



THE BIG BLUE PHROG



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)

Core Values:

COMPASSION, INCLUSION, SPIRITUAL GROWTH, INQUIRY, AND CELEBRATION

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

You can actually read about us in an article by the Rev. Kyle Childress entitled, *A Company of Friends* (*Christian Century*; April 6, 2004; pp.20-21; www.religion-online.org)

I have made references in the past to this special group of clergy friends who are now into over 20 years of gathering in spiritual retreat for a week at a time. We are a small family of six. That is both our beauty and our curse. I know their cell phone numbers and email addresses by heart. We all know about each other's children and each other's health concerns. We are tight. We love and care for one another.

The problem is that we refuse to grow. We won't grow. Twenty-plus years and we're still the same six. We do not want any new members to join the Neighborhood (our chosen name: see the Kyle Childress essay for details). If we grow we're afraid we won't be the same. Some strong personalities could join us and literally "take over." We would never be the same. Unwritten "rules" might get written and—"there goes the Neighborhood"—so to speak!

We talk endlessly about this problem—this fear. We often compare it to our churches: "What if our churches thought and behaved like we do?" we ask ourselves. We know our churches would shrivel up and die or maybe consist of just a few hangers-on.

But even with this gloomy forecast hanging over us—we remain a happy clan. We enjoy the view of the sand as

our heads remain buried. We might spend 30 minutes talking about the need to change and grow—but then we move on to enjoy our loving family of six!

I know you see the parallel between the Neighborhood and our Fellowship. Although clearly, our Fellowship is doing better than my Neighborhood.

Actually, we here at UUFW are at an enviable crossroads. The number of visitors coming through our doors is about as high as I have seen.

Many of those visitors have chosen to join our ranks. The spirit and energy of worship and just the general atmosphere are strong, vital, and healthy.

Along with new members comes more clearly defined policies and procedures. Even I, who has been here for 10 years pine for the early days when everything was much more informal and wonderfully unpredictable.

But times change and we must move onward and upward. Our old Mission Statement declared we were a haven—a getaway—a comforting hide-a-way. Our NEW Mission Statement declares that we intend to reach out to the Waco and McLennan community and to be known and seen working for justice, plurality, and liberal religious values.

If we are to attract more families and children then our Religious Education budget must increase. If our lovely but aging facility is to be kept in tip-top shape we may be looking at the need for a caretaker. Just thinking out loud

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Upcoming Sundays at a Glance

October 3 - "*Staying Alive and Well: Associational Sunday*" - Rev. Nathan L. Stone

October 10 - "*How to Die: Reflections on Death*" - Rev. Nathan L. Stone

October 17 - "*A Community of Water: Annual Water Ceremony*" - Rev. Nathan Stone

October 24 - "*If You Meet the Buddha on the Road: Buddhist Views of Death*" - Mr. Dustin Morrow, Baylor University

October 31 - "*Minister in a Rocking Chair: Grieving and Remembering*" - Rev. Nathan Stone

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Waco

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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, middle column of this page)

Choir Practice:
Sundays, 10:00 am

(Occasionally on Fridays—see [Calendar](#) at uuwaco.org, or contact Music Director Jane Kittner at jane.kittner@uuwaco.org)

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.

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 UUFW Board on 1/15/06)

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For more: Church leaders see Leadership Roster on our website (log in first). Otherwise contact Membership for Members/Friends List.

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)

Treasurer's Report

We were expecting an \$1,100 deficit for August but it was only \$500. For the 8 months this year our deficit is \$4,000 instead of the \$6,100 we had budgeted.

Receipts are ahead of budget for the year by \$2,300 while expenses are only \$100 above the budget. As always the financial statements are posted in the Fellowship Hall.

Our bank balance is \$48,000.

Joe Ahlers,
Treasurer

Kahuna, (Continued from p. 1)

here. If we choose to be vigorous and, yes, "liberal" about spreading the good news of Unitarian Universalism beyond our little "neighborhood" we must invest more money in our future.

This is the time of the year when our Finance Team will be asking us to reconsider and revisit our financial commitments. I urge you to take that seriously.

Might that be uncomfortable? Surely, yes. This time of year with requests to increase our financial pledge is always a testy time in the Stone household—especially in trying economic times. But because of our love for and loyalty to UUFW and our dream of a world deeply touched by the gospel of love and pluralism called Unitarian Universalism—we will reconsider our willingness to give more.

I wonder about the future of our clergy "Neighborhood" and our stubborn refusal to grow. I really don't wonder that much about our Beloved Community called UUFW. Why? Because I sense that more and more of you are beginning to catch a vision of all that we can be and will be as Waco's only self-declared center for liberal religion and pluralism.

