



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 March 2019

Sunday, March 3, 2019

Dr. Rosanne Barker



How Pure Were Puritans?

Rosanne Barker is the president of our congregation. She 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 five 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, March 10, 2019

Rev Adam Robinson
Mary Oliver: Ever Worth Our Attention



Mary Oliver, referred to by some as the "unofficial poet laureate of Unitarian Universalism", died January 17th of this year. One of my favorite writings of hers is the short and sweet "Instructions for living a life":

Instructions for living a life.
Pay attention.
Be astonished.
Tell about it.

Like many I find her poetry all at once soothing and inspirational. Her ability to paint a picture with words leaves me gazing with wonder at the natural world through her imagery. And the challenges of her astute observations leave me longing to live better.

I'd like to take some time together to celebrate her by looking at some of her poems that I love. I hope we can experience her art and pay attention, be astonished, and then tell about it.

Rev Adam lives down the road and close to the lake and is one of our regular speakers.

Sunday, March 17, 2019

Steve Brooks

"The Canyons of Your Mind: A Vision Quest in the Grand Canyon"

America's great gorge is a landscape of imagination as well as geology, both beautiful and brutal, vast and intimate. For Austin folksinger Steve Brooks, it turned out to be a spiritual teacher. In a week backpacking its inner reaches, with four other UUs, he learned a series of lessons – about pain, transcendence, his place in the universe and why so many world religions emerged from the desert. They're lessons, he finds, that might be as useful above the rim as below it.



A longtime member of Austin's Wildflower Church, Steve Brooks has performed at more than 35 UU churches around Texas and beyond. Musically, he's known for writing a song-a-week for Jim Hightower's radio show, and for songs that have been recorded by folk and Americana artists like Slaid Cleaves, Albert & Gage, Russell Crowe and more. A master of words as well as music, he was featured on TV's "I've Got a Secret" as six-time World Pun Champion.

sunday, March 24 Flower Communion

Please bring a flower to share. Extra flowers will be on hand. There will be a potluck lunch following the service. Please bring something to eat and something to share.



Sunday, March 31, 2019

Kiya Heartwood

"Gone to Texas: Rev. Mary C. Billings (1825-1904) and Rev. Mariana Thompson Folsom (1845-1909)"

Two Early Universalist women ministers who came to Texas in the 1880's.

Kiya is an award winning singer-songwriter and a seminarian at UU Starr King in California.



Book Reviews from Ann Staples

[Americans Like Me - Reflections on Life Between Cultures](#) by America Ferrera
Each chapter is by a different person, most tell of their childhood experiences--timely!

[Killers of the Flower Moon - The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI](#) by David Grann.

[2nd Edition Space Atlas-- Mapping the Universe and Beyond--](#) National Geographic James Trefil Illustrations are Wonderful

****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

Membership/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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