



**Thoreau Woods  
Unitarian Universalist  
Church**

## **THE ORACLE**

*"Conscience is an oracle of the  
Divinity" - William Ellery Channing*

We welcome everyone to our  
congregation, recognizing no  
distinction of class, nationality, race,  
gender, or sexual orientation.

**We now have child care  
beginning at 9:15 AM until the  
end of the Sunday morning  
service. You may leave your  
child with the two caregivers or  
choose to have them with you in  
the service.**



**Month of September 2016**

**Sunday, September 4**

**George Roth**

**" Paradise Reimagined: John Milton, the English Civil War, and the New Iconoclasts"**

**Let's take a look at our images, the belief behind them, and what they may mean in our lives, using the iconoclasts of the Revolutionary Puritans of the English Civil War as our guide.**

**George is a church member. Air Force brat. Born in St. John's, Newfoundland. Raised in France and England, and at various Air Force bases in the U.S. High school in Dickinson, TX, graduating in 1969 (a very good year). Went to sea as a merchant seaman traveling around the world collecting experiences, good and bad. Went back to school in 1997 at San Antonio College at the University of TX at San Antonio to see if I was as smart as I thought I was (the jury is still out). However, I did not graduate. Since 2003 I've been a "backwoods Bohemian" living on ten acres of forest in a house I built myself, reading extensively.**



**Sunday, September 11**

**Rev. Adam Robinson**

**"WATER COMMUNION"**

**“The fish in the water is silent,  
the animals on the earth is noisy,  
the bird in the air is singing.  
But man has in him the silence of the sea,  
the noise of the earth  
and the music of the air.”**



**“The meaning of our self**

is not to be found in its separateness  
from God and others,  
  
but in the ceaseless realisation of yoga,  
  
of union.”

“The newer people,  
  
of this modern age,  
  
are more eager to amass than  
  
to realize.”

Someone grouped together these three quotations from, Rabindranath Tagore into one calling it one poem. Even though they are actually from three separate works by Tagore, I think that the person who lumped them together was on to something.

It is once again my privilege to join you for your annual Water Communion. As you bring your separate waters this Sunday to be gathered into a common vessel let us consider these words from Tagore and consider the gathering of our lives into the common vessel of this church family,

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**Sunday, September 18**

**This Sunday is Fellowship Sunday. That means we will have a briefer worship service that includes all the things we usually do except for the talk or sermon. We may discuss items for future activities in the time freed up**

**After the service and discussion is finished we will say grace and enjoy a potluck lunch. Even if you are a visitor or someone who forgot to bring food, you are invited to lunch with us. There is always an abundance of food and you are always welcome!**



**Sunday, September 25**

**Sue Young**

**"Sufism - the Path of Love"**

Sufism is often defined as the mystical dimension of Islam. Its goal is to achieve intimacy with the Divine. Sue Young has been a student of Sufism since 2000 and she'll share some of her knowledge and experiences through story and song, drawing on Sufi practices and traditions as well as the ecstatic poets Rumi and Hafiz.

Sue has been a performing songwriter since 1979 and is on the Texas Commission On The Arts Artist Roster. She has entertained thousands of kids at schools and libraries with her bilingual shows of songs and stories. Sue performs with songwriter Rusty Nelson as the Folk/Americana duo Young & Rusty.



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**\*\*\*\*\*VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES\*\*\*\*\***

**Sunday Morning Programs** If you are willing to be the meeting leader, introduce the speaker, read a story or reading (you may provide your own story/reading or read one that has been selected for you), be a greeter, treat the speaker to lunch, please contact Pam Johnson or email [info@twuuc.org](mailto:info@twuuc.org). Sign-up is for an individual week.

**Order of Service** If you are willing to take over the weekly OOS, please let Anne True know.

**Worship Committee** If you are willing to be on the Worship Committee, please let Pam Johnson know.

**Religious Education** If you would like to help with RE, please talk to Beth Williamson at 295-3170.

**Building and Grounds** If you would like to help maintain the building and/or grounds, please contact Paul Culp at [culp@shsu.edu](mailto:culp@shsu.edu).

**Coffeehouse** If you would like to help with the coffeehouse, please contact Pam Johnson via email at [pamjohnson05@suddenlink.net](mailto:pamjohnson05@suddenlink.net) or call 936-661-4313936-661-4313. We need help with admission table, kitchen, setup and teardown during the event, as well as bakers.



**Wish these members and friends  
born in September a HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!**

**If you have a September  
birthday, let us know!**

**Lee Stringer's Birthday is Sept. 5**

**betwil@aol.com**

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EVENTS



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The Chamber of Commerce website has an excellent community calendar:  
<http://huntsvilletx.chambermaster.com/events/>.

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## Thoreau Woods Coffeehouse



### Ryanhood with Young & Rusty opening Saturday, September 24 @ 7 pm, doors open 6:30

Named 'Best Group/Duo' in the 2014 International Acoustic Music Awards, acoustic-duo **Ryanhood** got their first break more than a decade ago as street-performers at Boston's Quincy Market. They've since gone on to perform more than 800 shows in 42 U.S. states over the past decade and have shared stages with Jason Mraz, Matt Nathanson, Train, American Authors, and have even been tweeted about by Ellen DeGeneres. Cameron Hood's rich and folksy lead vocals, Ryan Green's explosive guitar and mandolin riffs, and their airtight vocal harmonies prompted the *Arizona Daily Star* to call them, "a match made in radio heaven." Their fifth and newest album, *Start Somewhere*, finds the band returning to the intimate storytelling and acoustic guitar interplay that was a hallmark of their early work as buskers. They currently reside in their hometown of Tucson, AZ, where they have won more than a dozen Tucson Music Awards including "Best Folk Band" and "Best Rock Band" (you can decide for yourself which is most accurate). For more information, go to <http://www.ryanhood.com/>.

**Young and Rusty** is a Folk and Americana duo from Austin, Texas. Sue Young's pure voice and Rusty Nelson's rough edged vocals combine in a perfect blend. The songs and sound on their debut recording *Back Road Love* evoke a simpler time; cruising down a country road, wading in a cool creek, or taking a ferry boat ride across the Mississippi. "...the songs speak for themselves... From Irish flavored toe tappers like "Back Road Love" to ballads and love songs "Take Me" the record is polished and tight." – Tom Tranchilla, Host: Songwriters Studio, KPFT 90.1 FM, Houston, Texas. For more information, go to, <http://www.youngandrusty.com/>.



#### Upcoming Concerts

October 15: B. Sterling with Sandra Odom opening  
November 19: Paper Moon Shiners

#### Suggested donation:

\$15, \$10 students/seniors, Coffee & desserts available  
For more information visit website  
[twuuc.org/Coffeehouse.html](http://twuuc.org/Coffeehouse.html)  
or call (936) 661-6332

#### 144 E. Mosley Lane, Huntsville, TX

From I-45S: Take exit 112, go north on Hwy. 75 (Sam Houston Ave.). Shortly after you pass Southwood Dr., you will take a right on E. Mosley Lane. From I-45N: Take exit 114, go east on FM 1374 (Montgomery Rd.) to Hwy. 75 (Sam Houston Ave.). Go right. After you pass junction Hwy 19, go .8 mile and take a left on E. Mosley Lane. The church is the last building on the right.

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