Please join with me in keeping an eye on the prize. You are the best.

Rev. Nathan L. Stone,
Minister

UUFW Fall Congregational Meeting, Oct. 24

Come one, come all to the UUFW Fall Congregational Meeting, October 24, 2010. There will be extra finger foods served at refreshment time after the service and then we will meet from 12:30-1:45 pm in the Sanctuary.

This is a very important meeting. Decisions at this meeting will enable us to move toward our vision next year. Persons who have been members for 28 days are eligible to vote. Visitors and newer members are invited to learn more about the Fellowship.

AGENDA includes:

—**2011 Budget Approval:** We will be giving thoughtful consideration to the budget so that we can wholeheartedly support it with our contributions for next year. We cannot move forward if we come from a position of scarcity, yet we must be realistic.

—**By-law Amendment Approval:** This amendment comes as a result of the discussions that the Board has been having all year about our organizational structure. Adult programs has been identified by the congregation as an area that needs improvement. The Religious Education Team is doing a wonderful job with our expanding program for children and youth, but has asked to be relieved of the responsibility for adult programs. Also we need to have coordination of various activities that are being offered for adults.

—**Election of 2011 Board:** NOMINEES: Board President—Joy Hayes. President Elect—Kris Cervantes. Treasurer—Joe Ahlers. Secretary—Michael Davis. At-Large Dir. #2— (vacant/phasing out). At-Large Dir. #4—April Hull

—**Reports from Team Chairs and the Board:** At the congregational meeting you will hear about team accomplishments this year and ideas for the future.

BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!

From Your Board President

The Board has appointed JOY HAYES, chair, BRUCE ALLEN, ROB CERVANTES, JOSE VILLANUEVA and STACEY MORROW to the STRATEGIC PLANNING TEAM. They will be getting started soon on a plan that will be presented to the congregation next Spring. Thank you TEAM!

October 24th will be the TEAM SIGN-UP KICK OFF. After hearing the reports from the Team chairs at the congregational meeting, you should have an idea of where you might like to volunteer. Over several weeks you will have an opportunity to state your preference on a sign-up sheet, which lists the teams and their duties. With this information, the Board will appoint the teams and team chairs for 2011.

We now have UUFW ARCHIVES through 2009 of old newsletters and Board minutes (except 2004) filed in notebooks in the church office. Most of these are paper copies, but some of the more recent ones are on CD. They are available for perusal, however, THEY MUST NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE OFFICE. So if you want to read a CD, bring your computer to the office.

The Board has been working on improving the UUFW POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL all year. Some of the revised policies that you will be seeing soon are regarding Communication and Publicizing Events, Adult Programs, and Conflict Resolution Process.

It is a joy working with your Board of Directors. They are very dedicated folks. Remember the joy!

Jane Derrick,
Board President

UUFW to put its best foot forward for local CROP Walk on Oct. 10

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Waco won't be just "talking the talk" but will, indeed, be walking the walk come Oct. 10 – the CROP Walk for Hunger, that is. CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty.

The Heart of Texas CROP Walk begins at 3 p.m. (registration starts at 2 p.m.) at Bledsoe-Miller Park on Martin Luther King Boulevard in downtown Waco, to raise awareness of global poverty and raise funds for the hungry. This year, the 5K walk will include a "Golden Mile" walk for those who don't feel up to walking the longer distance.

The 1K, in fact, will be wheelchair-accessible as well as stroller- and dog-friendly.

Some 75 percent of the funds generated by sponsored walkers will go to the overseas relief programs of Church World Service, and 25 percent will go to Caritas of Waco, a local agency that provides emergency assistance to people in need.

UUs can even designate that the international portion of their gift be funneled through the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, CROP Walk officials say. **UUFW's Social Action team needs your support to make our congregation's presence felt.**

Church World Service

Church World Service (CWS) is the relief, development and refugee assistance ministry of more than three dozen Protestant, Orthodox and Anglican denominations in the United States. Working in partnership with indigenous organizations in more than 60 countries, CWS works worldwide to meet human needs and foster self-reliance for all whose way is hard.

Since 1946, when six Protestant denominations pooled their resources to respond to the humanitarian crisis in post-war Europe, CWS has operated on the principle that faith communities working in partnership can accomplish more than any one group can do.

CWS empowers individuals and communities to help themselves by working with and through local agencies. This mode of operation empowers stricken communities, minimizes overhead expenses, shortens response time and makes the most efficient use of resources.

