

# the emersonian

*"If you read it here, consider yourself invited"*

April 2010



Tickets now on sale in The Gathering Place (\$20 in advance, \$25 at the door)

- \* Exciting Brazilian entertainment
- \* Authentic cuisine
- \* Wine courtesy of Liz and Brad Gammell

- \* Silent and live auctions
- \* Free childcare with special crafts, food and entertainment
- \* A fun evening of fellowship, benefiting our church

To make a donation or become a sponsor -- contact Barb Adams or Anne Goodman.

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It's time to check your availability on April 17 and/or April 24 to join other members of the congregation on our 42<sup>nd</sup> Rebuilding Together Houston house. We will renovate and paint the exterior of a dilapidated house in a marginal neighborhood, owned and occupied by an elderly or disabled Houstonian living below the poverty line.

This is a hands-on, social, fun activity with lasting impact not only for the home owner, but for the neighborhood. Skilled and unskilled adults, teens, and whole families are welcome to work the hours they wish on either/both Saturdays. For additional information, please contact Clara Kosloff or visit [www.rebuildingtogetherhouston.org](http://www.rebuildingtogetherhouston.org).

## *Trembling Before G-d*



Welcome M.A.T.

encourages you to join us Sunday, Apr 11 after church for the seventh film in our series. The film will be Trembling before G-D. Two hot-button issues -- homosexuality and religion -- are thrust together in this revealing documentary. Gay and lesbian Jews who have been cast off by their families and by religious figures are interviewed in major metropolitan areas across the globe.

**Sunday, April 11, 12:30 p.m., after Church, Delaney Hall, Room 205/206**

A selection of sandwiches and iced tea will be available for lunch in the room for a donation. Childcare is provided free of charge, but please help us plan adequately for childcare needs by calling the Church at (713) 782-8250 by Thursday, April 8. The film is approximately 84 minutes with discussion of the film afterwards.

**STANDING ON THE SIDE OF LOVE**

*"Our beloved community of faith, reason, and affection welcomes all to grow in mind and spirit as we build a better world."*

# SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE & MEMBER INFO

## Worship *Every Sunday 11:15 to 12:15*

**April 4:** *O Day of Joy and Gladness*

**April 11:** *A Future That's Worth Your Time*

**April 18:** *Youth Sunday*

**April 25:** *Earth Sunday: Honoring Our Beautiful Blue Boat Home—Emerson's rock band, Waldo, will play*

### IN MEMORIAM - Roger Small

August 11, 1923 – November 6, 2009

Roger and his wife of 63 years, Ellen, have been members of Emerson for 11 years. Roger was involved with the solstice and equinox services. He is survived by his wife; his daughter, Judith, and her husband, Robert Fitzgerald; his son, Rev. Frederick Small and his wife, Julie Wormser; and three grandchildren. A memorial service was held at Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church on March 6.

### IN MEMORIAM - Lloyd Elliott

October 15, 1924 – February 27, 2010

Lloyd and his wife, Margie, are recent members of Emerson. Lloyd's first wife, Martha, died in 1979. He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Margie; his children, Thomas L. Elliott and Martha Chapman; stepchildren, Greg E. Lohse and Jon C. Lohse; six grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren. A memorial service was held at Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church on March 12.

### IN MEMORIAM - Turhan Taner

April 10, 1927 - February 6, 2010

Turhan and his wife were active members of Emerson from 1965 to 1986. He was survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Jeffrey and Andrea Taner and John and Julie Taner; his daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Christopher Harris; his sister Turcan Sozeri; and five grandchildren. His memorial service was held at Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church on March 21.

## Sunday Schedule

### Westwood Hall

**9:00 - 9:45**

Intergenerational Orchestra

**10:00 - 11:00**

Adult Religious Education

### Delaney Hall

**10:00 - 12:30**

Infant and Toddler Care

**10:00 - 11:00**

Children/Youth Religious Education

**11:15 - 12:15**

Worship Service  
2nd Hour Programming for Children/Youth

## Ongoing Sunday Activities

### First Sunday

**Newcomer Discussion** 10:00 Westwood Foyer

**Lunch** after the Service in Westwood Hall \$6

### Second Sunday

**Food Sunday** Bring non-perishable items / Special Collection

**Welcome M.A.T.** 12:30 205-206 Delaney Hall

### Third Sunday

**Exploration Sunday** Special Adult Religious Education programming offers various topics

**Lunch** after the Service in Westwood Hall \$6

**Newcomers Fellowship** Look for the special table at lunch.

### Fourth Sunday

**SEARCH Sandwich Project** in Westwood Hall

## Wheel Of Life

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to the following:

- John Homier who had knee surgery
- Barbara Crotty who broke her arm
- Pam Bass who broke her ankle. Pam is staying with her daughter in Austin, whose address is:  
196 Lonely Pine Cove, Driftwood, Texas 78619
- Marian Chacko who has torn knee ligaments and may need surgery

Jean Binder died March 14, after a long battle with congestive heart failure. Jean and George Binder were active members at Emerson years ago.

This page is full of ideas for all. Pick an activity and get involved today!!

