

Red River Ramblings

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Red River Unitarian Universalist Church
 ...a home for religious liberals in Southern Oklahoma and North Texas.



A Month of Sundays

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November 7th

Reverend Susan Smith

Association Sunday

Red River Unitarian Universalist will celebrate Association Sunday and honor our affiliation with the Southwestern Unitarian Universalist Conference (SWUUC, our area conference) as well as our membership in the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA, our national organization). Our pulpit guest is The Reverend Susan Smith, District Executive of SWUUC who joins us in celebrating our affiliation with the other 78+ congregations in the conference. We will also join in thanks for the UUA as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the 1961 merger that created the Unitarian Universalist Association. Many UU congregations had Association Sunday during October...at RRUU we held off until the first Sunday in November in order to have Susan in our midst and our pulpit for this special celebration.

Morgan will present the final sermon in her three-part series based on Dante's "Divine Comedy". Barbara is a retired minister from the Denton area who has ministered to us regularly for the past several months. Her previous tours through "Hell" and "Purgatory" have been delightful explorations of both the literary qualities of Dante's epic poem as well as their applications for our own spiritual journeys. In this final installment, Barbara will no doubt weave together some beautiful allegory with some practical advice as she shares with us her understanding of Dante's "Heaven".

November 21st

Social Action Team

Gratitude=Giving

Today, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, our Social Action Team will be offering the morning service with what other than a Social Action emphasis! It's Big Hat and Tiara day at RRUU so dust off those ten gallons, shine up the tiaras and let's have a bit of fun. In addition to wearing a hat, all are encouraged to bring as many baseball type caps as possible for donation to field workers whose

eyes are often permanently damaged from exposure to the sun. Social Action will guide us in a special service introducing A Guest at Your Table and materials will be available for those who wish to participate in this special UUA project with gifts to feed the hungry.

November 28th

Worship Arts Team

Hanging of the Greens

Worship Arts will share another of their unique and often very moving services on November 28 including the Hanging of the Greens to celebrate December holidays. As we sing, listen, speak, learn, meditate and share together, decorations will begin to glow in the sanctuary and we will continue on after worship to finish preparing our space with decorations celebrating Yule, Chanukah and Christmas. We honor many traditions among ourselves and respect all avenues of spiritual quest. This is never more evident than in our inclusive and impressive decorations and worship service in anticipation of the December Holiday season.

November 14

Reverend Barbara Morgan

Journey and Transformation

Part 3: Heaven

Today the Reverend Barbara



Adult Forum
 Worship & Children's RE

10:00am
 11:15am

Calendar of Events

November, 2010

- 1 Tue Election Day – Remember to Vote
- 5 Fri Sanctuary carpet cleaning at 2:00p
Fri UU Jam, 7:30p
- 6 Sat Sanctuary gets rearranged, 9:30a
Moveable Feast @ Dru Thompson's, 2p
- 7 Sun Set clocks BACK one hour
Adult Forum, 10:00a
Worship Celebration, 11:15 a
After Church Lunch Bunch – La Placita's restaurant
- 9 Tue Board of Trustees, 6:30p
- 13 Sat Worship Arts Team, 10:00a
PFFFT, outdoor group, 10:00a
- 14 Sun Adult Forum, 10:00a
Worship Celebration, 11:15a
Fellowship gathering 12:15p
Deadline for reservation for Thanksgiving
Sunday Dinner, 12:30p
- 16 Tue The Green Team, 7:30p
- 19 Fri Earth Spirit Chalice Circle, 7:30p
- 21 Sun Adult Forum, 10:00a
Worship Celebration, 11:15a
Thanksgiving Dinner, 12:45p
- 25 Thu Thanksgiving
- 27 Sat Deadline for December Newsletter, 5:00p
- 28 Sun Adult Forum, 10:00a
Worship Celebration, 11:15a
Fellowship Gathering, 12:15p

The After Church Lunch Bunch is returning to La Placita Restaurant (1015 W. Houston Street) in Sherman on Sunday, Nov 7th. The place offers fine Salvadorian food in a down-to-earth, no frills style. You can get full for under 5 bucks! Everyone is warmly invited to come, no reservations are needed.



