

Courier

*First Jefferson
Unitarian
Universalist
Church*

Hope  *Joy*  *Awe*  *Connection*

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CONGREGATION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, one and all!

I hope that the new year has been good to you thus far. Fear not if it hasn't! We always have our mulligans on Chinese New Year, No Ruz (Iranian New Year) and Songkran (Thai/Laos) New Year. With New Years, we get new opportunities, a chance to grow, a chance for renewal and change. I look forward to that for myself, my job, but especially for our church.

We are very blessed! We have a great church administrator who goes way beyond just church administration. We have a full and experienced Board of Trustees and a full and energetic team of volunteers. In between ministers, we have terrific guest preaching, and the Rev. Annie Foerster guests frequently for us, doing far more than delivering great sermons. She is in a conversation with us and preaching to our transition.

We have a lot of items in the works this month. I would ask all committees, the administrator, and church programs undertake operational assessment and cleanup. The FUUtures task force will be continuing conversations with the congregation on our hopes and dreams for the church. The Membership committee is staffed, energized, revamping and continuing with our Faith Forward curriculum. The trustees voted to open a dialog with the membership to change the name of the church, to become less divisive and more welcoming to diverse populations. A town hall meeting is scheduled after potluck in March for the congregation to hear about our staff transition work and begin the name change discussion which will continue in several cottage meetings.

We are creating a more visible reporting system on membership and finances. Building Committee and an Aesthetics team are deep cleaning and repairing our building with a little bit of remodeling of the library and Jagger's Parlor to make them more inviting and comfortable. I am so excited about all that is starting! I hope you are too! I invite you to join in where you feel most inclined. I also invite you to share in our dialog about all that is happening. The Board and I would love to hear your thoughts! I invite you to join me for coffee, and conversation on the second Sunday of each month. I will bring something sweet to go with the coffee (I am a teacher, I believe in bribery!)

On a personal note, I thought I would share with you who I am. I am a third culture kid. I am half Scot/Irish American, and half Thai, but spent most of my formative years in Iran. Because of this, accepting diversity comes easy to me. I work for a non-profit afterschool program targeting at risk children. This is the first job that I truly love and find fulfillment. I learned about Unitarian Universalism back in 1983, when I was looking for someone to perform my wedding, but could not accept the ideology of any other church. I dabbled in UUism for a few years, but didn't become a UU until 1998. I believe in our principles and am working hard to close the gap between my ideals and actions, both in my personal life and within our church. I hope to get a chance to sit and share a cup of brew with you in the coming year!

*With dreams in my eyes,
hope in my heart and
faith in tomorrow,*

Irene

Happy Anniversary!!

Celebrating 70 years of the first Unitarian church in Fort Worth.

WORSHIP

February 4

“Hero’s Journey—Starting Out”

The Reverend Annie Foerster

According to the stories that Joseph Campbell collected about various cultural heroes, there is a formula to the hero’s journey. In the first of this series, I talked about what happens if you choose not to take the journey. Once you’ve decided, then you must begin. Think about your first day of school ever, when you had to leave your home and your mother to spend part of the day with strangers. Did you do it heroically or not?

February 11

“From You I Receive; To You I Give”

The Reverend Annie Foerster

What does it mean to be committed to a religious faith. For religions with creeds, the answer seems obvious. What about Unitarian Universalists?

February 18

“Title”

D. Scott Cooper

February 25

“Hero’s Journey—Seeking Help”

The Reverend Annie Foerster

Help along the way as our Worship Series continues.



Our Sunday Schedule

9:15 AM Nursery: Infants thru Age 3

9:30 AM Adventures in Religion, Library

9:45 AM Adult Forum, Jagers Parlor

9:45 AM Child & Youth Religious Education,
Religious Education Wing
(August-May)

10:00 AM Choir Gathering, Choir Room

11 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary

Hero’s Journey Worship Series

The Hero’s Journey is one of those myths that Joseph Campbell discovered existed in almost every culture and religion around the world. He collected these stories for his landmark book, *The Hero With a Thousand Faces*. These myths, he claimed, are important teaching stories about both the culture and its expectations for the individual.

The Adventures in Religion Class has been studying the book and the cultures in which they are found. On January 14 I began a series of worship services to help explore the individual’s role as “hero” with the sermon, *The Hero’s Journey: Why Go?* On February 4, after *The Hero’s Journey: Starting Out*, we’ll offer an opportunity to discuss your own experiences, discoveries, fears and hopes during Potluck Sunday. Just look for our table in Coleman Hall. We’ll have a place waiting for you.