CWS and its more than 400 partner agencies around the world respond to natural and human-made disasters, provide assistance to refugees, promote improved nutrition and sanitation and help educate some of the one billion adults in the world who cannot read.

CWS is vitally active in disaster relief efforts, like this summer's work in Pakistan to help the 20 million people affected by monsoon floods along the Indus River. CWS

also operates development projects, in the US and overseas. CWS is often one of the first groups to arrive in stricken areas—from hurricane-stricken American Gulf Coast communities and earthquake-devastated Haiti to floods in China and ethnic strife in the Middle East. .

(For more information about CWS and the CROP HUNGER WALK, go to www.churchworldservice.org.)

Caritas of Waco

Caritas of Waco, founded in 1967 by the Catholic Diocese of Austin, has grown exponentially since that time. Now located at 15th Street and Mary Avenue in the urban center of the city, Caritas includes an emergency assistance program for utilities, rent and medicine; three resale stores; a gifts-in-kind program that distributes returned goods to helping agencies; and is one of the largest food pantries in Texas.

During these economically trying times, Caritas staff and volunteers have seen a drastic increase in the number of people needing its help. Since the beginning of 2010, the staff have helped more than 100 *new* families each month. "Our client volume is 40 percent higher this year than it was last year," said Buddy Edwards, the Caritas executive director. "The numbers just keep getting higher."

(For more information about Caritas, call 254-753-4593 or go to www.caritas-waco.org.)

Heart of Texas CROP Hunger Walk

Participants in the CROP HUNGER WALK recruit friends and members of their congregations to sponsor them as they walk. The 5K route goes from Bledsoe-Miller Park (300 Martin Luther King Blvd), up the Brazos River Walk to the Herring Avenue bridge and across, down through the Pecan Bottoms of Cameron Park, along University Parks Drive to the Washington Street bridge, and back to Bledsoe-Miller Park. Prizes will be awarded to various walkers.

If you can't participate in the walk, please consider sponsoring someone. If you don't have any sponsors, you can register on walk day and enclose whatever amount of money you can afford.

"Walk on the Web"

Another option for participation is the online "Walk on the Web" for registration and fundraising. It is easy and user-friendly. All you have to do to get started is go to www.cropwalkonline.org, click on "Texas" and then on "Waco" to get started.

(For more information, visit www.cropwalkwaco.org —or contact Katie Cook at 254-755-7745 or seedseditor@clearwire.net.)

Terri Jo Ryan,
Social Action Volunteer

NOW HEAR THIS: ASSOCIATION SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 3 (Sunday)

This is your minister speaking. I wish there were a more exotic name than "Association Sunday." But this is what the UUA is giving us—and it is a descriptive title. We, as UU congregations make up the Unitarian Universalist ASSOCIATION—of member congregations.

One of our biggest challenges as UU congregations is to avoid being isolated, individual churches and, instead—to unite together in the things that we do. Association Sunday is designed to do just that. To bring us all together in spirit and in action.

This year the emphasis is called "The Leap of Faith" growth plan. A Congregational Life Staff has nominated nine "aspiring" congregations that are poised on the threshold of numerical growth. These congregations will be matched with churches that have shown active growth through innovative programs and the like. The whole idea is that of working together to learn and to grow. The "aspiring" churches will then share their learning through websites, blogging, workshops and the like.

The suggestion is that each member donate \$20 to this program. That seems like a modest request although challenging in these economic times. This year the Association Sunday team is choosing to go green—so you and I will not see envelopes. The expectation is that we will each write a check for \$20 or more and place the words "Association Sunday" in the memo line.

I will be speaking more about "Association Sunday" on October 3rd. We will continue the emphasis and collections through October.

Remember that 2011 is the 50th Anniversary of our merging as Unitarians and Universalists in 1961.

On behalf of OUR Association and the "aspiring" congregations who will be learning and then teaching us—I urge you to join me in giving generously.

As President Peter Morales has said, "*We can be the religion of our time. We can only do this together . . . as an Association.*"

NOW HEAR THIS, II: A "COMING OF AGE" CEREMONY AT UUFW ON SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 3

Since I have been here as your minister this is the first official "Coming of Age" ceremony we have had that will be a part of our morning worship service. The service includes our children who are becoming our youth. What an important step! There will be a cutting of a ribbon between the child/youth and her/his parent or guardian. There are other features that you will simply have to attend to witness.

Special thanks to Tracey Villanueva and her Lifespan Religious Education Team for making this happen. I am honored to serve as the Ritualist in this most significant celebration.