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All December newsletter submissions are due to
newsletter@rruu.org
by November 27th, at 5:00 p.m.
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November Birthdays

- 6 - Anabelle Dunn
Shann Schubert
- 7 - Laura Shehan
- 8 - Dan Althoff
Carolyn Cameron
Allen Shaw
- 13 - Marla Loturco
Maura Shehan
- 15 - Doyle Adams
Kris Riek
- 16 - Cylvia Lawrence
- 22 - Peter Schulze
- 23 - True Shaw



Harmony House Concert

What's all the "stew" about at Harmony House? John Wort Hannam is performing!!!!

On Sunday, November 7, 2010, 3-5 pm, Harmony House Concerts will be hosting John Wort Hannam, in a live concert....that's what all the stew is about! His is a name you may never have heard before, because John hails from Canada and has been *making a name* for himself all over Canada, the US, Australia, and the UK since 2000.

"John wins over the 'everyman' in all of us", says Calgary Folk Club.

To make reservations, please call 903/583-2661.



Green Team Tip of the Month

Caulk it: Small spaces and gaps around windows and pipes and wires entering the home can create energy wasting drafts that can cut the efficiency of your heating system. Most caulking products cost under \$10; rope caulk, one of the easiest types to apply, sells for about \$4 for 40 or 50 feet.

Member News

Kudos of the Month, and Thanks, go to....



...Darrah Dunn for a fun, funny and all around smashing performance with the Sherman Community Players in *Greater Tuna*. Those who were able to make one or more performance will never again see him in quite the same light!

...our Social Action Team for arranging an intriguing, educational and thought provoking 5th Sunday Forums. Thanks for inviting transplant recipient John Harwood and his care-giving spouse Billie to share with us October 31st. for some awesome sharing!

...Marie Bellman as she begins her role as Assistant Treasurer to learn the computer program and procedures for managing the finances at RRUU.

...grateful thanks to Marion and Elbert Hill for packing, loading and delivering our **"Fill the Plate"** food and sundry donations to the Loaves and Fishes food pantry in Durant.

...Kat Walston and Crew for organizing and fulfilling our commitment to pick up the trash on Harrison as **part of Denison's ongoing street clean-up program.**

...our appreciation to Tim Riek and Dianna Niemann-Harris for hosting our pulpit guest Steve Brooks and his beautiful golden retriever Molly. Tim, we all know it was really rough on you spending hours jamming with Steve!

... **Amy Hoffman**-Shehan and The Green Team for arranging and hosting the clothing swap at RRUU. It was a good recycling opportunity with about a dozen bags of clothing donated to charity after the swap.

... **thanks as well to our Hospitality Duo** for having endless pizza, homemade cookies and drinks available the **day of the clothing swap... it was a tasty, filling and convenient lunch!**

... **Everyone who Helped** after services on Halloween Sunday to move everything sans pews out of the sanctuary in anticipation of carpet cleaning!

... **generous thanks to** Jim Murphy for procurement of audio-visual components using our grant money and Carla Murphy for tolerating more delays on her kitchen remodel as Jim tended to church tasks, Bruce Cameron for building the ramp, creating rolling platforms to ease in moving the pews and dry walling the front wall of the sanctuary, Dianna Niemann-Harris for priming and

painting the newly closed in wall, and Tim Riek for preliminary tasks assembling the AV rack and installing components.

