev. Peter Morales, UUA President

The Rev. Dr. William F. Schultz, UUSC President

\*Donate via UUA-UUSC Japan Relief Fund:

[http://www.uusc.org/content/uua-uusc\\_japan\\_relief\\_fund\\_update](http://www.uusc.org/content/uua-uusc_japan_relief_fund_update)

Becky Warren,

Social Action, [becky.warren@uwaco.org](mailto:becky.warren@uwaco.org)

## Easter Brings... Baby Showers?!

Dear UU Friends:

Thank you to everyone who came to Joy's shower, contributed to the money tree, brought a gift and helped in any way to make it such a success. Special thanks to Becky Fox for providing the cake; Kris Cervantes for making the punch; Marty and Lee Van Wagner for making the money tree; Liz Turnage for the vases; Rachel Crawford and the children for making the banner; Melanie for the door prizes; Paige Davis, April Hull, Sherry & Casey Garrett, Randy Culp and John Moody, Jennifer Seagle, Robyn Morrison, Rebecca Alderman, Melanie Witherspoon and Bob Harvey, Mary and Joe Cunningham, Marty Van Wagner, Tracey Villanueva, Bruce Allen, Rachel Crawford, Pat Nelson, Raquel Whities and T.J. Ryan for bringing food; Paul Derrick, Marty Van Wagner, April Hull, Mary and Joe Cunningham, T.J. Ryan, Bobby Graham, Sonny Love and everyone else who pitched in with set-up and/or clean-up. (If I forgot anybody, please forgive me.) And thank you to everyone for keeping it a SECRET. The look on Joy's face when the shower was announced was priceless.

Jane Derrick

Shower Instigator

Thank you Jane and thank you all! I know this really made Joy's day, and it warms our hearts every time we think about the love, gifts, and support of our UUFW community!

Brian Gates

Baby Instigator

## More From Our Easter Egg Hunt...



Sharing and swapping is all part of the fun!

All Easter photos courtesy of Todd Nafe.

## News In Brief:

### Upcoming Events at UUWaco:

**Sun, May 1** - Congregational Meeting, 12:15 p.m.  
Democracy in action! Members can vote, everyone can attend. POC: [Kris.Cervantes@UUWaco.org](mailto:Kris.Cervantes@UUWaco.org).

**Weds, May 4** - Humanist Covenant Group, 6:30 p.m.  
Big questions, great thinkers, excellent company.  
POC: [Jane.Derrick@UUWaco.org](mailto:Jane.Derrick@UUWaco.org).

**Sun, May 8** - Beltane (May Day) Ritual, 12:30 p.m.  
Celebrate the turning of the season in the Memorial Garden. POC: Jan Snyder ([rhyminwitch@yahoo.com](mailto:rhyminwitch@yahoo.com)) or JP Demeritt ([jpdemeritt@att.net](mailto:jpdemeritt@att.net)).

### Further Down the Line at UUWaco

**Sat, May 14** - Worms 'n' UU:  
Vermicomposting Workshop, 9 a.m.-noon.  
Register now via email at  
[Worms@UUWaco.org](mailto:Worms@UUWaco.org)!

**M-Th, June 13-16** - Hogwarts Wizarding Camp for Young Witches & Wizards, 5-8 p.m. For more info or to reserve your space, contact Headmistress Tracey Villanueva-McGonagall ([Tracey.Villanueva@UUWaco.org](mailto:Tracey.Villanueva@UUWaco.org)).

**Sat, June ??** - Coming of Age Garage Sale fundraiser. WE NEED YOUR STUFF! Please bring your sale donations to the church or contact [Tracey.Villanueva@UUWaco.org](mailto:Tracey.Villanueva@UUWaco.org) for pick-up.

### Local Opportunities & Events

**Mon, May 2** - Yom HaShoah Holocaust Remembrance service, 7 p.m.  
Temple Rodeh Sholom,  
1717 New Road.  
UUWaco choir members will sing.

