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*love is the doctrine of this fellowship*

## **THE BIG BLUE PHROG NEWSLETTER**

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Due to the continuing increase in COVID and Omicron variant cases in McLennan County, we are asking you to wear an N-95 or KN-95 Face Mask any time you are in the Fellowship building. We will have a limited number of masks available to share. If you've had COVID in the past, you still need to wear a mask. If you're over 50 and have not been fully vaccinated, consider yourself a high risk (even if you've had COVID). Social distancing is a "must." For January, we encourage members and friends to join our Sunday services via Zoom. You'll find the Zoom link for each service posted within 24 hours before services at [www.uuwaco.org](http://www.uuwaco.org); on the UUWaco Facebook page; and emailed to members and friends. Thanks for your cooperation as we battle the COVID-19 pandemic together.

### **THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

#### **SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

SUNDAY, JAN. 23, 2022

IN PERSON SERVICE: 11:00 AM ~ LIVE-STREAMED SERVICE: 10:45 AM

**RETURNING TO OUR PULPIT : VICTORIA VOLKER, M. DIVINITY AT ILIFF SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY  
"BEING RELIGIOUS ANYWAY"**

We are pleased to have Victoria Volker in our pulpit once again speaking about "Being Religious Anyway." She will focus on the choice to let *spirituality guide our lives* ... despite our best intentions to be "rational" and "secular" human beings. Our Celebrant will be Becky Warren. Zoom credentials will be emailed to members & friends, as well as posted on UU Facebook page @ [UUWaco | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/UUWaco), and on our website @ [www.uuwaco.org](http://www.uuwaco.org).

#### **A MEMBER'S MESSAGE**

I have been reading that churches all across America are losing ground because of Covid. Loss of income is forcing some to close their doors completely and sell their church property because they can't keep up with their financial obligations. UUFW is so lucky that our property is paid for. Even with our few numbers, we are not in danger of going under. But we do need our members and friends to remain faithful. Please keep your pledges and payments up to date so that we can care for our property and obligations. So that we can hold on firmly in fellowship. So that we can navigate through Covid. So that our teams can continue services and programs. We are secure standing together, fulfilling our obligations and waiting for this pandemic to end. We are lucky. We are secure. Keep up your support and keep holding on!

~Marty VanWagner~

## MEDITATION WITH BECKY WARREN

Wednesday, Jan. 26 – Noon - UU Fellowship

This week's meditation group met in the memorial garden and remembered dear Claudia who passed away two years ago that day. The sun was warm and birds were vigorously chirping. It was a nostalgic & energizing time! Come and join us this Wednesday and BREATHE!

## CAKES FOR THE QUEEN OF HEAVEN

Session #3 has been postponed due to COVID.

## WHAT INTERESTS YOU? OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND @ UUWACO!

Your new Board of Directors held its first meeting on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, covering a broad number of topics, e.g., roles and responsibilities, Mission, Vision, Principles, Policies & Procedures ... and more. The meeting was akin to drinking from a fire hydrant! But board members will hold a more intensive planning retreat in February to fine-tune how our church will successfully march into the future.

Meanwhile, however, every UUFW Team needs volunteers. In a few instances we need leaders. Please review the list of "opportunities and options" below and sign up for what interests you. The go-to persons for each area are shown below. Please contact them to see what's needed. Or drop a line to [anita.knight@uuwaco.org](mailto:anita.knight@uuwaco.org).

Sara Hudson,  
Director

Becky Warren,  
Director

Need a Director &  
Team Leaders

All Other Needs

*Worship*  
*Religious Education*  
*Adult Programs*  
*Website (Volunteer*  
*or Intern)*

*Social Action*  
*PR*  
*Marketing*  
*Social Media*

*Care Team (Liz*  
*Drees)*  
*Hospitality*  
*Membership*

*House & Grounds Volunteers*  
*Newsletter Volunteer or Intern*  
*Social Media Intern*  
*Technical support Intern*  
*Database Management Intern*  
*Hospitality Planners & volunteers*  
*Celebrants, Ushers, Greeters*  
*Website Intern*

We can use your help! You determine how much time you can spare. Organizations like ours need ALL HANDS ON DECK! Thanks for volunteering.

## JOYS & CONCERNS



Jan Snyder is at Lakeshore Village Healthcare Center, 2320 Lake Shore Drive, Waco 76708, room 805. She would appreciate all well wishes. She also appreciates phone calls. PM me if you want her phone number.

Michele Brown remains at the Medical City Dallas Hospital. She'd surely enjoy a cheerful card or note, which you can send to 3324 Mitchell Rd., Waco, TX 76708. Her husband Bryan will deliver mail to her. Contact Liz Drees ([liz.drees@uuwaco.org](mailto:liz.drees@uuwaco.org)) if you can run errands, dog sit, or provide other services.



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