Ongoing Fundraiser Ongoing

Our RRUU Logo Shirts project continues with the first \$175 profit used to cover part of the cost of our new LCD player. Because of a great price on our first order of sweat shirts, the price of all shirts in stock has been reduced. In stock shirts are folded on a table in the entryway and stacked by size (please re-fold and return to the correct stack after you browse **and/or take a shirt to try on but don't buy it**). For the in stock shirts, Tees are \$10, Polos are \$15 and Sweat Shirts are \$20. Over the next few weeks we will be taking orders for Sweat Shirts in the size and color of your choice. These shirts will need to be paid for at the time the shirt is ordered and are \$25 each (unless we get another great deal in which case a \$5 refund will come with each shirt).



The special project fund raiser of RRUU Logo Reusable Shopping Bags (the brain child of our own Charlie Mathis who researched and arranged for purchase) is also off to a great start. The bags are on the same table



as the shirts in the entryway and we have ample stock when those are sold. These heavy reusable bags are quite roomy and a great way to advertise RRUU while avoiding use of disposable bags. They also make great gifts and can be used as **"packaging" when giving gifts!** Drop by the table to get your supply of bags in each of the five colors for a mere \$2.50 each!

Children's Religious Education



No information was available at the time of this printing.

Adult Forum

Will study a 4-week class *Practicing Living Green*, Sundays from 10-11 am.



THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

November 21, 2011

Let Us Break Bread Together! Everyone is invited to a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner at Angela's Café, across the street from church. The dinner includes a drink, turkey with all the trimmings, desert and even the tip ~ all for just \$10 a person. There is also a vegetarian option.



Reservations are a MUST and the deadline is Sunday, Nov. 14th at 1 pm. You can make your reservations by sending an email to hospitality@rruu.org -giving your name, how many reservations you wish, and whether you want a vegetarian meal. Carolyn Cameron will be collecting your money.

Don't wait until the last minute or it may be too late since the restaurant doesn't have unlimited seating. Remember you have to make your reservation by the Sunday, Nov 14th deadline or you will miss out!

SAVE THE DATE! March 4 - 6, 2011



"GENERATION NEXXT"

The Southwest District UU Women's Conference, hosted by Southwest Unitarian Universalist Women, is planned for March 4 - 6, 2011, at the Holiday Inn Select at 2645 LBJ Freeway in Dallas, TX. All women are invited to *Celebrate 25 Years with us!* The Reverend Tamara Lebak, Associate Minister at [All Souls Unitarian Church](#), Tulsa, Oklahoma, will be leading many of the conferences group sessions. Reverend Lebak is an independent consultant, executive coach and ordained Unitarian Universalist Minister with change management experience that focuses on maneuvering between multiple levels of system from the personal to the global. Tamara has worked with numerous educational, religious, community and non-profit institutions including the National Park Service and the World Bank. In 2008, Tamara co-authored *Reverend X: How Generation X Ministers are Shaping Unitarian Universalism* with Rev. Bret Lortie. Tamara currently serves as Associate Minister at All Souls Unitarian Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Also a gifted musician, Tamara plays guitar, sings, and has composed her own music.

For more information please contact co-conveners Carol Currie at cmucturtle@gmail.com & Joy Hayes at

joy.hayes@uuwaco.org.

There is a call for Workshop Proposals. Interested parties can submit proposals for workshops on spiritual practices and values, social action concerns, personal growth, yoga/tai chi, or other subjects of interest to women in Southwest UU District. For more information about workshop proposals, contact Barb Rodman at barodman@verizon.net or 940-382-5419.

Farewell and Godspeed Beth and Melissa



With thanksgiving for their calm and loving care of our youngest in the RRUU family we bid a warm farewell to nursery attendants Beth Wells and Melissa Holbrook. These awesome women, who happen to be sisters-in-law, have served admirably in our nursery and now feel a strong desire to spend Sundays with their families.

While we paid Melissa and Beth weekly for their time in the nursery, no amount of compensation bought the joyous faces of the children who found gentle firmness and safety in their care. On their last Sunday with us, when one of our little one's was asked if he wanted to go to the nursery his response was "Yipee! Miss Beth and Miss Issa!"

