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 ...a home for religious liberals in Southern Oklahoma and North Texas.

A Month of Sundays

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July 4

Worship Arts Team

"Intentional Living: Embracing Independence and Drinking Lemonade"

Summer heat is upon us with a vengeance and with it comes the opportunity to very intentionally slow down, relax, and take some time for personal well-being. As a people with a rich history of looking at options and making choices, let us examine what it means to be personally free, and look at the responsibility that comes with independence.

today. She has been a member of First Unitarian Church of Dallas since 1999, where she has served as a worship assistant, led small group ministry, and taught religious education classes. She will be ordained in her home church next year. Her sermon for us will explore the idea that "when we see only what we expect to see, we see only what we expect to see! When we perceive mindfully, we perceive with our entire beings. We see that which is."

July 11th

Lora Brandis

"What You See Is What You Get"

Lora Brandis, who recently completed her Master of Divinity at SMU Perkins School of Theology, will lead our worship

July 18th

Megan Dalby-Jones

Frequent guest speaker Megan Dalby-Jones will lead our services today, in one of only two remaining visits with us before she assumes an internship with Horizon Unitarian Universalist Church. The topic and title of her sermon will be announced later this month.

July 25th

Dr. Peter Schulze

"The B.P. Oil Spill: Why Higher Gas Prices Are Actually Better"

Dr. Peter Schulze, Professor of Biology at Austin College and a member of RRUU, steps onto the dais today to help us understand more about what's really going on in the Gulf of Mexico and along our southern coastlines. In a lecture / Q&A format, he will address issues about the environmental impact of the disaster and also provide a realistic look at the challenges of making the inevitable transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources.

Independence Day
 July 4, 2010



Adult Forum
 Worship & Children's RE

10:00am
 11:15am

Calendar of Events

July, 2010

- 1 - Thurs, noon, MINDFULNESS, a Meditation Chalice Circle
- 2 - Fri, 7 pm UJJAM, Music Interest Circle & MOVEABLE FEAST, Cooking, Dining & Fellowship Circle
- 7 - Wed, 6 pm SPIRIT WITHIN, New Thought Chalice Circle
- 8 - Thurs, noon, MINDFULNESS, a Meditation Chalice Circle
- 9 - Fri, 7:30 pm, RED RIVER EARTH SPIRIT, a Nature-Based Spirituality Circle
- 11 - Sun, 12:45 pm FREETHINKERS, a Humanist Circle
- 13 - Tues, 6:30 pm RRUU Board of Directors meeting, at the church
- 20 - Tues, 7:30 pm GREEN TEAM, an Environmental Interest Circle
- 21 - Wed, 6 pm SPIRIT WITHIN, a New Thought Chalice Circle
- 30 - Fri, 7:30 pm RED RIVER EARTH SPIRIT, a Nature-Based Spirituality Circle

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 All August newsletter submissions are
 due to
newsletter@rruu.org
 by July 24th, at 5:00 p.m.

July Birthdays

- 1 - Elissa Baird
 13 - Linn Cates
 18 - Ben Schulze
 21 - Tingey Tracz
 25 - Christina Infante
 26 - Jim Gauthier
 30 - Don Lanier



Harmony House Concert

On Saturday, July 10, 2010, Jimmy LaFave of Austin & some of his band members will be livening up things at Harmony House Concerts from 7:30-9:30 pm, and *You're Invited!*

Jimmy's music has some of its roots in Woody Guthrie's music. He has been a long-time supporter of WoodyFest, which is held in Woody's hometown of Okemah, OK, near Woody's birthday each July--this year the festivities will be held July 14th-17th.