## APRIL ACTIVITIES

### *Stitchers*

Every Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. - Delaney Hall  
Contact: Phyllis Burchfiel

### *Choir Rehearsal*

Every Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. - Sanctuary  
Contact: Bonnie Wellington

### *First Friday Night Movie*

Friday, April 2, 7:15 p.m. Social and 7:30 p.m.  
Movie Begins - Room 205-206. Up In the Air -

If you missed all the Oscar hoopla, you are the only ones who don't know this movie was nominated for "Best Movie," George Clooney was nominated for "Best Actor," and it was greatly acclaimed as a "movie of the time," Clooney stars as a Transition Specialist, formerly known as a hatchet man! \$2 donation.  
Contact: Joann Hendrick

### *Sandwiches for SEARCH*

Thursday, April 8, 10:30 a.m. - Westwood Hall  
Sunday, April 25, after church Help make 50 sack lunches for SEARCH. We welcome all volunteers.  
Contact: Barbara Hopkins

### *Women's Evening Book Group*

Wednesday, April 14, 7:30 p.m. - The Group will be discussing Don't Sleep, There Are Snakes, by Daniel L. Everett. Next month's book is The Geography of Bliss by Eric Weiner. Contact: Jill Rose

### *Pathways Class*

Wednesday, April 14, 7:00 to 9:00 pm Delaney Hall Room 204. Come meet one of our ministers and learn more about Unitarian Universalism. Find out all that Emerson has to offer you. Childcare is provided free of charge, but please help us plan adequately for childcare needs by calling the Church at (713) 782-8250 by April 12.

### *Men's Book Club*

Wednesday, April 14, 6:30 p.m. - Lambo's Restaurant, 6159 Westheimer. The book of the month is: Gone for Soldiers: A Novel of the Mexican War by Jeff Shaara. May's book is: Vicksburg 1863 by Winston Groom. Contact: Bill Burchfiel

### *Daytime Book Club*

Thursday, April 15, 10:30 a.m. - Westwood Hall  
This month's book is Guilty Pleasures by Laurel Hamilton. Next month's book is A Parchment of Leaves by Syllas House. All book lovers are welcome! Contact: Jo Irwin

### *Covenant Group*

Wednesday, April 28, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., Library, upstairs Delaney Hall. Contact : Nancy Lipp

## ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - EVERY SUNDAY 10:00-11:00

April 4 - Easter Sunday - No Adult Religious Education

April 11 - Director of Religious Education Search Process - Jay Jackson

April 18 - Exploration Sunday - Interest groups meet in Delaney Hall and Westwood Hall

April 25 - TBA - Please check the April Adult Religious Education flyer

## Youth Religious Education Is Hopping in April!

Apr. 4 is Easter. There will be no 10:00 programming this day - childcare only. But we will celebrate Easter during the 11:15 service. Children will attend the first part of the service and THEN we will all gather in Schweitzer Hall for Easter activities complete with the EASTER BUNNY.

In partnership with the Social Action Committee, we are collecting CANNED FOOD up to and including Apr. 4. We'll use the cans for our Easter Can Hunt. Children



will find the cans and trade them in for little eggs filled with goodies. We'll search by age groupings and we'll also be dyeing eggs and creating other springtime crafts. Preschoolers accompanied by parents are more than welcome.

So bring your canned food to Westwood Hall beginning March 21 - Apr. 4. Your donations will then be delivered to the Houston Food Bank after the April 4th activities.

### YOUTH R.E.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

April 18 Youth Service

May 2 Coming of Age Service



Save a Tree - If you would prefer to receive newsletter by email or not at all, contact: Molly, 713-782-8250

### Public Relations News

Newsletter submission deadline : **Tuesday April 20.**

For more information on any item in the newsletter, please consult our website at [www.emersonhouston.org](http://www.emersonhouston.org)

### Everything Else

#### *Welcome Molly Martin!*

New Office Administrator for Communications

We are happy to announce we have a new full-time employee, Molly Martin. Molly has a degree in English Literature and has been in the business communications field for seven years. She's visited Emerson a number of times, and is interested in Unitarianism and Buddhism. She lives nearby with her husband, dog, and cat.



#### **MEMORIAL FOR LEE HILL**

The Emerson sixth and seventh grade class planted two little Satsuma trees in memory of Lee Hill in the Memorial Garden. Lee was their teacher the first semester of this year and was well liked by all the students. They have each attached meaningful messages to the trees and their hope is to have many good oranges that will give them memories of Lee in the years to come.

#### **UU Houston Spring Music Festival**

The annual UU Houston Spring Music Festival will take place at The Fellowship on Wirt Road, Saturday, May 1, 3:00-9:00 PM.

UU musicians, vendors, jugglers, belly dancers and such will perform outdoors. Family friendly, with hot-dogs, popcorn, ice-cream. Bring the cooler and lawn chairs. Celebrate Spring with 300 UUs. More info at [www.uuhouston.org](http://www.uuhouston.org).



#### UniTunes Coffeehouse

**Susan Werner**

**Sat, April 3, 7:30 p.m.**

**\$13/advance; \$15/door**

**[www.unitunes.org](http://www.unitunes.org)**

#### **ON THE HORIZON....**

Two wider events in Unitarian Universalism are on the horizon. The first is the annual meeting of UU congregations in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Arkansas, April 23-25 in north Dallas. See [www.swuuc.org](http://www.swuuc.org) for more details. The second is the annual meeting of the continental Association in Minneapolis, June 23-27. See [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org). Credential cards are available in the church office.