We are indebted to them for so many children having a positive early experience of RRUU as a Yipee kind of place to be and grow. Thank you ladies for all you have been in our church family and we wish you all good things as you reclaim Sunday mornings with your own beloved ones!

How To Begin (*Changing Your Life*)

Begin with little regard for where your path may lead. Destinations are overrated. And never what we imagine. Even should we **somehow manage to get where we are heading, we won't end up** there. Until life ends, no destination is final. In fact, the best destinations are those we look back upon as new beginnings. Good **journeys always continue. So don't be driven by desire (that empty place within you)**, never to rest until you reach your goal. Invest your joy in the journey.

This is the 9th of 10 suggestions by Forrest Church. The other 9 can be viewed at UUA.org, Spiritual Life

Board Bits

What your Board did at their last meeting, October 12, 2010



Board Members in attendance included Penny Armstrong, Don Durland, Amy Hoffman-Shehan, Dianna Niemann-Harris and Marla Loturco. Jim Murphy was on an out of town business trip. Doug Strong was in attendance and acted as timekeeper and process observer.

The meeting began at 6:40 pm and finished around 9:00 pm. See full board minutes for details.

In addition to the standard agenda the board addressed/discussed:

- * Budget deficit for first three months of 2010-2011 fiscal year.
- * Penny Armstrong continues as (Acting) Secretary of the Board.
- * Fall Congregational Meeting – October 24 at 2:45 pm. No child care is planned for the meeting.
- * Don has asked several people to bring finger foods.
- * New call lists were sent out.
- * Don will ask hospitality to do coffee, Amy will bring tea.
- * Added to new business of congregational meeting – request suggestions from congregation about how we can trim the budget.
- * **Board accepted hospitality's request to have our Thanksgiving food celebration at Angela's instead of the church.**
- * Going to create a call list and recruit volunteers to assist in calling people who have not been in church for awhile to make sure they are ok and see if there is any church assistance they might require.

If you would like to see the full board minutes – they will be posted in the “Board Book” in the back of the Sanctuary as soon as they are available. The next board meeting is November 9th, starting at 6:40 p.m. Board meetings are open to all, if you wish to be on the agenda please contact a board member. Deadline for the agenda and reports to the board is November 4th. Those wishing a few minutes during the “open mic” will want to be ready to speak around 7:00 pm.

Treasurer's Report



For the month of September RRUU had an income of \$7,015.13 with expenses of 7,992.93. This left us using \$977.80 from general savings to meet September bills. These figures include transfer of grant and “set aside” funds for purchase of our sound system components as well as regular monthly income and expenses. Considering the first quarter of FY 11 expenses we are over budget on childcare, insurance, honoraria and mileage. Looking at income for the same period, unpledged regular giving is 22% below the budgeted amount and 80% of pledge units have given less than 25% of the pledge to date.

As reported in brief at our October 24th congregational meeting RRUU is feeling the pinch of the local economy. Some suggestions offered by the congregation for the Board to consider to reduce costs included:

- * Members and Friends of RRUU doing Sunday morning childcare on a rotating basis. (Note: This involves a \$10 background check on each person in the rotation and the Board was asked to revisit the wording for background checks to insure only matters pertaining to child safety are included.)
- * Decrease the frequency of mowing in the summer to every three weeks rather than every two weeks.
- * Members and Friends of RRUU doing weekly cleaning Sunday afternoons or evenings in teams of 2-4 with each team taking responsibility for a month of cleaning responsibility.
- * Request Worship Arts Team schedule two paid pulpit guests monthly and arrange Chalice Circles or Committees to prepare and lead two services a month.
- * Asking the Treasurer to send out giving status updates by E-mail to all who participated in the Campaign by making a pledge. This communication is to be simply informative to each pledge unit noting the pledge amount and the giving recorded to date. These ideas will go to the Board of Trustees for their discernment and action to make our income and expenses balance out.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dianna Niemann-Harris, Treasurer

Message From Marla

Marla Loturco, President, RRUU



I want to thank personally all members who attended the congregational meeting, either in person or by proxy. We had the needed votes for the bylaw change to complete the bylaws amendment. Thanks as well to the board for doing all of the contact work to encourage attendance and proxies. More thanks to the committee team leaders who turned in the necessary reports for the meeting. It certainly shortened the meeting having the reports ready ahead of time for people to read.