Jimmy's concert here will not be strictly Woody Guthrie's tunes, although he might decide to sing a few to publicize WoodyFest. Jimmy's genre is difficult to describe...maybe, it's just the "LaFave genre", but his voice and music definitely resonate with audiences everywhere. To make reservations, to get more information, or to be added to the email list, call 903/583-2661



Green Team Tip of the Month

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, used motor oil is the single most common source of oil pollution in the nation's rivers, streams and lakes. In fact, one pint of oil can produce a one-acre slick on the water. Because of this fact, cleaning motor oil spills promptly is of vital importance to the environment. 1) soak up oil with paper towels (dispose of properly), 2) squirt dish-soap onto the spill, 3) scrub with a brush, 4) rinse & repeat until no 'rainbow' appears, 5) sprinkle with clay-based kitty litter to reduce slick surfaces and soak up any remaining oil. http://www.ehow.com/how_5137017_clean-motor-oil-spill.html

Member News

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



...Megan Dolby-Jones who has been a welcome and uplifting pulpit guest for us monthly for the past year and many times before that. Megan is entering an internship in her continued preparation for ordination and will be unavailable to grace the pulpit at RRUU for a while. We wish you all good things Megan and will most definitely miss your regular visits with us!

...**all the** faithful givers and frugal spenders who are the RRUU family for keeping us fiscally in the black during this year of transition.

...**our behind-the-scenes** Congregational Meeting Fairies who prepared reports, sent letters and emails, arranged childcare, made reports, took minutes, provided for lunch, were willing to be nominated for various positions and cleaned up after the meeting. May we mindfully give thanks for the daily, weekly and monthly gifts of self so many share.

...**our own** Penny Armstrong who has accepted the position of RRUU custodian. Kudos or compliments may be expressed (freely and often) directly to Penny. Any issues, questions, requests to have responsibilities added go to the Board appointed RRUU Staff Supervisor.

... Helen Schulze and Family who regularly provide an awesome learning experience (and snacks) for our 6-12 year olds during the second part of the Sunday morning worship time. Kat Walston who lovingly and enthusiastically subs with the kids if Helen is unavailable.

...our RRUU kids for going out of their way to make a young man (who said he was nervous returning after some time away from church) feel most welcome and radically included. Our ministry of welcome begins with kids including kids!

...the awesome RRUU Communications Committee and Friends for keeping us all informed through the weekly E-news, monthly Newsletter and Announcements in the Order of Worship.

...nursery subs Amanda Chandler and Anabelle Dunn who fill in with great care and love when one or both of our regular outstanding nursery attendants Beth Wells and Melissa Holbrook are unable to be with our

littlest unitarian universalists.

...everyone who contributed to our special Father's Day service of worship, with special thanks to those who responded to the call for "I Remember Poppa" thoughts which were woven into the sermon and added to the richness of the celebration.

...*Willow-Works Consulting* (mobile notary services) for the gift to RRUU of a laptop for use by the treasurer and work to insure the software categories are compatible with our budget to make accounting go smoothly.

...those who provided input for helping with the visioning for our upcoming *sanctuary reconfiguring*. The sanctuary arrangement changes are needed to accommodate our *new sound system* with thanks to members working diligently to finish the *secured storage* necessary for RRUU to begin purchasing components and start on installation of our audio upgrade.

Children's Religious Education



Helen Schulze returns to be with our children in July. Offers of help and involvement are always welcome, though. If you are willing to help with **the Children's RE program, please alert Helen or a Board member.**

Adult Forum



Adult forum continues its discussion of the book, Conversations with God Book 1 on Sunday, July 4th and 11th. The discussion topics for July 18th and 25th will be announced via E-News.

*Peace reigns in the heart that
Love co-ordinates and directs.
Unrestrained love is the greatest gift,
As it prolongs good behaviors and attitudes.*

Olafemi Matimoju
First Unitarian Church of Nigeria



Commitment Campaign Wrap-Up



It began April 10th with entertainment, food and celebration. It ended June 30, 2010 in grateful thanksgiving with 80% of the RRUU membership making a financial commitment for the coming Fiscal Year, FY 2011. Looking at our congregational commitment canvas from any angle the neon signs flash success, Success, SUCCESS!

