



the unitarian universalist fellowship of waco  
*love is the doctrine of this fellowship*

## **THE BIG BLUE PHROG NEWSLETTER**

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### THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

**SUNDAY, DEC. 12 – 11:00 AM**

**IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Please join Bruce Allen and Jo Welter (Chairwoman of the board of the Community Race Relations Coalition) for a conversation on racism, celebrating diversity and pursuing racial justice. Join us this Sunday!

In person service: 11:00 AM

UU Fellowship  
4209 N. 27<sup>th</sup> St.  
Waco, TX 76708

Virtual service: 10:45 AM

Zoom credentials will be emailed to members & friends, and posted on UU Facebook page @ [UUWaco | Facebook](#), and on the UU Waco website @ [Home | UU Waco](#).

**MONDAY, DEC. 13 – 6:30 PM**

**UU READING CIRCLE**



The next gathering of the UU Reading Circle is set for 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13, at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Waco, 4209 N. 27th Street, Waco, TX 76708. This is an "all books club": Share what you have been reading -- what's fired your imagination or seized your attention in recent weeks, and that you think deserves a wider audience!

Pick up recommendations for items to be added to that growing To-Be-Read pile at your bedside!

For more information, drop the hostess a line at [TxNewswoman@yahoo.com](mailto:TxNewswoman@yahoo.com). PS – The hostess is BRINGING COOKIES!!!

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15 – 12 NOON**

**PEACEFUL MEDITATION**

Led by Becky Warren. "*GO PLACIDLY amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence.*" From the Desiderata. Join us for meditation on Wednesday. Namaste

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15– 6:30 PM**

**WORSHIP TEAM VIRTUAL MEETING**

Calling all Worship Team members to participate in our final planning session of the year. Non-members may also join us to offer ideas about speakers, topics, etc. Or to pitch in to handle a task or two. Please contact Sara Hudson if you're no longer interested in being a member with other team movers and shakers @ [sara.hudson@uuwaco.org](mailto:sara.hudson@uuwaco.org). Dial-in instructions will be provided by email.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 11 @ 2 PM**

**CAKES FOR THE QUEEN OF HEAVEN**

The next Cakes for the Queen of Heaven session is this Saturday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the Fellowship.

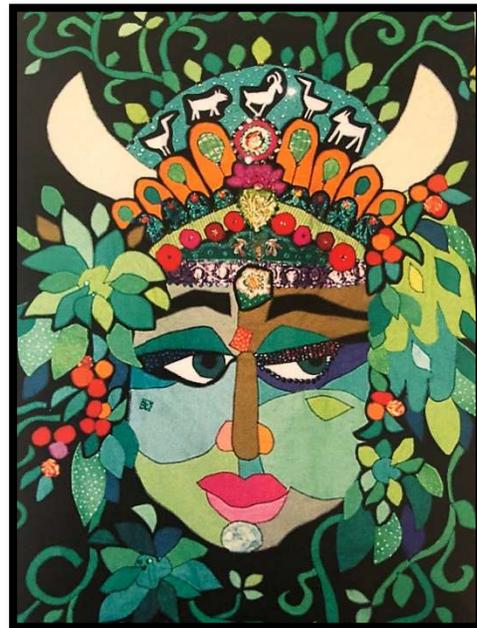
*Please bring a photo of your mom.* Becky Warren and Kathy Overby will lead this session. For those unable to attend in person (though in-person participation is encouraged), the zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87291667428...>

Meeting ID: 872 9166 7428

Passcode: 239079

Contact Jane Kittner @ [jane.kittner@uuwaco.org](mailto:jane.kittner@uuwaco.org) if you have questions. Please wear a mask. Refreshments will be served.



**NEW PROGRAM: A MATTER OF BALANCE**

Becky Warren is planning to begin a Matter of Balance class in January at the Fellowship. This 2-hour a week, 8-week program is geared for those of us age 60+ who want to improve/enhance core stability. This nationwide program is facilitated locally by Heart of Texas Council of Government (HOTCOG).

The program is free and you can bring neighbors and friends. Contact Becky if interested @ [receccajwarren4@gmail.com](mailto:receccajwarren4@gmail.com) .