We are trying something new this year for our Thanksgiving Celebration. Instead of having our celebration in the fellowship hall we will be meeting at a restaurant where someone else will be doing the work. This was requested by the Hospitality Team and approved by the Board. I want to encourage all to participate. If attendance is a financial issue for anyone, please contact me at president@rruu.org.

Growing into the Future – our work on mission & vision is getting underway. Everyone, members and friends, will be contacted between now and the end of the year and invited to participate in discussions. To take part in this you might want to think ahead of time about what word or words you might use to define your core values. Also what is a peak spiritual experience you have had that you might share with a small group.

Voices of our Liberal Religion: What Do We Believe?

The Rev. David O. Rankin



We believe in the freedom of religious expression. All individuals should be encouraged to develop their own personal theology, and to present openly their religious opinions without fear of censure or reprisal. We believe in the toleration of religious ideas. All religions, in every age and culture, possess not only an in-

trinsic merit, but also a potential value for those who have learned the art of listening.

We believe in the authority of reason and conscience. The ultimate arbiter in religion is not a church, or a document, or an official, but the personal choice and decision of the individual.

We believe in the never-ending search for Truth. If the mind and heart are truly free and open, the revelations which appear to the human spirit are infinitely numerous, eternally fruitful, and wondrously exciting.

We believe in the unity of experience. There is no fundamental conflict between faith and knowledge, religion and the world, the sacred and the secular, since they all have their source in the same reality.

We believe in the worth and dignity of each human being. All people on earth have an equal claim to life, liberty and justice - and no idea, ideal or philosophy is superior to a single human life.

We believe in the ethical application of religion. Good works are the natural product of a good faith, the evidence of an inner grace that finds completion in social and community involvement.

We believe in the motive force of love. The governing principle in human relationships is the principle of love, which always seeks the welfare of others and never seeks to hurt or destroy.

We believe in the necessity of the democratic process. Records are open to scrutiny, elections are open to members and ideas are open to criticism - so that people might govern themselves.

We believe in the importance of a religious community. The validation of experience requires the confirmation of peers, who provide a critical platform along with a network of mutual support.

A Call For Committee Members

The Ways and Means Committee is looking for interested members and friends of RRUU to make plans and work on the Canvass which will take place in March. Remember it starts off with a party, dinner, entertainment and fellowship. Join us and help plan this wonderful event.

Send an e-mail to Suzanne Durland (piet@texoma.net) or call to let her know you would like to be on this team (903) 327-8896.

Mission and Vision Update

This month everyone is being invited to spend 45 minutes in groups of four to six of us. We will each tell of a profound spiritual or religious or **peak experience we've had** (and do it in under 4 minutes) and to identify, in a word or two, what core values guide, influence, support and define who we are. All of this information will become **the source upon which we'll create our new mission statement** together on Jan 22, 2011 (save the date).

Some UU churches print a pithy "tag line" in their newsletters, and Sunday bulletins. Here are a few:

"Free the Mind, Grow the Soul, Change the World."

"Different People, Different Beliefs, One Faith."

"An Intentionally Diverse Religious Community"

"Forge connections within and across generations and share our work to change ourselves and the world."

"Living Lives of Integrity, Service and Joy"

What would your tag line for our church say? Think about it as a way to start pondering the story you'll tell at your group gathering. **We're excited to hear your story** and what words define your core values.

The "Growing Into The Future Team"

Penny Armstrong, Amy Hoffman-Shehan, Kat Walston, Doug Strong



have to share. All donations will be greatly appreciated both here and there. Suzanne Durland will be responsible for the collection and redistribution of the caps.