At newsletter deadline, four days before the campaign officially closes, 38 of the 51 members of Red River Unitarian Universalist have made pledges for FY 2011 with the projection at least two of the remaining thirteen will do so by month end. Despite the error in previous calculation, a total of \$24,922 is committed to cover the new budget, \$888 over the amount listed in the FY 2011 budget approved at our May congregational meeting.

Now, you may be asking yourself some questions about that information. What exactly does that mean? How does it translate into living within our means as a church family? What's the buzz for our fiscal life in the coming 12 months?

The RRUU FY 2011 approved, revised budget totals \$40,527 projecting pledges in the amount of \$24,104. Our actual pledges as of June 27 stand at \$24,922. This translates to 60% of our operating budget covered through the committed giving of members. The remainder of the budget will be met with income from interest, scheduled special collections, pledges of new members who join us during the year, unpledged giving and possibly fund raisers.

A comparison may help illustrate. In November 2009 when RRUU adopted a revised budget for FY 2010 at the special congregational meeting, our committed pledges covered less than 30% of the budget adopted. This year we begin FY 2011 doubling that situation with 60% of the budget pledged. That is an awesome difference, reflecting boldly the reality that the RRUU membership believes in the mission and ministries of this church!

As a church family, there are many who deserve thanks for the good news of this very successful campaign:

- The 38 members of RRUU who made financial commitments to meet the ongoing fiscal needs of the

mission and ministry of this congregation.

- Suzanne and Don Durland, co-chairs of the campaign who did much of the background work in preparation of the membership canvas

- Carolyn Cameron and Friends who stepped in readily to organize and arrange for the kick off dinner when illness in the Durland household threatened to put the breaks on the campaign.

- Dan Altoff, Jan Fletcher, Doyle Adams and Tim Riek who provided musical delight, and the Hillish comedy duo of Elbert and Marian for entertainment at the dinner and all who shared their story.

- Treasurer Dianna Niemann-Harris who created and sent invitations for the dinner, made follow-up contacts with members unable to attend, recorded pledges and did regular progress reports to the Board and made contacts by phone, email and postal mail to insure each member received a personal invitation to make a financial commitment.

Sincere apologies to anyone who was "missed" on the list of thanks, you know how you have contributed to this process and are appreciated. If it takes a village to raise a child, we can also attest it takes a wonderful community of Friends and Members to engage in a mission of inclusivity to provide a liberal church home where all are welcome! A final report on the campaign will be submitted to the Board at their July meeting and available thereafter on the Board (bulletin) board in the rear of the sanctuary.

How To Begin

(Changing Your Life)

by [Forrest Church](#)

Begin with those who are closest to you. They can cheer you on only if you let them. Invite them to give you a hand—bow. And to lend you a hand—ask. And to take your hand—no one can take your hand, if you bury it in your **pocket. You say they won't cheer** you on, help you out, or take your hand? Maybe not, but how will you know without asking? Begin by asking.



This is the fifth of 10 suggestions by Forrest Church. The other 9 can be viewed at UUA.org, [Spiritual Life](#), [Today's Readings](#).

