



**Thoreau Woods
Unitarian Universalist
Church
June 2018**

THE ORACLE Today is the first Sunday of church year 2018-

2019

"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 June 2018

Sunday, June 3, 2018

"COMMON SENSE GUN CONTROL"

Mr. Stephenson wrote and published a booklet titled "Common Sense Gun Control" in 2015 and sent copies to the Clinton campaign and other gun control groups. The book is part of a "Common Sense" series of books, hence the title, however the phrase is now commonly used by those opposing gun violence. The book has been updated twice since then.



The powerpoint illustrated sermon will briefly review current federal gun laws, will note misconceptions concerning guns, and

will give recommendations for measures to help prevent gun violence, including needed legislation.

Mr. Stephenson is the descendent of a very long line of German Blacksmiths and gunsmiths who immigrated to this country in 1717 and fought in the Revolutionary War with General Washington and in most wars since. He is a licensed Gunsmith who has grandchildren and great grandchildren who would like to see some common sense legislation and measures taken to protect our children as well as the public at large.

Sunday, June 10, 2018

Rev. Adam Robinson

"Entertaining Angels"

As he ends the book of Hebrews, in the Christian scriptures, the author begins a list of one-line admonitions and recommendations. Hebrews 13:1&2 (NIV) says "Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it."

As summer begins, we should remember people sometimes use this time to "church shop". This might be a good time for us to look at the spiritual practice of hospitality.



Adam lives down the road near the lake at Livingston and is one of our regular speakers.

Sunday, June 17, 2018

Anne True

"The Face of God, Part II"

Leviticus 19:1-2 reads "The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD, your God, am holy." In The Face of God, Part II, Anne will revisit a sermon she gave several years about how each person contains an image of God. She will also talk about difficulties in honoring this Holiness in such divisive times.

Anne True is a long-time member of Thoreau Woods Unitarian Universalist Church. Anne hates cooking, cleaning, sewing and anything having to do with the telephone. She enjoys eating, hiking, reading, traveling and nature watching. When she is not starting and abandoning dozens of household projects, she is reveling in her newfound status as the mother of a college graduate. Her credentials include a B.A. in chemistry from the University of California at Santa Barbara and a Ph.D. also in chemistry from Northwestern University – degrees which in no way shape or form qualify her to speak about religious topics



Sunday, June 24, 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. Vice President Pam Johnson will be recognizing Volunteers who have assisted in the services during 2017-2018.

Our Adult Religious

Education Group will be meeting again beginning on June 3 at 9:30 AM. Participants will be bringing breakfast items to share. If you would like a particular topic to be discussed or would like to lead a discussion of a topic, please contact Beth Williamson. First meeting at 9:30 AM will be on Sunday, June 3, 2018.



Happy Birthdays to those born in June!

If you have a June birthday, please tell the editor!

Dixon Lichtenauer June 19

*****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

Building and Grounds If you would like to help maintain the building and/or grounds, please contact Paul Culp at culp@shsu.edu

Coffeehouse If you would like to help with the coffeehouse, please contact Pam Johnson via email at 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

Membershio/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.

Johnson Studio House Concerts

The Johnson's 100th Concert

Hans York

June 24, 2018 Sunday

5 P M Optional potluck 6 P M Concert

This German-born, award-winning, internationally acclaimed performing songwriter got his musical roots from being born into an occupied Germany and fed a rich diet of American music. His musical training and education enabled Hans' early success as a musical artist, playing first classical guitar-- then piano, percussion, bass, organ, and trumpet. He began as a bass player. Without any promise of a record contract and only a handful of American acquaintances, this adventurous musician set out to continue his career in a strange country. Traveling throughout America in what may be the longest continuous tour by a performing artist, Hans broadened his music to include more blues and even gospel influences. His songs can rock the house or soothe the soul and mind and are always played expertly by a master guitarist. The greatest joy with Hans York is not found by simply listening to his flawlessly produced albums; it is by watching and hearing him live. When Hans York walks onto a stage and embraces the audience with his warm, engaging smile, this begins an unforgettable evening of music and song.



About Johnson Studio House Concerts:
Suggested donation: \$10-\$20 (unattended donation can) These are private events and you must RSVP to pammoon41@aim.com or call 936 661-6332. You will receive the address after RSVP. If RSVPing or cancelling on day of concert please call or text. We may be too busy on concert day to check email. Producers of Thoreau Woods Coffeehouse wanted a more flexible and intimate venue. James is a professional musician with a Bachelor's

Degree in Music Education and Master's in Music Therapy. He teaches guitar at SHSU, and guitar, piano, ukulele, and bass privately at Johnson Studio. Pam handles the business end. For more information, go to johnsonstudiotexas.com/HouseConcerts.html

Thanks, Pam and James Johnson

**Coming up: Johnson Studio House Concerts:
July 21 Gary Paul (Pam's birthday party)
Thoreau Woods Coffeehouse: August 18.
Jacob Johnson with Neal Katz opening.**

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