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UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF WACO

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sat., May 21 – 7:00 PM

SONG CIRCLE RETURNS!

Song Circle will be held on Saturday at the UU Fellowship of Waco, so bring yourself, your favorite libation, and snacks to share if you so choose. It's been a long time, I know. So tie a string around your finger and don't forget your instrument if you play one. ~ Lee VanWagner ~

* Editor's note: All friends and family - musical or not - are welcome to attend, watch, listen and hum or sing along. This is a private (not public) event, so we're not expecting uninvited guests.

Sat., May 21, 12:00 PM

Vegan Potluck Luncheon will be held at the Fellowship.

Sun., May 22 – 11:00 AM – Sunday Worship Service

Dr. Kim Obenoskey will deliver our sermon today, speaking about "Looking at Ourselves in a Rose-Colored Mirror." Becky Warren will be our Celebrant. Childcare is available for anyone who needs it. Join us for Fellowship Hour after church. To watch from home, link to Facebook Live event @ <https://fb.me/e/7b.me/e/7BM4hY4Cc>. You'll see a notification: UUFW Live Streaming Service.

Sun., May 22 – 12:30 to 2:00 PM – Board Meeting

We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall. Any UUFW member is welcome to observe the meeting.

Wed., May 25 – Meditation at Noon

Find your mantra with Becky Warren. We meet in the Sofa Room at the Fellowship.

Wed., June 1, 4:30 PM - Database Management Group

Contact Anita Knight to join us for this Zoom meeting. All experienced volunteers are welcomed.

Humanist Covenant Group, Wed., June 7 at 6:30 PM

The second meeting of our new Humanist Covenant Group will meet on June 7 at on Thursday, May 12, led by Jim McKeown. With introductions and organizational issues out of the way now, this group will be looking forward to interesting and stimulating discussions. Talk with Jim or Ramona if you have questions or want to join us. The next meeting will be in a month. Watch for the date and time.

Women's Group, Wed., June 8 @ 6:15 PM

Lesson 4 of Cakes for the Queen of Heaven will meet at the Fellowship at 6:15 PM. We'll begin the program at 6:30 PM with Becky Warren and Anita Knight facilitating. The "Cakes" curriculum is a lifelong learning endeavor focused on women's roles in ancient times as educators, healers, and community leaders who sought peaceful (not warring) solutions to conflict. All women and friends 18 years or older are welcomed!

Please Pitch In! Jim and Ramona McKeown have been providing snacks, coffee and clean-up after services for months now. It's time for us to kick off a new "Volunteer Search" for people to bring snacks and help clean-up our kitchen after church, each week, for one week only. Sign up to serve today!

Reviewing our UU Principles –

- 📖 1st Principle: The inherent worth and dignity of every person.
- 📖 2nd Principle: Justice, equity and compassion in human relations.
- 📖 3rd Principle: Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.
- 📖 4th Principle: A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.
- 📖 5th Principle: The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregation and in society at large.
- 📖 6th Principle: The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.
- 📖 7th Principle: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.
- 📖 8th Principle: This principle is new and not yet adopted by our UU Fellowship: **Racism is not our fault, but it's our responsibility.** *UUA's* language goes on to say, "We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: Journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions." We will be discussing the adoption (or not) of this Principle soon.

The Rummage Sale Is Ending

Volunteers are needed to assist in moving donated items from our RE room to Salvation Army, Hidden Treasurers, and/or to other non-profit agency. Please see Terri Jo Mosley, Becky Warren or Judy Shofner.

WE ARE GROWING! Attendance on Sunday, May 15 totalled 29 participants!

Be a Part of our Religious Education Evolution

Bruce Allen, Marty VanWagner, and Barbara Locher will be meeting with interested parties to brainstorm how we will continue our Adult Religious Education program. It's not too late to participate in helping shape our future direction. Contact bruce.allen@uuwaco.org or marty.vanwagner@uuwaco.org to find out more.

Members, Guests & Friends Information Sessions will be coming soon, on the first Sunday each month in the Fellowship Hall following church services. One or more board members and/or other church leaders will be available informally to answer questions and provide new insights into our Fellowship, our principles, our history and people. Watch for the table sign in Fellowship Hall.

A "Becoming UU" Class will be offered in June for anyone interested in becoming a member of the UU Waco Fellowship. Mention your interest to any Board member – Anita Knight, Jane Kittner, Ramona McKeown, Terri Jo Mosley, Sara Hudson, Becky Warren, Lee or Marty VanWagner, and Bruce Allen.

We're always looking for stories, announcements, and articles for the *Big Blue Phrog*.
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