Board Bits

What your Board did at their last meeting, June 8th, 2010



- * Everyone on the board was in attendance. Next year's board members were invited but did not attend. We started at 6:45 pm and went home around 8:47 pm. Suzanne Durland attended the sanctuary discussion at 6:00 as did Doyle Adams. Doyle stayed to speak at the Concerns of the Congregation - see full board minutes for details. Dianna Niemann-Harris acted as our Process Observer and timekeeper for the meeting.
- * Minutes were approved for the last meeting and reports were accepted.
- * Installation of new board members will take place on June 27th. Daniel Polk will be asked to speak the COM part as Elbert Hill will be at GA.
- * The stewardship campaign needs to have an end. Considering June 30th as the end date.
- * Going to have a pot-luck for incoming and outgoing board members at Dianna Niemann-Harris's on June 25th.
- * NTAUUS training for the board will be held on July 10th. All board members attending need to register by June 30. Car-pooling will be available for transportation to Fort Worth.
- * NTAUUS report from Jim Murphy - all board members need to complete the survey set out by NTAUUS. Any interested people from RRUU may support the Gay Pride Parade in Dallas on September 19th. NTAUUS will have several floats - Carla Murphy is working on this project. RRUU may decide to host a NTAUUS board meeting in the next fiscal year.
- * Need to put information into the policies & procedures manual about fund raising and requests for donations from RRUU or the members. No outside fundraisers (except 2nd Sundays) should be handled during the Stewardship Campaign. Fundraisers need to be scheduled in advance - not last minute (except for emergency situations).
- * Dan Altoff has resigned from all committees for at least the rest of the year. We need to find a replacement for Dan on the Finance Committee.
- * Social Action Contributions - the Bonnie Shaw Orphanage in India has not cashed our last check, nor have they responded to correspondence. Need to check with Carolyn Cameron to see if she know anything about the organization. Contributions through Jeannine Hatt for the Haiti relief were also reported to the UUA and were not solicited by Jeannine directly.
- * Good suggestions have been offered for changing the Sanctuary. Biggest challenges are 19 large pews. Suggest hiring some strong backs when we actually do the moving.

If you would like to see the full board minutes – they will be posted on the “Board Board” in the back of the Sanctuary as soon as they are available. There is also a Book with the minutes that have been removed from being posted. The next board meeting is July 13th, starting at 6:45 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 July 9th. Those wishing a few minutes during the “open mic” will want to be ready to speak around 7:00 pm.

Treasurer's Report



My psyche is challenged to fully comprehend we are already in July of 2010! Much of my time last month went to preparing for passing on the mantel of Treasurer and finishing up the final details of our FY 11 pledge campaign. The next few weeks I will be closing the books for FY 10 and passing on records and instructions to your new treasurer.

May 2010 income for RRUU totaled \$4,794.97 and expenses were \$4,355.03 for a net income for the month of \$ 439.94. By all indications we will come out "in the black" for FY 2010 which is an awesome thing!

A major issue and difficulty during the past year has been that the categories of our budget did not coincide with the categories on Quick Books, the software program used by RRUU for accounting. For the first few months of FY 11, Treasurer Paula Blackshear will be keeping records on paper as the Quick Books software is adapted and installed on a small laptop computer. The computer was donated by *Willow-Works Consulting* to simplify the job of the treasurer and keep our church accounting accessible. I will be working alongside your new Treasurer for the next few months helping her learn our accounting system and facilitating a smooth transition.

I need to share, with apologies, that at the congregational meeting and in last month's newsletter, I reported the dollars committed in the pledge campaign incorrectly. Inadvertently I added in several pledges twice. Please see the related article on the Campaign wrap-up for an accurate accounting of where we stand on commitments for the coming fiscal year.

My intention is to have a financial report for all of FY 2010 completed for the Board of Trustees and for inclusion in the August newsletter. That fiscal year-end report cannot be completed until the offerings for the last week of June have been added in and all records tabulated for the year.

If you have questions concerning this report or other aspects of our financial status during FY 10, please call 903-327-2069 or email me at rruudianna@gmail.com. Once again, my thanks to all who exhibited such wondrous patience over the past 12 months as I served as your treasurer!

For questions, ideas or input on fiscal matters for FY 2011 and ongoing, please email Paula Blackshear at treasurer@rruu.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianna Niemann-Harris, RRUU Treasurer

Message from Marla

Marla Loturco, President, RRUU



As I start into this new year I am still reading and listening to many UU publications. Recently in my reading I saw the question "Who owns your congregation?" My immediate answer was - the congregation, of course. As I read the article I was surprised by the real answer.