Social Action Committee Leads Worship and Invites Action



RRUU Social Action will lead worship on Sunday, November 21 as RRUU anticipates Thanksgiving by giving thanks. This service will center around the UUA *Guest at Your Table* project kick-off. Members and Friends of RRUU will join in *Guest at Your Table* this fall, adding our gifts to those of other UU's.

November 21st is also Big Hat and Tiara Sunday. You are invited to dust off your old Homecoming Queen Tiara (or dash to Wal-Mart and buy one) and wear it to church! If you are not the Tiara type, wear the biggest hat you can put your hands on. In addition to the hat on your head, you are invited to bring as many baseball type hats as you can put your hands on to donate. The hats will be sent to field workers who often have eye issues (and sometimes even blindness) from sun damage as they harvest our fresh fruits and vegetables.

"Share the Plate" offerings of \$91 in October went to the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Organization (UU-UNO) and help our efforts to be recognized as a Blue Ribbon Congregation. On Sunday, November 9th we will share the plate (all cash offerings or checks designated) with the Grayson County Crisis Center. This is an awesome program which provides a temporary safe haven for women (and their children) who have experienced domestic abuse. The Center has safe, clean housing, a playground, secure parking and play areas indoors. Meals and assistance with taking necessary steps to insure future safety are also offered at the Crisis Center.

This fourth quarter of 2010 our contributions of food, sundries and money in the cash box go to the Salvation Army Food Pantry. We were made aware this food pantry was high on requests and low on items to distribute, therefore Salvation Army was moved up in our rotation to begin sending our donations a quarter earlier than planned.

Social Action Committee Request

The RRUU congregation to collect caps/hats that would provide cover for field workers to help protect their eyes from the bright sun. A local doctor that works with these people several weeks a year said many are blind by their early thirty's due to over exposure to the sunlight. He will take a box of caps with him the next time he goes to help. Please help fill the box.

There will be a collection box for head covers in the back of the church where you can deposit what you



Guest At Your Table



GAYT (Guest At Your Table) is coming in November. This is a UU service committee event that takes place in UU churches around the world, an interconnected web experience.

The churches are urged to share with their members and friends a service that explains what the service committee will do with moneys collected. You will see a poster about this upcoming activity in the entrance hall. We will have a service on Thanksgiving Sunday to present a program telling about our larger church family and how you can help with a *Guest At Your Table* box. A booklet of stories to be read by family members and a box for collecting moneys for this gift from the heart will be given to all that would like to participate. For more information contact our service leaders or Suzanne Durland piet@texoma.net

Poems of Home



The Texoma Poetry Society presents a participatory program - Instant Chapbook. Poets are asked to bring eight copies of one to four poems with the theme of Home or House. Other participants will bring the same, book covers will be provided, and Instant Chapbooks will be presented. Think about what home means to you. Is home a place or a feeling? How does family influence our definition of home? What are metaphors for house? When is a house not a home? Have you ever been homesick? Or couldn't wait to get out of the house?

Participants can bring original poetry or other people's poems. There are many songs and poems in the public domain that resonate with the theme of 'home.' Bring your favorite!

Poems of Home will be Saturday, November 6, at 2:00 p.m., at the Sherman Public Library Community Room. An open 'round-robin' of any type of poetry will follow at 3:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served - *on the house* - during intermission. For more information, contact dondon213@hotmail.com.

Poem for International Men's Day

by Don Mathis

The time is now, the time is right,
for the human race to unite

for the formal celebration
endorsed by United Nations.

'Our Children, Our Future' is the theme
to dedicate November 19.

We dialog on fatherhood
to benefit the common good.

We promote good examples of men,
working stiffs just making a living.

We share the trials of being male,
the sacrifice that this entails.

We laud all men's contributions
to our nation's institutions.

We see fragility of men's health,
how they put others before self.

In times of war and times of peace,
we concede their vulnerabilities.

