



**Thoreau Woods  
Unitarian Universalist  
Church  
July 2018**

**THE ORACLE** July 1 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 July 2018**

**Sunday, July 1, 2018**

**"Reforming Marriage"**

**Rosanne Barker**



**Rosanne Barker is the new vice president of our congregation.**

**Dr. Rosanne Barker is Associate Professor of History at SHSU and is beginning her 27th year. Her teaching and research interests include Colonial and Revolutionary America, American women and gender, and American Death Ritual. Originally from California, she was raised in the UU church. She began**

attending TWUUC four years ago. Her spiritual practice is gardening and she escapes to the mountains in New Mexico whenever possible. She lives with one husband (Jeff Poehl), one Labrador retriever, and six cats.

Sunday, July 8, 2018

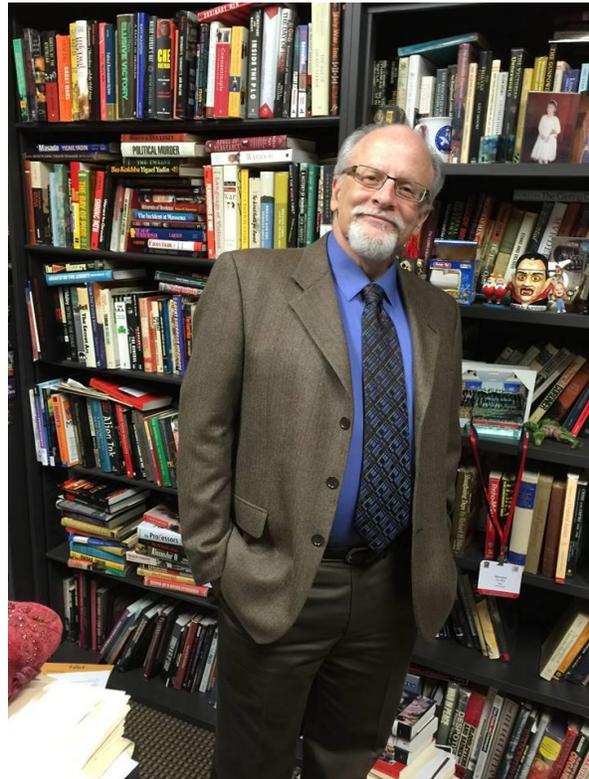
Dr. Mitchel Roth

"Convict Cowboys"

Dr. Roth has published a book about a former annual event in Huntsville, the prison rodeo.

Finally ended as there were fewer and fewer inmates with farm and ranch experience to participate in the rodeo and the grandstands got older and more dangerous, this event at which convict cowboys risked life and limb to entertain the public drew observers from up and down the I-45 corridor. There was even a prison rodeo band, conducted by the ubiquitous Harley Rex.

Roth's book is "Convict Cowboys: The Untold History of the Texas Prison Rodeo, The Wildest Show on Earth."



Sunday, July 15, 2018  
Rev. Jules Williams, Jr

"Trouble in the Land"

Terrible things are happening in our country.  
What can we do to help?

Reverend Williams is a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor (LCDC), equipped with multiple years of experience in the professional field; He has obtained his Master of Arts degree in Christian Education (MA/CE), and his Bachelor of Science



degree. He was an Adjunct Instructor of the Counseling Program at the LeBlanc Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice through Lamar State College.

He received a Master of Arts degree from Dallas Theological Seminary in Christian Education in 2014.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree from The College of Biblical Studies in Houston in 2009.

He is currently employed by the Windham School System inside the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, as director of the program working with the special preparations provided for each inmate who is in the process of being released back into "the free world."

His young adult daughter and 2 sons, Nia, Jules III and Mustapha are providing the opening music for this Sunday service. Seated to his right in the photo is his wife Kim.

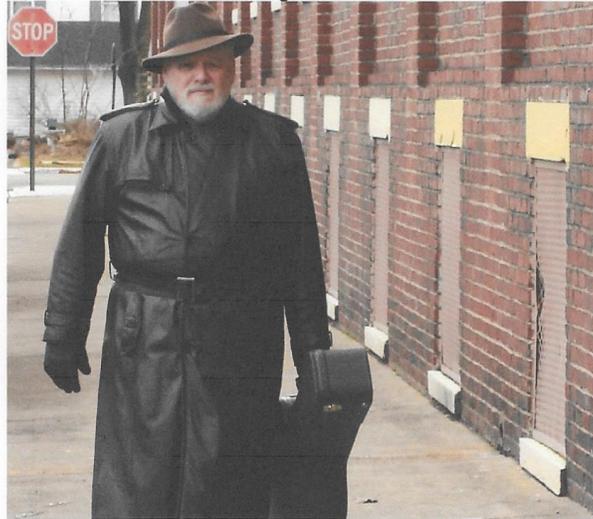
**Sunday, July 22, 2018**

**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.**



 **Johnson Studio House Concerts** 

**Gary Paul**



**July 21, Saturday**

**6 pm: Optional potluck, 7 pm: Concert**

With decades of professional experience as an actor and musician playing guitar and Fender bass in a wide variety of musical genres, it wasn't until 2001 that Gary began writing in earnest and not until the following year that he began performing his original songs. A Northeasterner by birth, he moved to Santa Fe, NM in 2010, where his writing took on a deeper perspective, focusing on his experiences on the road and incorporating influences from the American Southwest. He is a 2-time winner and 8-time nominee of the New Mexico Music Awards.

These are private events and you must RSVP to [pammoon41@aim.com](mailto:pammoon41@aim.com) or call 936-661-6332. You will receive address after RSVP. Suggested Donation: \$10-20. For more information, go to [johnsonstudiotexas.com/HouseConcerts.html](http://johnsonstudiotexas.com/HouseConcerts.html).

**Coming up:**

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

Sunday, July 29, 2018

**"Marching Home-- Union Veterans and Their Unending Civil War"**

**Dr. Brian Jordan**

**Dr. Jordan has a doctorate in history from Yale University, and 2 master's level degrees from Yale as well. He began his college career at Gettysburg College.**

**He will be discussing his book (see title above), a ground-breaking investigation examining the fate of Union veterans who won the war but couldn't bear the peace.**



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

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

**Connie Heiland July 3  
Rick Norman July 7  
Pam Johnson July 21**

Book Reviews by Ann Staples

Lucia-- A Venetian Life in the Age of Napoleon by Andrea Robilant  
very interesting and well researched by the author who is a distant relative

It's All Relative-- Adventures up and down the Family Tree by A. J. Jacobs  
Funny Genealogy and a Big Family Tree

Loot-- the Battle Over the Stolen Treasures of the Ancient World Sharon  
Waxman interlibrary loan

Rain-- A Natural and Cultural History by Cynthia Barnett. very interesting and  
essential for life.

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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

**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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