Profit corporations are in business to make money for the stockholders. That is the purpose and responsibility of their boards and employees. Non-profit corporations are created to use their resources exclusively for the purpose for which the state has chartered them. They are forbidden to benefit their members except in reimbursement of expenses or for fair compensation for services provided. The Red River Unitarian Universalist Church's current Mission statement is: "We are a diverse liberal religious community that seeks to uphold and promote the Principles and Purposes of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Our congregation welcomes and accepts all people. We reach out beyond our congregation to serve as a catalyst for social action."

The members of the congregation are a fiduciary of the RRUU Church Corporation each time they exercise their vote. A 'Fiduciary' is anyone whose duty is to act in faithfulness to the interest of another, even at cost or peril to himself. The board, voted into office by the congregation, also has the job of being a fiduciary to the owner – but who is that owner?

"The 'owner' that the board must serve is the congregation's mission, the covenant the congregation has set its heart to... A congregation's 'bottom line' is the degree to which its mission is achieved." By Dan Hotchkiss, *Who Owns Your Congregation?* uuworld.org

The board and every congregation member's duty is to vote the mission, even when their own interests or desires are in conflict. As we go forward into this new church year, let us remember and consider this responsibility we – board and members alike - have to our RRUU mission.

How to Reach Us

The following emails are available
@rruu.org.

An email sent to..... will reach.....

adultforum... Penny Armstrong; Suzanne Durland
announcements... Doug Strong; webmaster



beingpeace... Richard Newlin
board... Amy Hoffman-Shehan, Don Durland, Joyce Peak, Paula Blackshear, Jim Murphy, Penny Armstrong, Marla Loturco
building... Doyle Adams
caring... Doug Strong, president
ccfacilitators... Amy Hoffman-Shehan, Jan Fletcher, Jim Gauthier, Marion & Elbert Hill, Penny Armstrong, Suzanne Durland,
chalicecircles... Jan Fletcher
christian... Dianna Niemann-Harris
com (committee on ministry)... Carolyn Cameron, Jim Gauthier, Peter Schulze
communications... Doug Strong
dre... Helen Schulze
earthspirit... Penny Armstrong
endowment... Cynthia Evetts, Marion Hill, President, Treasurer
feast... Marion & Elbert Hill
finance... Cynthia Evetts, Marion Hill, President, Treasurer
freethinkers... Jim Gauthier
greenteam... Amy Hoffman-Shehan
historian... Marla Loturco
hospitality... Carolyn Cameron, Joyce Peak
info... Doug Strong
lbbgroup... Suzanne Durland
membership... Carla Murphy
membershipteam... Carla Murphy, Amy Hoffman-Shehan, Jan Fletcher, Suzanne Durland, Shann Schubert
newsletter... Cynthia Evetts, Shann Schubert, President
nominations... Cynthia Evetts, Elbert Hill, Shann Schubert
pffft... Suzanne Durland
pledge... Treasurer
president... Marla Loturco
recoordinator... Helen Schulze
scp (Safe Congregation Panel)... Helen Schulze, Jim Gauthier, Penny Armstrong, Suzanne Durland, Marla Loturco
secretary to be determined
socialaction... Dianna Niemann-Harris
spiritwithin... Kris_riek@yahoo.com
treasurer... Paula Blackshear
trustee1... Joyce Peak
trustee2... Jim Murphy
trustee3... Amy Hoffman-Shehan
trustee4... Penny Armstrong
uujam... Jan Fletcher
vicepresident... Don Durland
waysmeans... Don Durland
webmaster... Marla Loturco
worship... Darrah Dunn
worshipteam... Jan Fletcher, Darrah Dunn, Penny Armstrong, Dianna Niemann-Harris, President

Share the Plate *Families Feeding Families - Community Kitchen*



The Families Feeding Families Kitchen is located at the George Washington School in Durant, Oklahoma. It is open for supper between the hours of 4:30pm to 6:00pm, Monday through Friday. There is a different menu including a main course and a vegetable or two, bread and desserts or cookies and drinks each evening. There is no charge for these nutritious meals. All that is needed to qualify is a hunger for food and fellowship.