And remember this: *If you can’t tell your life story with you as the hero, no one else will.*

Membership Classes

Join Tina Harmuth, Jean Morris and Membership in the membership connection classes, Faith Forward, starting February 11th, 12:30 - 1:30 pm. Lunch and childcare provided. Please RSVP with dietary restrictions and childcare needs to membership@firstjefferson.org.

This is a fantastic series for newcomers and long-time members, alike. The program is structured to foster connection and invigorate your UUism! We hope all church members will participate either this time or when it is offered again in the summer.

02/11 Unitarian Universalism: History, Principles, Sources

02/18 Campus Tour

03/04 Faith Development

03/11 Q&A with a Minister

03/18 Worship and Liturgical Year

03/25 Social Action and Community Service

04/01 Pastoral Care and Small Groups

04/08 Membership 101 and Congregational Life

Best hopes for new friends and connections!



FELLOWSHIP



■ CARING & SHARING

If you would like a pastoral note to be shared with the congregation during Sunday service, please write it in the notebook at the podium near the sanctuary entrance.

Caring and Sharing at First Jefferson is our network of cards and other support by members and friends. To share joys, concerns or sorrows with the community, please email caringsharing@firstjefferson.org.

■ THANK YOU

You are noticed. What **you** do is invaluable! **You** are appreciated.

If you come to church Sunday and have a coffee sticker on your nametag, you were noticed serving the congregation's coffee fellowship! A gavel would mean your governance help is appreciated, etc! Join in and select a sticker or two for yourself from the batch in the name tag rack. It will be nice to see what we all do and are interested in! Thank you for being a member of and serving this congregation.

■ POTLUCK SUNDAY

Sunday, February 4, 12:15pm, Coleman Hall
Bring a dish to share or just join in and help us begin the new year with food, fun and fellowship.

80th Birthday Celebration for Roy Redman

Sunday February 18, 2018 12:15pm, Coleman Hall Caroline, Robert, and Sean Redman cordially invite you, the members and friends of First Jefferson, to a celebration in honor of their dad's 80th birthday. The festivities will be in Coleman Hall following the Sunday worship service. There will be lunch, birthday cake, and musical entertainment. Roy says to make sure you know that everyone is invited!

Zip Code Fellowship

Sunday February 4 12:15pm, Coleman Hall, Have you ever wondered who comes to church that lives near you? Have you ever thought about carpooling into church? Have you ever wanted to take a casserole or card to someone but have a limited range to which you can travel? Have you ever wanted to start a group in your part of town or have a game night?

This potluck luncheon, you are invited to eat with neighbors, people from your general area! Tables will be grouped and marked with general area designations and zip code lists for that area. The opportunities for faith connection are great:

- Phone tree for ice days
- Carpooling
- Check on each other
- Casseroles or visits in the hospital
- Shared childcare
- Covenant circles and parties

Best hopes for new friends and connections!

SMALL GROUPS

You Are Invited to Join Our Covenant Circles

Covenant Circles are open to all who are interested in connecting more deeply with the folks at the church, including first time visitors and newcomers as well as Members and Friends of First Jefferson. Sign up for the Circle that best fits your schedule with the Circle Leader. These groups give participants opportunity to deepen in their own self-understanding and foster closeness and connectedness.

Friends Covenant Group, A Women's Group

Meets monthly 4 p.m. on the third Friday

Men's Covenant Group

Meets monthly on the first Wednesday, 7pm in Jagers Parlor. Dan Levine will lead a discussion about the sexual harassment issue.

Evensong

Evensong is a First Jefferson Covenant Group for Women. It meets on the third Tuesday of each month, usually in the home of a member of the group. Contact Mary Alice Williams at 817-683-3062 or on Facebook if you are interested in attending. Please feel free to visit once to see if you

would like to be part of the group; if you choose to join our group after that, we ask that you commit to attend regularly.

Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS)

2nd Sunday, 12:15 pm, John Adams Room Contact Rosalind Dugan 817-447-9240 or rosalind.dugan@yahoo.com.