### Big News From the Big UUs: What's going on in the wider UU world

**Now until ?** - UUA/UUSC Japan Relief Fund. Donations can be made online via UUA-UUSC Japan Relief Fund: <http://www.uusc.org/content/uua-uusc-japan-relief-fund-update>

**Fri-Sun, Apr 29-May 1** - SWUUC Spring Conference & Annual Meeting, Oklahoma City, OK.  
<http://www.uuokc.org/community/11springconf>

**Fri-Sun, May 6-8** - SWUUC Women's Retreat, U-Bar-U Ranch, Kerrville. <http://www.ubaru.org/home/>

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## Three Important Things...

1. THANK YOU ALL so much for the surprise baby shower!!! I appreciate everyone's participation and gifts of money or baby things! We bought a new baby carrier that we really wanted (you'll be sure to see Brian or me carrying him in it soon!) We love our UU community in Waco! Thank you for welcoming this new little boy into our world!

2. UUFW Annual Spring Congregational Meeting: Sunday, May 1st 12:30 PM in the sanctuary  
Agenda items are to vote on our nominating team for the year, an update on the interim ministry process and optional time for small group healing conversations led by Rev. Bonnie.

3. **WE HAVE HAD SO MANY VISITORS LATELY!!! YAY!!!**  
And here's how you can help:  
Engage them in conversation...about themselves!  
Ask them how they heard about us.  
Ask them why they are here today.  
Ask how they liked the sermon.  
Ask them if they have any questions about Unitarian Universalism...  
Please don't: talk too much about yourself...there will be time to do that after you get to know them.  
Please don't: assume anything about their politics, religious beliefs, spiritual beliefs, work/career or relationship status.  
We are ONE FAITH, MANY PATHS... and that diversity is sometimes what people are looking for...  
If you feel awkward or unsure how to answer their questions- please find someone near who you think can help.  
Escort them down to the fellowship hall and show them the coffee/tea/snacks.

Here are some UUA resources that are helpful, also:

[Repel Fewer Visitors](http://www.uua.org/leaders/leaderslibrary/leaderslibrary/drivetime/57759.shtml)  
<http://www.uua.org/leaders/leaderslibrary/leaderslibrary/drivetime/57759.shtml>

[Listen!](http://img.uua.org/drivetime/drivetime18.mp3) <http://img.uua.org/drivetime/drivetime18.mp3>  
(MP3, 4:11 minutes, Reverend Peter Morales)

[Repelling Fewer Visitors](http://www.jeffersonunitarian.org/ga/ws1/index.html) <http://www.jeffersonunitarian.org/ga/ws1/index.html>  
from Jefferson Unitarian Church in Golden, CO

Thank you everyone! In peace,  
Joy Hayes, [president@uuwaco.org](mailto:president@uuwaco.org)

### HELP WANTED: Child care/Housekeeping

We're looking for a qualified person to work with a volunteer member with our children on Sunday mornings.

This is a paid position, and would also involve some assistance with hospitality and clean-up before and after the service. An ideal position for a college student seeking regular hours. Background check will be required.  
Contact Tracey Villanueva at [tracey.villanueva@uuwaco.org](mailto:tracey.villanueva@uuwaco.org).

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*“What most people need  
to learn in life is how to  
love people and use  
things instead of using  
people and loving  
things.”*

-- Anonymous

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*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 UUFW Board on 1/15/06)

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**UUFW Scheduling**

Email [building.use@uuwaco.org](mailto:building.use@uuwaco.org) to schedule events at UUFW facilities.

**UU Web**

(See also UUA News links near bottom of [uuwaco.org](http://uuwaco.org) home)

*UU World* has weekly news updates: <http://www.uuworld.org/>

Sign up here to receive these every Monday: <http://www.uua.org/visitors/>

Leaders check out the *Monthly Bulletin for Congregations* at UUA.org:

<http://www.uua.org/leaders/announcements/congregationalmonthly/index.shtml>.

Interested in Social Justice? See <http://www.uua.org/socialjustice/> and/or <http://www.uusc.org/>.

**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.