Families Feeding Families is a nonprofit 501c3 charity. They act as a working kitchen providing daily hot meals and also act as a clearinghouse through which the food industry and community may donate food and other goods. The Community Kitchen strives to provide nourishment for the physical hunger people experience as well as the emotional and spiritual hunger so many people experience on a regular basis.

All cash offerings in the plate at RRUU on Sunday, July 11, 2010 will be sent to the Community Kitchen as part of our "Share the Plate" program. Watch for more news about Families Feeding Families as we are scheduled to participate in their Back 2 School Backpack program in September!

If you would like to be part of planning Social Action activities such as "Fill the Plate", "Share the Plate" and the "Blessing of the Animals" service coming up in October, please join us for Adult Religious Education at 10 am on Sunday, September 26, 2010! Every 4-6 months one session of our Adult RE is dedicated to social action discussion, decisions and presentations. Come join us if you can and be a part of the process which extends the impact of RRUU beyond the walls of the building!

What is SWUUSI?



Southwest UU Summer Institute (SWUUSI) is the Southwestern District's week-long multigenerational summer camp experience. Each year SWUUSI offers opportunities for faith development, education, entertainment, and recreational activities for all ages. Whether it be relaxing in the sun, discussing in the classroom, or singing in the choir, SWUUSI offers something for everyone!

SWUUSI is a truly multigenerational experience. Worship and most group activities are open to all ages. SWUUSI offers faith-filled and fun [programming for children and youth](#) grades K-12. There are programs and activities led by and offered to our Young Adults, as well as the opportunity for Young Adult group lodging. Daily workshops offer learning, faith development, and fun opportunities for adults of all ages. Each day at SWUUSI, there are morning and evening worship opportunities. District staff, new to the district Ministers, youth and young adults offer worship services to bring the camp together, further the camp theme, and - most importantly- ground us in our shared faith. In addition to the daily worship opportunities, each evening attendees are invited to Sunset Talks. Throughout the week, Rev. Aaron White will offer inspiring talks in a relaxing outdoor setting. Sunset Talks are a great way to wind down in the evening. [SWUUSI workshops](#) cover a wide range of subjects, anything from belly-dancing to philosophy, craft-making to congregational leadership, to keep the mind, body and spirit full! SWUUSI workshops are offered in morning and afternoon sessions throughout the week, usually with the material building on itself each day. [Children and Youth Programming](#) is offered during workshop times with age appropriate classes offered for K through high school. Each day children and youth have both a morning and afternoon session with their class, with a break for lunch with their families. All classes are fully staffed with adult instructors and teaching assistants (where needed). Curricula for each class varies each year, and children and youth are offered time to learn and play each day! A nursery is also available for infants through 4 year olds.

SWUUSI has many [activities](#) available in addition to worship and classes each day. There are games, outdoor activities, service projects and entertainment. Some activities are scheduled for campers, while others are unscheduled and **may be done at campers' leisure**. **SWUUSI is held at the Western Hills Guest Ranch in Hulbert, OK.**

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.



MINDFULNESS, a Meditation Chalice Circle, regroups during the month of July. Carla Murphy hosts the first two weeks and future meetings' announcements appear in the weekly E-Mail News. Facilitator is Richard Newlin.



FREETHINKERS, a Humanist Interest Circle will meet the second Sunday, July 11 at 12:45 pm in Fellowship Hall. Facilitator is Jim Gauthier. ALL FREETHINKERS ARE WELCOME



GREEN TEAM, an Environmental Action Circle will meet Tues, July 20 at 7:30 at the home of Amy Hoffman-Shehan in Sherman. They'll get updates on the research in progress and finalize the theme and publicity schedule for 2011 Earth Day.

