

Thoreau Woods
Unitarian
Universalist
Church
August 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 August 2018

Sunday, August 5, 2018

Dr. Caroline Castillo Crimm

"When you Say Grace, Thank the Immigrants for Everything on Your Table"

Dr. Carolina Castillo Crimm, a native of Mexico, holds degrees from the University of Miami, Texas Tech and a PhD. From the University of Texas at Austin. Among her many books and articles is the award-winning *De León: A Tejano Family History* (2004). During her forty years in teaching, she has won numerous awards. She has recently retired and been honored as a Professor Emeritus from Sam Houston State University for her work with her students, her university and her



community. She lives in Huntsville, Texas with her husband, Jack.

Sunday, August 12, 2018

Rev. Adam Robinson

"Back to School Shopping"

Years ago I ran across an article in the Houston Chronicle and saved it for a totally unrelated reason. The article is about people going to George R Brown Convention Center to get supplies and other things taken care of before school starts. Looking back on it a quotation from it has inspired me.

That quotation:

Phil Snider came with his 5-year-old grandson, Jayden Celentano, for a bit of school orientation. "We want to get him inspired, so he'll get ideas about what's going to happen," Snider said of the youngster who starts kindergarten this month at Lovett Elementary in southeast Houston. I'd like to look at the act of getting ready for a new school year and take some inspiration from it for all of us, no matter how old or young a student of life we may be.

Ordained in 1992 at his childhood church, Maple Lawn Christian Church (Joliet, IL), Rev. Adam has always tried to be ready to share his ministerial gifts and abilities whenever and wherever they are called for. He has served as both a volunteer and paid minister in both churches and parachurch organizations. From his work with the homeless at the Inner Cities Ministries (Springfield IL) thru his time sharing with you all as a regular speaker in the pulpit at Thoreau Woods UU Church he has been shaped by the progressive revelation and discovery of the Divine he understands as God. He and his dog, Chewbarka (Chewy), enjoy country life at their home at Lakeside Village in rural San Jacinto County, Texas.



Sunday, August 19, 2018

Rabbi Neal Katz

"Unconditional Love-- A Jewish Response"

Rabbi Neal Katz has served as the rabbi of Congregation Beth El in Tyler, TX since his ordination from HUC-JIR in 2003. Originally from Virginia Beach, VA, Neal attended George Mason University in Fairfax, VA where he received his undergraduate degree in political science and did graduate work in counseling. Neal has spent about 2½ years in Israel as a student and working with tour groups.



Rabbi Neal Katz

In Tyler, Neal is involved in many non-profit agencies. He is the immediate past board chair of the Hospice of East Texas and the Samaritan Counseling Center of East Texas.

In addition, Neal serves on the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce Board, the Art of Peace committee, and he is on the statewide Board of the Texas Freedom Network.

Neal enjoys speaking to many different church and civic groups and is an adjunct teacher at UT Tyler, where he teaches an "Introduction to Judaism" course.

Neal is also a musician, with 4 solo CDs to his name. He has also been involved in numerous other CD projects and musical productions.

Sunday, August 26, 2018

On Fellowship Sunday, we have a briefer worship service and no sermon, in order to sit down and share a potluck lunch. There is time for discussion during the morning program. Please bring something to eat and something to share.

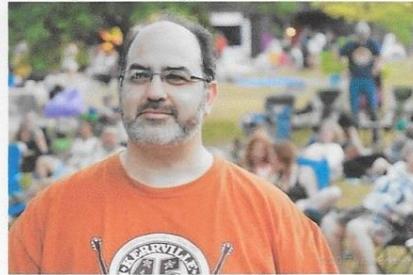




Thoreau Woods Coffeehouse



Jacob Johnson with Neal Katz opening



Saturday, August 18, 2018 @ 7 pm

Doors open 6:30

Jacob Johnson: Part virtuoso and part storyteller, you might say that Jacob Johnson does with a guitar what Gene Kelly did with dance. Although his songwriting has won awards and his guitar-playing has put him on stage with Tommy Emmanuel and Phil Keaggy, his ability as an entertainer is what has won fans throughout the southeast. He refers to himself as "a ham that just wants to be on stage" but he's much more than that. Jacob is an amazingly talented guitarist and songwriter which, combined with a bit of a personality, makes for a wildly impressive stage performance.

Neal Katz: Rabbi Neal Katz has served as the rabbi of Congregation Beth El in Tyler, TX since his ordination from HUC-JIR in 2003. Neal is also a musician, with 4 solo CDs to his name. He has also been involved in numerous other CD projects and musical productions.

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, email pammoon41@aim.com or call (936) 661-6332.

Next Thoreau Woods Coffeehouse:

September 15 Butch Hancock with Mandy Rowden opening

Happy Birthdays to those born in August!

If you have an August birthday, please tell the editor!

We have no August birthdays on file.

Book Reviews by Ann Staples

Circe and The Song of Achilles by Madeline Miller
Wonderful retelling of 2 Greek Myths

Sapiens- A Brief History of Humankind by Yuval Noah Harari
Richard Lane recommended this book to me

The President is Missing by Bill Clinton and James Patterson
fiction-- very good-- concerns a potential cyber attack

Unbelievable-- My Front Row Seat to the Craziest Campaign in American History by
Kathy Tur She was a reporter on Trump's campaign-- very good!

*******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.

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