**ANGEL TREE A BIG SUCCESS  
FOR TALITHA KOUM KIDS**

Thanks to everyone who participated! Because of you, we had another successful year of ANGEL TREE, giving a very Merry Christmas to the 23 children who attend Talitha Koum Institute. Thanks so much to all participants.

## TEAM SHIRTS: JUST \$15

### TAKING ORDERS FOR UU WACO WOMEN'S SHIRTS NOW

The UUFW Marketing Team is providing handsome, high-quality embroidered Sport-Tec logo shirts for purchase by members and friends. We'll produce three types of shirts, with women's being first in these sizes:

- Extra Small
- Small
- Medium
- Large
- Extra Large
- 2XL (additional \$1.25)
- 3 XL (additional \$3.75)
- 4 XL (additional \$5.00)



We need a total of 12 orders before making our first run of shirts. Contact [anita.knight@uuwaco.org](mailto:anita.knight@uuwaco.org) or [rebeccajwarren4@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccajwarren4@gmail.com) to place your order. Order by **December 20<sup>th</sup>**.

You can bring your own shirt to add to our 12-shirt run for \$10. Men's Polo shirts (by Sport-Tec), and Unisex T-shirts (manufacturer TBD) will come next. The marketing folks will subsidize the cost of the shirts. Consider wearing a UUFW shirt around town to start a conversation about our Fellowship.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DECEMBER 19 – Our service will feature Music by **Beth Ullman**

DECEMBER 26 – No Service

### JOIN OUR NEWS UNIVERSE!

Announce events and activities or provide stories c/o [anita.knight@uuwaco.org](mailto:anita.knight@uuwaco.org).



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Thank You!

## A TRIBUTE TO THE 2021 UFW BOARD & PROGRAM LEADERS

As year end approaches, we want to thank members of the Board of Directors and Program Leaders who, despite the unimaginable difficulty challenging us, worked hard for UU Waco and kept us together. Please join me in thanking them:

Mary Cunningham, Secretary, who knows our history and people, served on the Worship Team - often as Celebrant - sorted through thousands of obsolete and useless documents in the church office, and helped guide a new president through her first difficult year. Mary herself has served the Fellowship in critical roles throughout the years.

Cheryl Foster, Treasurer, whose steady hand has kept our doors open by paying people and organizations in an always timely manner. She is leaving after serving for the past 7 years as Treasurer.

Warren Pearson, President-Elect, House & Grounds Committee member, leader of difficult challenges, like ridding our building of raccoons and repairs to the damage. He was a steady leader as we cut down so many trees damaged by the January/February storms, and much more.

Sara Hudson, A steady leader and Director of Religious Education, Worship Services, and overseer of the Reading Circle program.

Liz Drees, Director of Membership, Hospitality, and the Care Team – Liz was also a TIRELESS worker in our preparations for the really big Spring Garage Sale. She has brought such a big heart to taking care of members and friends, to securing a great many quality pews for our sanctuary.

Marty Van Wagner, Director overseeing Social Action and leader of the Political Action Team, and an amazing ally to Lee handling behind the scenes duties. Also a member of the Worship Team, a Celebrant, and reader-extraordinaire of Sparks stories.

And on the board, but not officially voting members ...

Bruce Allen, ex-Officio past president with an amazing knowledge of our faith practice, who also led our Adult Education Program so brilliantly this year.

Lee Van Wagner, who faithfully groomed and repaired our property and was available any time we've needed help ... and, oh yes, we're hoping he'll bring back Waldo's for us next year. Also a Celebrant.

And other church leaders ...

Becky Warren for Social Action leadership: Angel Tree serving Talitha Koum, Cereal Sundays serving Caritas, and her wonderful Meditation programs.

Jane Kittner for everything Musical, Women's Programming, Fort Parker, building consultant, and much more!

David Mills for everything technical, building a new website, running and troubleshooting Sunday service support, and slogging through a massive database challenge.

Terri Jo Mosley who led our Reading Circle and helped reorganize our library.

We'd also like to honor Amy Patrick, our former board president, whose service to our fellowship for years has been outstanding and tremendously important.