We know that misandry exists
and we stand guard in men's defense,

for there is much male prejudice
in today's social services.

Sexism against men ensues
in family courts and public schools.

So we advance gender relations
and oppose sex discrimination.

We all want a society
where each can reach their capacity.

Please stop, reflect and remember,
this third Friday in November,

as we acclaim men's altruism
and hail their humanitarianism.

RRUU Chalice Circles: Which Small Group Is Right For You?

Chalice Circles are small groups of people who meet regularly for the purpose of getting to know one another while learning, discussing, and acting on topics of common interest. All members and friends are welcome! If you are interested in attending a particular circle, contact Circle Coordinator, Jan Fletcher, at chalicecircles@rruu.org.



MI NDFULNESS, a Meditation Circle, meets monthly. Facilitator is Richard Newlin; contact him for meeting dates and times. **NEW AND EXPERIENCED MEDITATORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.**

FREETHI NKERS, a Humanist Circle, meets the second Sunday of each month in Fellowship Hall at 12:45. The next meeting TBA. Facilitator is Jim Gauthier. **ALL FREETHINKERS ARE WELCOME!**



GREEN TEAM, an Environmental Action Circle, meets the Third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the home of Amy Hoffman-Shehan in Sherman. The next meeting will be November 17. Please contact Amy for more information.



MOVEABLE FEAST, a Cooking and/or Eating Circle, meets on moveable dates at moveable locations. The next Movable Feast is November 6th, at 2:00 p.m. Please contact Elbert and Marion Hill for more information.



PFFFT, an Outdoor Activities Interest Circle, meets each month on a Saturday. The next meeting is November 13. Facilitator is Suzanne Durland. **ANYONE WHO LOVES THE OUTDOORS IS WELCOME!**



RED RIVER EARTH SPI RIT, a Nature-Based Spirituality Circle, meets seasonally at the Church. They will be meeting on November 19th, at 7:30 p.m. at RRUU. Facilitator is Penny Armstrong. **NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**



UUJAM, a Music-Making Interest Group, meets the first Friday of each month at 7 pm at the home of Jan Fletcher in Sherman. The next meeting will be held Fri, Oct. 5. The **JAM** meets in an informal circle to share favorite songs and all musicians and listeners are welcome. Bring your instruments, songs and snack/drink to share. Facilitator is Jan Fletcher. **ALL MUSIC MAKERS AND LISTENERS ARE WELCOME!**



LAI D BACK BOOK GROUP, a Book Reading and Discussion Interest Group, meets periodically to discuss the selected reading and share insights. The group discusses the selection via email. Facilitator is Suzanne Durland. **ALL WHO ENJOY THOUGHTFUL LITERATURE ARE WELCOME!**



SPI RIT WI THI N, a New Thought Chalice Circle, will meet at Marla Loturco's home in Whitesboro the first & third Wed at 7 pm. The group continues to study *Spirit of Life: Exploring Spirituality for UU's*, a new UU Tapestry of Faith program.





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Trustee-at-Large

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Trustee-at-Large

Penny Armstrong

Trustee -at-Large

Safe Congregation Panel

Jim Gauthier, Suzanne Durland,

Marla Loturco, Helen Schulze,

Penny Armstrong

Team Leaders

Worship: Darrah Dunn

Chalice Circles: Jan Fletcher

Adult Forum: Penny Armstrong & Suzanne Durland

Children's Religious Education: Helen Schulze

Youth Advisor: Open

Membership: Marla Loturco (acting)

Social Action: Dianna Niemann-Harris (acting)

Building and Grounds: Doyle Adams

Communications: Doug Strong

Caring: Doug Strong (acting)

Finance and Endowment: Marion Hill

Hospitality: Carolyn Cameron & Joyce Peak

Historian: Open

Newsletter: Cynthia Evetts & Shann Schubert

Website: Open

Ways and Means: Don & Suzanne Durland

Committee on Ministry

Jim Gauthier, Carolyn Cameron, Peter Schulze