



**Thoreau Woods  
Unitarian Universalist  
Church  
May 2018**

## **THE ORACLE**

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

***Paraphrase of a quote from Henry David Thoreau, for whom our church is named.***

***"If we do not keep pace with our companions, perhaps it is because we march to the sound of a different drummer. Let us step to the music that we hear, however measured or far away."***

**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.**

**Month May 2018**

**Sunday, May 6, 2018**

**T J George**

**Passion and the Human Spirit  
Making a Difference, Living life that matters,  
and Extruding Passion**

**TJ is an award winning songwriter that has written for television and movie. He has written with multiple top ten hit makers. He has multiple solo CDs, Melodic Groove, Abilene and Fragmented Soul: Volume 1, respectively. TJ also has a CD which is a shared effort with fellow songwriter, Jasey Schnaars, titled TJC-One. His newest solo release, titled Fragmented Soul: Volume 1 is for sale via digital download.**

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**TJ has shared the stage with award winning songwriters and international touring artists such as Jesse Terry, Rebecca Loebe, Raina Rose, David Berkeley, Robby Hecht, Korby Lenker and Kate Klim. TJ has recently opened for artists such as Kenny White, Maxwell Hughes of The Lumineers and touring artist Joe Crookston.**



**Sunday, May 13, 2018**

**Rev. Adam Robinson**

**"My Grands"**

**This Mother's Day I'd like to share some stories about both of my grandmothers. They were and still are very influential in my life. Maybe my stories of them will inspire and encourage you. Maybe my reminiscing will cause you to think back to those mothers and grandmothers who have guided and shaped you. I can't think of a better way to honor all of those mothers in our lives than to share with each other and them how much they mean to us.**



**Sunday, May 20, 2018**

**Byrd & Street**

**"On the Path to Mindfulness and How Past Experiences Affect the Here and Now"**

**References include quotes from: The Wizard of Oz; a song by the band, America; the book, Dance of a Fallen Monk; Jesus (Book of Thomas); lyrics to "The Road " by Tommy Byrd.**

**Audiences are in for a treat with Austin duo Byrd & Street noted for their "impeccable male/female harmony," "solid first-class songwriting" and lively stories about their songs, performed with guitar, autoharp, glockenspiel, pianica, and a percussive cabasa. Four-time nominees for Texas Music Awards and three- time Kerrville Festival New Folk finalists, their songs have been recorded by other artists, including Paul Stookey of Peter, Paul and Mary. They have been Officially Showcased at SW Regional Folk Alliance and their CD's have made the Folk DJ "Best of Year" Charts, FAR Charts and the Texas Roots Charts. Their 4th CD, Words and Music was #2 on the Texas Roots Charts and was 4 months**



on the Folk DJ Charts. It was also listed on "Top Records of 2014" at stations WVPE, WGCS and KEOS, and was a "favorite of 2015" at KEOS. Their newest and 5th album THIS MUCH IS TRUE charted for 3 months and then made the "2017 Folk DJ Top Albums of the Year Charts," with Byrd & Street making the "2017 Folk DJ's Top Artists of the Year Chart." It has been selected for "Top Albums of 2017" at KBAC in Santa Fe.

**Sunday, May 27, 2018**

On Fellowship Sunday, we have a briefer service and no sermon, in order to sit down and share a potluck lunch. Please bring something to eat and something to share. There are also open mike opportunities if you have thoughts to share with us.

Our adult religious education is taking a break until September. If you would like a particular topic to be discussed or would like to lead a discussion of of topic, please contact Beth Williamson. First meeting at 9:30 AM will be on September 9.



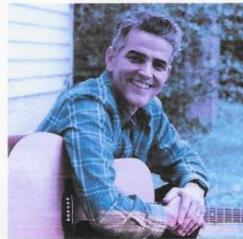
**Happy Birthdays to those born in May!**

**If you have a May birthday, please tell the editor!**

**Sunisa Gillespie May 27**



**Thoreau Woods Coffeehouse  
at Wine Down  
Downtown Huntsville Courthouse Gazebo  
corner of University Avenue & 12<sup>th</sup> St.  
Thursday May 3, 2018**



**5-5:45 John Toland Trio** East Texas native, John Toland is a singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist whose style bends genres between Southern Rock, Soul, Funk and Blues. His soulful voice combined with driving rhythms, powerful melodies and passionate lyrics form a sound and experience unique to this young artist. John hopes to continue to help create and be a part of the grass roots movement to defy current convention and the status quo to bring good, honest, heartfelt music to the people who are starving to hear it.

