

the emersonian

"If you read it here, consider yourself invited"

November 2009



Crop Walk, November 1, 2 pm

There is still time to pledge your support to your favorite Emersonian walking in the Crop Walk. Proceeds benefit Interfaith Ministries' Meals on Wheels as well as international hunger relief projects. Make On-line contributions at www.cropwalkonline.org (Emerson UU Church). Last year we had 65 Walkers, the largest team in Houston, and raised \$6,000. Our goal this year is \$10,000.

Donate now! As a community, we can make a difference!

Pathways Class

Wednesday, November 11th, 7:00 to 9:00 Delaney Hall Room 204.

Come meet one of our ministers and learn more about Unitarian Universalism and how we at Emerson seek to build a community. 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 Monday, November 9.

Sunday, November 8,
1 pm, Room 205
Presents the Movie



BEFORE STONEWALL

For more details, see the Adult Ed Board or our website.

A catered lunch will be available in Westwood Hall before the showing and you are encouraged to bring your meal to the movie.

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, November 5th.

An EPIC Event

Saturday November 14, 2009

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm Westwood Hall

Wine Tasting: Sommelier Iris Allen of Iris by the Glass will present 'Wines for your Holiday Table' with our pot-luck dinner. There will be a small charge, based on attendance, so please RSVP to Alisha Loftin. Childcare is available. So we can plan for your childcare needs, please call Nancy at the church (713) 782-8250. For more information, contact Alisha Loftin.

Circle Dinners in homes on Saturday, November 21

Join our Circle Dinner groups. We meet in homes in different parts of our city and everyone brings a part of the meal.

To get assigned to a host home contact Gwen Essinger.



UniTunes Coffeehouse

Presents

Chris Collins and
Across the Water

Saturday, November 7, 7:30 p.m.

\$13 in advance or \$15 at the door

www.unitunes.org



Sunday Mornings

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

November 1: *The Spirituality of the Senses: Touch*

November 8: *A Brief History of Individuality*

November 15: *Come Learn About Unitarian
Universalism and Bring a Friend*
Waldo will play

November 22: *It All Begins with Gratitude*

November 29: *Global Banquet: Who is at the
Table?* Guest Pulpit Speaker Wilson Arabie
- Emerson Member

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

Wheels Of Life

Our heartfelt condolences to Mitch Froelich on the death of his mother in Wisconsin on October 21st .

Adult Education *Every Sunday 10:00-11:00*

November 1 - *Well, I belong to this church...* -
Committee on Ministry

November 8 - *Bible Stories for Grown-Ups -
Session 3: Kings, Prophets, and Messiahs* -
Laura Emerson

November 15 - *Exploration Sunday, Book Club,
Poetry, UU History, Being One with Mother
Earth, Parents as a Spiritual Guide*

November 22 - *Where does third world
development begin? ANSWER: A model
program in Nepal* - Earle Canfield.

November 29 - Thanksgiving - No Program

Ongoing Sunday Activities

First Sunday

Newcomer Discussion 10:00 Westwood foyer

Lunch after the Service is in Westwood Hall \$6

Young Adult Discussion Group
during Lunch Upstairs; Westwood Hall

Second Sunday

Food Sunday

Bring Non-perishable items / Special Collection

Lunch after the Service is in Westwood Hall \$6

Welcome M.A.T. 1:00 pm 205-206 Delaney Hall

Third Sunday

Exploration Sunday

Adult Ed at 10:00 offers various topics

Lunch after the Service is in Westwood Hall \$6

Newcomers Fellowship

Look for the special table at lunch.

Fourth Sunday

SEARCH Sandwich Project in Westwood Hall

RE HAPPENINGS – for Children & Youth

November 2nd Hour Programming (for K – 5th graders)

Nov. 1 We'll sing some great songs, share our Halloween experiences and then weather permitting - play and snack time outside.

Nov. 8: Our Senior High Group will lead the festivities this Sunday. They'll help us begin a 2nd hour social action project. Play and snack time outside.

Nov. 15 December is coming soon. We'll get a head's up on the festivities being planned from "Hanging of the Greens", Mitten Trees and the ever popular Christmas pageant. Play and snack time outside.

