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## THE BIG **BLUE PHROG** NEWSLETTER

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### SATURDAY VEGAN POTLUCK MEALS RETURN

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17 – 12:30 PM

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for another public potluck for delicious Vegan fare. Our friends Ramona McKeown and Cherie Rogers will coordinate the program. Questions? Contact either [ramona.mckeown@uwaco.org](mailto:ramona.mckeown@uwaco.org) or [cherierogers@earthlink.net](mailto:cherierogers@earthlink.net).

#### SUNDAY WORSHIP

SEPT. 18 – 11:00 AM

Andrew Hudson will be our speaker this week. Sara Hudson will be celebrant. This week we will not “live broadcast” the service, but it will be recorded and posted on the UU Waco Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/uuwaco>. Childcare is available during the service to those needing it. Join us for snacks, coffee and fellowship after the service.

KIDDOS meet during the worship service in the old Minister’s Study on the Fellowship Hall side of the building, where a more comfortable temperature can be enjoyed by all. The door to the public foyer is kept closed and locked, while the other entrance – on the hallway side – has a child’s safety gate to provide an adult access.



Our Refrigerator Overfloweths

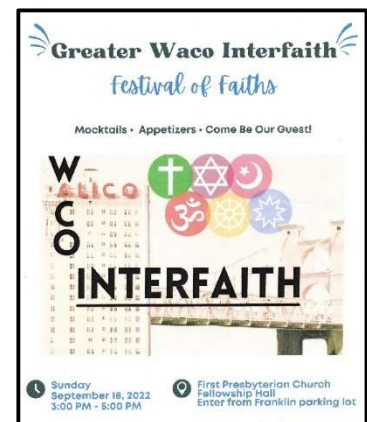
**KITCHEN SNACKS & CLEANUP:** This Sunday’s set up and snacks crew is Brandy & Kasey Neimeier. However, let’s clean-up what’s in the refrigerator today. No new snacks are needed. Clean-uppers will be Kathy Overby & Anita Knight.

Thanks to last Sunday’s food crew: *Becky Warren & Laura & Jennifer Farley; and Elaine Earl & Gordon Norell*. It was a real FEAST, including Robert Hogue’s PERFECT brownies! Our GREAT clean-up volunteers were Susie & Gary Raines, and Judy Suci. Thank you ONE AND ALL!

#### FESTIVAL OF FAITHS IS TODAY - 3 TO 5 PM

The Greater Waco Interfaith “Festival of Faiths” is being held today at the First Presbyterian Church on Austin Avenue! We want a big UU turnout, **so please join us!** Talk with Anita Knight if you need a ride. Lee VanWagner will be providing a musical performance.

Enter through the Franklin Rd. parking lot. The event is being held in their Fellowship Hall.



## ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?!



Don't let this critical opportunity pass you by! **October 11, 2022 is the deadline to register, either in person or by mail.** We will have a registration table in the Fellowship Hall for the many new people who've moved to Waco and haven't registered ... or are unsure whether you *are* registered. Trained Voter Registrars from our Fellowship will be available to help.

In addition, you can view the League of Women Voters of Texas' website - <https://www.vote411.org> – for another *excellent* way to register or ensure you are registered. You can also sign up as a volunteer (e.g., become a poll worker) at this site; learn about our local elections; confirm your voting location; to learn about the candidates and what they stand for, and much more. **Please share this information with your friends and family.**

Keep these key dates in mind:

Last Day to Register to Vote -- Tuesday, October 11, 2022  
First Day of Early Voting in Person -- Monday, October 24, 2022  
Last Day to apply for Ballot by Mail -- Friday, October 28, 2022  
Last Day of Early Voting in Person -- Friday, November 4, 2022

**General Election -- Tuesday, November 8, 2022**

## COME FOR THE ZEN

WED., SEPT. 21 – NOON TO 1 PM

Meditation improves concentration and builds neural synapses besides providing restorative healing. Who doesn't want that in our lives? Our Wednesday sessions are free and fun. Join us each Wednesday at noon for your health.

## HUMANISM IS NOTHING NEW

BUT A NEW HUMANIST GROUP HAS BEEN FORMED AT THE FELLOWSHIP



The UU Humanist Group met last Thursday (9/8) at the UU and began watching "The Four Horsemen," a round table discussion from 2007 featuring Richard Dawkins, Daniel C. Dennett, Sam Harris, and Christopher Hitchens. At the time of the recording, each of the four men had received a large amount of media attention for their writings against religion – some positive, and some negative. They discussed and traded stories of the public's reaction to their books, their unexpected successes, criticisms, and common misrepresentations. In a seemingly endless flow of thoughts, the four men discussed the tough questions about religion that face the world today and proposed new strategies for going forward.

The books primarily discussed:

*The God Delusion*, by Richard Dawkins

*Breaking the Spell: Religion as a Natural Phenomenon*, by Daniel C. Dennett

*Letter to a Christian Nation*, by Sam Harris

*The End of Faith: Religion, Terror, and the Future of Reason*, by Sam Harris

*God Is Not Great: How Religion Poisons Everything*, by Christopher Hitchens

The entire video is two hours long, but we only watched less than half of it. We plan to resume where we left off at the next meeting, which will be October 13. Newcomers are welcome to join us.

~ Jim and Ramona McKeown ~

## YOU SAY YOU LIKE MUSIC?

Real music aficionados have probably marked the date on your calendar already. But if you haven't: the next Song Circle (Music Jam) evening is planned for Saturday, October 1. Dust off your vocal cords and plan to join us! More details to come. Bring snacks and BYOB.

## THANK YOU TO GROUP W BENCH!

We want to extend our thanks to David Achterhof and his group of *Group W Bench* volunteers for spending a few hours last Friday sprucing up our grounds. These are a group of great guys who are "giving back" by cleaning up the community. Let's keep up their momentum and work together to care for our house and grounds. Let Marty Van Wagner know if you would like to be a part of the team!!

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## UUFW SCHEDULING ALGORITHMS

Mark your calendar for programs throughout the year.

2 <sup>ND</sup> MONDAY	Reading Circle @ 6:30 PM
2 <sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY	Humanist Covenant Group @ 6:30 PM
3 <sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY	Vegan Potluck (back by popular demand) @ Noon
3 <sup>RD</sup> FRIDAY	The Locher Book Club Study Group @ 1 to 3 PM ( <i>starts Sept. 16</i> )
2 <sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY	Women's Group at the Fellowship @ 6:30 PM
4 <sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAY	Women's Group ZOOM meeting @ 7:30 PM

## STILL ANOTHER DAY TO HONOR NATIONAL **SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK**

OVERNIGHT WALK – SEPT. 24 – 7 PM – BRAZOS PARK EAST

This is a somber and important invitation to UU's and community members everywhere to support this critical cause. Visit [afsp.org/centraltexas](http://afsp.org/centraltexas) for all upcoming chapter events and programs. Or contact Jennifer Warnick @ [jenniferwafsp@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferwafsp@gmail.com), (512) 661-9335. Consider recruiting some friends to go on this walking vigil together.

## FUN-RAISER PLANNING MEETING

SUNDAY, SEPT. 25 @ 12:45 PM

Join our team of Happy Party People to plan for the REALLY BIG October FUN-RAISING event. Talk with Susie Raines about what's needed to hang with these life of the party people @ [susanraines@mygrande.net](mailto:susanraines@mygrande.net).

## NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION SERVICE & RECEPTION

SUNDAY, OCT. 23 – 11 AM

Mark Your Calendar and Do Not Miss This!