

Thoreau Woods
Unitarian
Universalist
Church
December 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 December 2018

Sunday, December 2, 2018

Dave Smith, Director of the Good Shepherd Mission

"How the Good Shepherd Mission Came to Exist"

The Good Shepherd Mission provides temporary housing, food for the hungry, clothing, job training, auto repairs, and other assistance to travelers passing through our community.

Dave has been the director of the Good Shepherd for a number of years and works to stretch money and services as far as possible.



December 9, 2018

Anne True

"Caught in the Crossfire"

Among any family, whether it is between relatives, Facebook friends, or even a church community, there are bound to be disagreements. And even if a person is not directly involved in a disagreement, simply being exposed to the arguments can cause stress and hurt feelings. In this talk, Anne will discuss acknowledging this hurt and how to start the healing process.



Anne True is a long-time member of Thoreau Woods Unitarian Universalist Church and is currently Secretary of the Board of the Church. Anne cannot stress enough how much she hates the domestic arts, and her house is a mish mash of unfinished projects.

Anne currently lives in Huntsville with her husband, her two youngest children and two cats. 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, December 16, 2018

Amanda Pascali

A Musical Sermon

Amanda Pascali, Renaissance woman and singer/songwriter, Amanda was born in Queens, New York and is based in Houston, Texas. Amanda's Immigrant American Folk Music showcases her traditional influences, but she is no copy of anyone. As the daughter of an Eastern European refugee with Sicilian heritage, Amanda writes with a sincerity which shows us that home is truly where the heart is. Accompanied by accordion player : "Uncle" Felix Lyons and violinist Addison Freeman, Amanda will release her trio's full-length debut album "And Yet It Moves" on December 21, 2018. Her music, as it has been played for packed houses in Italy, Romania, and the United States, delivers a powerful message on being "too foreign for here, too foreign for home, and never enough for both.



Guest at Your Table 2018

This year, join UUs around the country — and around the world — in welcoming a Guest at Your Table! For more than thirty years, the Guest at Your Table tradition has helped UU's build lasting connections to UU principles and support the movement for universal human rights. It is a simple and meaningful way to incorporate "faith in action" into your life. Guest at Your Table is for everyone! It includes a meaningful worship experience, religious education, and at-home learning for people of all age groups.

Getting to Know Your Guests: Over the next four weeks, participants get to know your special guests by reading aloud to family and friends real-life stories from *Stories of Hope*, which connect UUs to real people whose lives have been transformed by the shared struggle for human rights. You will also learn about UUSC's social-justice mission, which puts our shared principles into action. This year's Guest at Your Table theme is Justice Across Borders. From the Northern Triangle of Central America, to deserts of Mexico and Arizona, to detention centers in the

United States, the road away from danger is paved with injustices. Partnering with grassroots allies along the Central American migration trail, UUSC addresses root causes, supports migrants in transit, and protects the right to seek asylum.

Sharing with Your Guests: During Guest at Your Table, you or your family may also make daily contributions to your Guest at Your Table envelope, as if sharing with your special guests. When human-rights supporters share their blessings with UUSC during Guest at Your table they ensure that UUSC's vital work to advance social justice continues, year after year. You and your family members can also earn UUSC membership by giving at the membership level during Guest at Your Table.

Annual UUSC membership rates are \$40 for an individual, \$75 for dual membership, \$20 for a senior, and \$10 for a youth/student.

Our Guest at the Table Program will start on Sunday, December 2nd and end on Sunday, January 5th.

Sunday, December 23, 2018

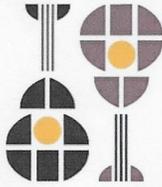
On Sunday, December 23 we will have a Christmas Party and potluck lunch. We will have our usual opening words and sing Christmas carols sit down and share a potluck lunch. Please bring food to share, and a wrapped white elephant gift if you wish to participate in the gift exchange.



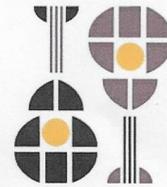
On Sunday, December 30, 2018, we will have potluck lunch and take down the Christmas tree. We will discuss New Year's resolutions and whether we should make them and brainstorm about topics we would like to hear sermons about.



Johnson Studio House Concerts



Amanda Pascali



December 15 (Saturday), 2018

6 pm: Christmas party/potluck, 7 pm: Concert

Come celebrate Christmas with the Johnsons! The house is all decorated, we will provide some hot wassail, chili, cornbread, salad and drinks. Bring hors d'oeuvres or dessert to share.

We met Amanda Pascali at SWRFA and she really impressed us as an up and coming artist. She is a 20 year old singer-songwriter, born in Queens, NY and living in Houston TX. She's currently studying science and engineering at UofH along with traveling across the world and documenting those travels as songs, stories, and poetry. She believes that art and science should not be binary, that there is a certain beauty in the truth, and that the world deserves to know the truth, whether it is delivered through song, story, innovation, or scientific research. She opened for us at the coffeehouse in April 2017.

These are private events and you must RSVP to 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.

Coming up:

Johnson Studio House Concerts: January 20, 2019 Andrew Delaney

Thoreau Woods Coffeehouse: February 16 Vellamo with Rupert Wates opening

Happy Birthdays to those born in December!

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

Linda Parks December 5

Mary Welborn December 28

Book Reviews by Ann Staples

From Here to Eternity-- Traveling the World to Find the Good Death by Caitlin Doughty-- Mexico, Colorado, North Carolina, Spain, Japan, Bolivia, and California
Joshua Tice

Misquoting Jesus-- the Story Behind Who Changed the Bible and Why by Bart Ehrman Recommended by Anne True Discusses Changes Down Through the Ages in the New Testament

The Feather Thief-- Beauty, Obsession and the Natural History Heist of the Century. By Kirk Wallace Johnson. This book epitomizes the statement "Truth is Stranger Than Fiction. It deals with a brilliant young man, rare birds and their feathers, and the obsession of fly-tying enthusiasts to have rare feathers, a museum heist and.....

*******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 Rosanne Barker his rmb@shsu.edu 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

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.

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