Rev. Nathan L. Stone,
Minister

Fall Into Social Action

This fall, social action is getting into high gear with the Crop Walk on Oct. 10th. Plan to participate by signing up for our UU team and walking with us that afternoon. If you are not walking, donations will be accepted! This Interfaith activity will lend our presence and concern to the conversation on feeding the hungry, locally and around the world. Please contact Terri Jo Ryan, Anita Knight or Becky Warren to participate and donate!

UUFW will again be at the forefront of the CRRC annual fundraiser, set for Sat., Nov. 6th. We hope to have several tables of UUs present that evening, enjoying food, music and fellowship while supporting community race relations. We are seeking donations of items for the silent auction. If you or your business has items to donate, please contact Joyce Nobis or the social action team.

Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build is now underway. Plans are to have UUs work one Saturday, either in Nov. or Dec. Watch for more information soon!

We will close out our social action year with Angel Tree. We will again purchase gifts for the little angels at Talitha Koum Nurture Center in South Waco. You will choose your angel at the end of November and bring gifts back to the Fellowship by Sunday, Dec. 12.

Thanks so much for helping.

Becky Warren,
Social Action Chair

Community Race Relations Coalition 4th Annual Silent Auction and Dance

CLASSIE BALLOU & OLDIES TOO!

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6, 7 - 12 PM
AT THE VFW 2148, 301 TENNESSE, WACO
(4TH AND TENNESSEE)

Enjoy dancing the Cupid Shuffle, Electric Slide and the Macarena!

Delicious food provided by Chipotle Mexican Grill.

Plus a cash bar (with \$1 VFW membership)

\$20 per ticket \$140 per table for 9

For tickets, call Jane Derrick 753-6920

Proposed Amendment to UUFW Bylaws

The UUFW Board is recommending the following amendment to our bylaws. Please send comments to Jane.Derrick@uuwaco.org by October 4th.

Current wording:

X. BOARD OF DIRECTORS: B. Composition...

Director Three: Minister Relations, Religious Education, Worship

XI. TEAMS: G. Duties....

7. The Religious Education Team shall be in charge of programming for children and youth and adults of the Fellowship.

Proposed wording

X. BOARD OF DIRECTORS: B. Composition...

Director Three: Adult Programs, Religious Education, Worship

XI. TEAMS: G. Duties....

6. The Adult Programs Team shall be responsible for adult faith development, covenant/interest groups and life enrichment activities.

7. The Religious Education Team shall be in charge of programming for children and youth of the Fellowship.

We would also renumber "6. The Ministerial Relations Team" to 13.

Rationale:

- The Religious Education Team has requested that adult religious education be removed from the responsibilities of their team. So the Adult Programs Team is being created to take on the duty of Adult Religious Education.
- Since every group or activity of the UUFW needs a place in the organizational structure of the Fellowship, activities such as covenant groups and interest groups are being put under Adult Programs as well.
- The Ministerial Relations Team will be considered a committee of the Board and report directly to the Board, so the Adult Programs Team replaces it as a team assigned to At-Large Director Three.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed amendment. The final amendment will be presented for approval at the Congregational Meeting on October 24.

Editorial—One Bad Habit

I have been worried about my dad lately. Up until his stroke in January, he was in good health for his age. He quit smoking decades ago and he spends a lot of time outdoors working with his hands and in his garden. He watches his salt, sugar, and fat intake and eats plenty of vegetables. All in all, he is very good at maintaining physical health, except for one thing, one bad habit. He drinks wine, sometimes to excess.

I have been worried about myself lately. Up until recently, I imagined I was in good mental health. I tend to be honest to a fault, self-aware, and always exploring new ideas—a decent recipe for good mental health, except for one thing, one bad habit. I procrastinate things that are important to me, often to excess.

I have been worried about our congregation lately. Up until recently, I thought that despite our problems, we are at least pretty good at communicating, open and honest, tolerant, sometimes to a fault, and deeply caring about one another, except for one thing, one bad habit. We don't **assume good will** as often as we might.

Underneath these habits, I think, is the common root of each: not listening well. **Let us listen well** (not ill) to our covenant, our collective intentions, found on page two of every Phrog issue. The first item after the preamble is our intention to "**listen deeply and speak with openness, caring, and respect.**"

Listen deeply corresponds more or less to what I mean by listen well, and *not* listening deeply, listening, in fact, *shallowly*, corresponds to listening ill. So let us listen to the whole of our covenant, listen *deeply* to it, and listen *well* to the heart of it.

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- foster stable congregational growth by drawing on new people and new ideas while maintaining the best of our Unitarian Universalist traditions;
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The heart of *every single one* of those is good, healthy communication, which cannot occur without deep listening! But what keeps us from listening well, from deep and healthy listening? If ill listening is common to my dad's anxieties, my anxieties, and our church's anxieties, then what lies underneath even that? What is the commonality in the shape of these roots?