Nov. 22 This Sunday we'll experience the UU Kids' version of a "Bread Communion." We'll get in the mood and fill up on the spirit of Thanksgiving. Play and snack time outside.

Nov. 29 A fifth Sunday. It's all playtime with our Guardian Angels this Sunday after TDay.

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

Stitchers

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

Choir Rehearsal

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

First Friday Movie

Friday, November 6, 7:15 p.m. Social and 7:30 p.m. Movie Begins - Room 205-206
CHERI featuring Michelle Pfeiffer. Think: aging courtesan, wonderful scenery, young man, beautiful costumes, love? Join a group for a relaxing evening. December's Movie is All of Me starring Lily Tomlin. Join us for movie, refreshments, and friends. Contact: Leticia Anderson

Women's Night Book Group

Wednesday, November 11, 7:30 p.m. - Library The Group will be discussing Passing Strange: a Gilded Age Tale of Love and Deception Across the Color Line by Martha Sandweiss A white man passes for black, maintaining the deception for many years. A true story. It seems like an interesting twist. Contact: Jill Rose

Sandwiches for SEARCH

Thursday, November 12, 10:30 a.m.- Westwood Hall Help make 50 sack lunches for SEARCH. We welcome all volunteers. Contact: Barbara Hopkins

Men's After Breakfast

Saturday, November 14, 8:45 a.m. - 205-206 Delaney Hall Sigsby Rusk will present a graphic and video program on "Cell Mechanisms the Most Amazing Factory in the World". Everyone is welcome. Contact: Sigsby Rusk

EPIC Lunch/Playdate

Wednesday, November 18, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm Room 209 Open to all Parents. Let's get together with our kids (or without) Bring a dish or a beverage to share. contact Alisha Loftin

Daytime Book Club

Thursday, November 19, 9:30 a.m. for coffee and conversation, the discussion starts at 10:00 Book selection to be announced. Contact: Jo Irwin

November Activities

CANDIDATE LIST FOR OPEN POSITIONS

The Nominations Committee presents the candidate list for the Board of Trustees, the Committee on Ministry, and Nominations Committee. The election will be held during the Congregational Meeting in January. Yours in faith, Christel Collins (chair), Phyllis Burchfiel, Chris Collins, Beverly Hanson, Kim Howard, Sherle Watson

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Gabe Gelb (three years)
Barb Adams (three years)
Bob Hopkins (one year)
Beth Hill (three years)

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

- Valerie Blair (two years)
Dick Cheney (two years)
Betsy Gelb (one year)
Rachel Shada (two years)

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

- Megan Evans (two years)
Will Irwin (two years)
Clara Kosloff (one year)
Eric Watson (two years)
Judy Williams (two years)

Per the bylaws additional qualified church members may be nominated for any position by a petition signed by 15 Voting Members of the church and submitted to the Nominations Committee (Christel Collins) at least 35 days before the next annual meeting (January 17, 2010).

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

For more information on any item in the newsletter, please consult our website at www.emersonhouston.org

The Board of Trustees have set the following dates:

December 6th after Church is the Congregational Meeting to review the 2010 Budget

January 17th is the Congregational Annual Meeting

Public Relations News

The next Emersonian will have a Quarterly Insert and the submission deadline is **Tuesday November 17th**.

Shop the Bookstore - The Emerson Bookstore is brimming with new books for fall including UU poet Mary Oliver's new book *Evidence*, and poetry by Naomi Shihab Nye, who was mentioned by Becky a few Sundays. A new selection of UU bumper stickers and gifts have arrived too.

Come in and browse before or after the service!

The Emerson High School-aged Youth are **hosting a District-wide Rally** on Martin Luther King weekend, January 2010. We will be welcoming nearly 100 Youth.

We are asking for volunteers from the Emerson Congregation to participate in a Potluck Supper on Saturday January 16th. We would like the Guest Chefs to join us for the Saturday evening meal! The Emerson Youth will be in the Gathering Place on Sundays in November before Thanksgiving to recruit Guest Chefs



Save a Date:

**Hanging of the Greens
is December 4th, 7 pm**

Emerson Memories Needed for 50th Celebration!

If you have any photographs, video recordings or other mementos of historical Emerson events we would like to hear from you. Please contact Carole Huelbig. All materials will be carefully copied and returned.