**6-6:45 Jordi Baizan** Based in Houston, Jordi was born into an international and musical family. With his distinctive voice and songwriting, Jordi has the ability to connect with the mind and the heart of the listener. A life of reading, global travel, and multicultural experiences enhance Jordi Baizan's songwriting along with musical influences as varied as Bob Dylan, Neil Young, Jeff Tweedy (of Wilco), and the folk music of the USA, Mexico, Cuba, and Spain. Jordi has experienced growing recognition from audiences on the radio and in some of the best listening room venues in the country.

**7-8:45 TJ George** is an award winning songwriter that has written for television and movie. He has written with multiple top ten hit makers. TJ's influences are a fusion of Pop, R&B, Folk and Blue-Eyed Soul to create what he calls Melodic Groove. He performs nationally and is taking his brand of Melodic Groove to an unlimited audience. TJ recently performed for the nationally distributed 'Songs at the Center' on PBS and also effectively delivered a Tedx which weaved music and a personal story that connected with folks universally. TJ has shared the stage with award winning songwriters and international touring artists such as Jesse Terry, Rebecca Loebe, Raina Rose, David Berkeley, Robby Hecht, Korby Lenker and Kate Klim. TJ has recently opened for artists such as Kenny White, Maxwell Hughes of The Lumineers and touring artist Joe Crookston.

Sound provided by Greg Picket

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

**Sunday Morning Programs** If you are willing to be the meeting leader, guest speaker, or read a story for all ages, please contact Pam Johnson or email [info@twuuc.org](mailto:info@twuuc.org)

**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 [pammoon41@aim.com](mailto:pammoon41@aim.com) or call James at 936-661-6332 We need help with admission table, kitchen, setup and teardown during the event, as well as bakers

• **Membersio/Outreach Committee**--We still need volunteers to handle a more organized way of greeting people, providing assistance to members who are ill, and outreach to the community.

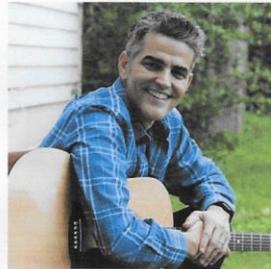


## Thoreau Woods Coffeehouse



### Byrd & Street

with Jordi Baizan opening



**Saturday, May 19, 2018 @ 7 pm**

**Doors open 6:30**

**Byrd & Street:** 2011 New Folk Finalists at the Kerrville Folk Festival, this Americana Acoustic Duo also performed as New Folk Finalists at Kerrville in 2009, and were 3-time Regional Winners. They were nominated for a 2009 Texas Music Award as Outstanding Vocal Duo. Paul Stookey (Peter, Paul & Mary) recently completed a YouTube video of one of their songs, "Let Me Be Your Friend" for Pet Connect. Among their many awards is first place in the Country category in the 2006 Austin Songwriter's Group contest.

Before joining forces with Kathy Street, Tommy Byrd played with The Geezinslaws, sang harmony with Willie Nelson, and won numerous songwriting awards, including the Song of Austin. Kathy sang with folk and pop groups, a sister's quartet, and performed in musicals and cabarets. Together they've created award-winning music that has made Top Albums and Top Artists on Folk DJ Playlists. Byrd's earthy vocals intertwined with Street's sweet pure voice create the remarkably tight harmonies that have become their trademark.

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Suggested donation: \$20/\$15 students and seniors, all proceeds to artists. Coffee & desserts available, 144 E. Mosley Lane, Huntsville, TX. For more information visit website [twuuc.org/Coffeehouse.html](http://twuuc.org/Coffeehouse.html), email [pammoon41@aim.com](mailto:pammoon41@aim.com) or call (936) 661-6332.

**Next at Johnson Studio House Concerts:** June 24 Hans York

**Next Thoreau Woods Coffeehouse:** August 18 Jacob Johnson with Neal Katz opening

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