The answer is simple—fear. But *listening well* to our fears is *not* simple, or at any rate is not easy.

(To be continued in the next Phrog, unless something bad happens to me, which I fear possible. Thanks for listening!)

Brian Gates,
Phrog Editor

Meanwhile, you can laugh at fear by visiting March to Keep Fear Alive: <http://www.colbertrally.com/>



2010 FT. PARKER WEEKEND!!

DATE: Oct. 29-31, 2010 (3 p.m. Friday to 11 a.m. Sunday)

PLACE: Ft. Parker State Park (Group Barracks) [On Hwy 14 between Mexia & Groesbeck, TX]

FACILITIES: Large recreation-dining hall-kitchen, 5 heated cabins (20 bunks each), rec. hall, indoor plumbing/hot showers, acres of beautiful outdoors – land, lake (w/ fishing pier). Bunk beds have mattresses – bring bedding & pillows. (Tents/campers/RVs are prohibited in the group camp area so plan to stay in a cabin or camp in the designated camping area.)

FOOD: Eating arrangements are handled by pooling. Bring food according to the following menus:

Fri supper: hot dogs and trimmings (or eat before you come)

Sat & Sun breakfast: usual stuff - cereal, sweet rolls, etc. / Sat lunch: casseroles (prepared at home and refrigerated there)

Sat supper: hamburgers and trimmings / Between meal snacks: goodies, junk food, beer, sodas, etc. Everyone helps w/ preparations and clean-ups. No cooking or eating utensils are provided. Bring disposable eating utensils. A large stove and refrigerator/freezer are available. Those who prefer can grocery shop at nearby Mexia or Groesbeck.

COST: Cost of the facilities is divided among those present and will probably run about \$40/adult (no charge for children school-age and younger) for the weekend, \$25/adult for Saturday only. (Additional nominal park entry fees also apply – stop at the park headquarters.) **LET'S TURN OUT A BIG CROWD TO KEEP THE COST/PERSON DOWN.** (It's still the cheapest thrill around!) *[Two, possibly more, anonymous and confidential "scholarships" are available for those for whom the fee would preclude participation; contact Paul Derrick if this might apply to you.]*

ACTIVITIES: Usual unplanned activities include MUSIC (lots!), ping-pong, dominoes, cards, talking, group jig-saw puzzles, canoeing/boating, jogging, fishing, exploring nature, loafing, stargazing, visit to nearby reconstructed old Ft. Parker, and ghostly nighttime visit to the old Springfield Cemetery. Any with activities they wish to share are encouraged to do so. Over the years, we have had boat rides, magic shows, stained glass window making, peace ribbon making, treasure hunts and ghost stories. And, as usual, we'll probably be making paper angels for our annual Angel Tree.

YOUTH BEHAVIORAL GUIDELINES: We ask that parents ensure their youth are aware of and adhere to the following guidelines for participant behavior: (1) no drugs, alcohol, firearms or fireworks, (2) no sex or patently sexual behavior, (3) children and teens must sleep in the same cabin with their parent(s) or other responsible adult.

CLEAN-UP & CHECK-OUT: By 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, the facilities must be cleaned and all items returned to their places – we must leave it as we found it. The buildings must be swept, the kitchen & bathrooms cleaned and mopped. Please plan to stay long enough to help with the clean-up. (Also, we must pay for any missing items or damages to property.)

GENERAL INFO: Reservations/advance notice not required. You are welcome to just show up! Although organized by members of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Waco, it is not just for UUs or Wacoans, and it is not a "churchy" thing – it's just fun!

If you have questions, contact PAUL/JANE DERRICK, 918 N. 30th St., Waco 76707, 254/753-6920, or paulderrickwaco@aol.com. If you need a map that shows how to get there from any direction, go to www.stargazerpaul.com/fpmap.htm, or we can email one to you.

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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 4 (±1) weeks, more or less
Next meeting Oct. 6th, 6:30pm

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mailing label goes where?

UUFW Calendar: See [Calendar of Events](#) at UWaco.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: WACS rally for youth, Oct. 15, 8am - Oct. 17, 2010, 4pm
LREDA Fall Conference, Oct. 22, 8am - Oct. 25, 2010, 4pm
Fall Leadership Conference, Nov. 12, 2010, 1pm - Nov. 14, 2010, 4pm

UU Web

Browse the *new* Fall *UU World*—<http://uuworld.org/>.

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/>.

“Never ascribe to malice that which is adequately explained by incompetence.”
—Napoleon

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 truthiness 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.