ALL THOSE WHO LOVE THE EARTH ARE WELCOME

MOVEABLE FEAST, a Cooking, Dining and Fellowship Chalice Circle will meet Fri, July 2 at 7 pm at the home of Jan & Ken Fletcher of Sherman. The combined activity with



UUJAM presents the opportunity for live music and dinner as many are members of both groups.

Music, appetizers and fellowship begin the evening with dinner served about 7:45 and then continue the evening with marvelous music. For details and to r.s.v.p., email or phone Jan Fletcher. Facilitators are Elbert and Marion Hill. ANYONE WHO LOVES COOKING AND/OR EATING IS WELCOME.

PFFFT, an Outdoor Activities Interest Circle meets each month on a Saturday. However, no July activities are planned at this time. The PFFFT group is reviving



itself with ideas for future outings. Some ideas for the outdoor group include an early breakfast at Baker Park followed by a walk or boat (canoe, Kayak) ride; a hike at Hagerman with a picnic breakfast or brunch; a trip to the Aquarium in Dal-

las, catch the train in Plano; a trip to the lavender farm; a trip to Spirit Horse; or an evening under the stars would be nice, maybe at Lake Texoma. Contact the facilitator to offer your suggestions for outings and dates. Then make plans to "Pursue Fun, Faith & Fellowship Together". Facilitator is

Suzanne Durland. ANYONE WHO LOVES THE OUTDOORS IS WELCOME.

RED RIVER EARTH SPIRIT, a Nature-Based Spirituality Chalice Circle. July activities will be drumming on Fri 7/9, 7:30 at RRUU and possibly a service for Llamas the end of the month to be announced in weekly E-News. Facilitator is Penny Armstrong. NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.



UUJAM, a Music-Making interest circle and **MOVEABLE FEAST** will meet Friday, July 2 at 7 pm at the Sherman home of Jan & Ken Fletcher. The combined activity with **MOVEABLE FEAST** presents the opportunity for live music and dinner as many are members of both groups. Music, appetizers and fellowship begin the evening with dinner served about 7:45 and then continue the evening with marvelous music. For details and to r.s.v.p., email or phone Jan Fletcher. Musicians need to confirm your place in the "session circle"...remember to bring your music to share, song books & instruments. For dinner, bring an appetizer or side dish to share. In other plans, various members plan to attend several of this summer's free music programs in Denison and Sherman. Just contact the email ALL MUSICIANS AND LISTENERS ARE WELCOME.



LAI D BACK BOOK GROUP, a Book Reading and Discussion Interest Circle will be announcing the next selection via email. Facilitator is Suzanne Durland. ALL WHO ENJOY THOUGHTFUL LITERATURE ARE WELCOME.



SPI RIT WI TH I N, a New Thought Chalice Circle will meet the first and third Wednesdays in July at 6 pm at Jan Fletcher's home in Sherman. Richard Newlin leads a new series "Spirit of Life" by Rev Barbara Hamilton-Holway. ALL SPIRITUAL SEEKERS ARE INVITED.





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 Jim Murphy,
 Trustee-at-Large (2011)
 Joyce Peak
 Trustee-at-Large (2012)
 Penny Armstrong
 Trustee -at-Large (2011)

Safe Congregation Panel

Marla Loturco, Helen Schulze,
 Jim Gauthier, Suzanne Durland,
 Penny Armstrong

Team Leaders

Worship: Darrah Dunn
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 Adult Forum: Penny Armstrong & Suzanne Durland
Children's Religious Education: Helen Schulze
 Youth Advisor: Open
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 Building and Grounds: Doyle Adams
 Communications: Doug Strong
 Caring: Doug Strong
 Ways & Means: Don Durland
 Hospitality: Carolyn Cameron & Joyce Peak
 Historian: Open
 Newsletter: Cynthia Evetts & Shann Schubert
 Website: Open
 Finance & Endowment: Marion Hill
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 Committee on Ministry
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