CUUPs Imbolc

Saturday, February 3 at 7pm Join us for our annual Imbolc Bardic Circle and Feast! Come with a song on your lips, a story in your heart, a poem in your soul, and join us as we honor the Goddess of Inspiration. This is a very child-friendly ritual. Please have your child bring a song, a story, or a poem to share so they can participate, as well. Sacred Hearth's circles are free and open to the public. No need to be either Pagan or Unitarian Universalist to attend—all are welcome. Mark your calendars and join us for a night of feasting and merriment. Doors open at 7pm for ingathering and social hour. Bardic Circle and Feast begins at 7:30. Feast is potluck, so bring a favorite dish to share. *Stories, poems, and songs don't have to have been written/composed by you, but we do ask that you read, recite, or sing them yourself, to get into the spirit of the event. No recordings, please.*

Join the Choir

Our choir rehearses every Sunday morning from 10:00 to 11:00. All voices are needed and welcomed. It is a good way to help our church have a rich musical experience for our services. If you are unsure if you want to join, come and visit a rehearsal any Sunday with no obligation. We would be very glad to have you.

Women's Alliance

Please join us for our meeting and potluck *Tuesday, January 9th at noon*. Freddie Heitman will do a presentation on "Celebrating Julia Morgan, Pioneering California Architect." She was the first woman to receive the AIA Gold Medal and was best known for her work on the Hearst Castle in San Simeon, California. For further information, please contact Laurie Mikitka at mikitka@sbcglobal.com or 817-688-6062.

Women's Alliance meets on the second Tuesday of the month except for July and August when we do not meet at all. All women of the church are welcome to join us and we would love to have new members.

Here are the Women's Alliance upcoming meeting plans:

Feb 13 – Piano Concerto (Lana Rings)

Mar 13—Non-profit presentation (Mary Kirwin)

Apr 10—Darren Wright art presentation (Laurie Mikitka)

May 8—Woman architect movie (Freddie Heitman)

Jun 12—Planning

Alternate—Civil War Museum dresses (Marilyn Kortum)



First Jefferson Unitarian Universalist Quilters

Tuesdays, 1pm, Jagers Parlor or Library

The First Jefferson Quilters meet weekly on Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. Our mission is to make quilts and we are open to all who wish to pursue quiltmaking with us. We have a long history here of producing quilts for fundraising, outside charities, and keeping people and buildings warm. Please consider joining us, regardless of your skills or experience. Contact Mary Kirwin 817-714-1796 for more information.

Interweave

3rd Friday of the month, 6 :30 pm, meets at No Frills Grill, 1550 Eastchase Pkwy., Suite 1200, Arlington 76017

Fun and fellowship. Nationally the group advocates on behalf of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and their allies. This group is for everyone regardless of sexual orientation. For information contact Michael Zepeda 817-706-3614 mrzep@charter.net.

First Jefferson Book Discussion Group

4th Tuesday each month, 7pm, Jagers Parlor

We read and discuss a variety of books: fiction, non-fiction, classics, mysteries, historical, etc. Suggestions for books are encouraged. For information, contact Joan Carey 817-217-5905.



Upcoming Titles:

February 27: *The Undoing Project: A Friendship That Changed Our Minds* by Michael Lewis [Nonfiction]

March 27: *Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro [Fiction]

April 24: *The Lemon Tree: An Arab, A Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East* by Sandy Tolani [Nonfiction]

UU Metaphysical Research Group

Third Sundays, 12:30pm, Library, An open forum created to reflect, discuss, investigate and research. Topics will vary from mysteries of our existence, paradoxes in reality, puzzling questions of origins and first principles to studying individual philosophers and famous Unitarian Universalists. For more information contact Joel Bailey, facilitator

Knitting Group

Saturdays 12:30pm, Jagers Parlor A Knitting Group has formed and will be meeting in Jagers Parlor on Saturdays from 12:30 - 2:30 pm. Whether you are an experienced knitter or want to learn how to knit, you are welcome! Bring your needles and yarn and join us. For more information, contact Charlotte Bailey at charlibailey@gmail.com.

Gentle Yoga

Saturdays, 10:30am–11:30am, Sanctuary Gentle Yoga is a form of physical and spiritual practice designed for beginning students and anyone who continues to get older every year. It focuses on three aspects of the body-flexibility (reaching and bending), core strength (spine and tummy) and balance (to prevent falls). It also emphasizes relaxation and proper breathing. All this in just one hour a week (what you do the rest of the week is up to you).

Gentle Yoga is held on Saturday mornings at First Jefferson and is led by Annie Foerster. Annie has been a yoga student for forty-two years and an instructor for thirty-seven years. She specializes in helping older students, young people and just about everyone in between.

You'll need a yoga mat, clothes that will bend with you and a willingness to try. If you have trouble getting down on the floor (or up, once you're down), you can do many of the postures from a chair. Here's the thing about yoga—the benefits accrue in the trying, not in the achieving. Once you can do a posture, a good yoga teacher will make it harder for you by adding a new twist. So if you aren't trim and buff like the pictures in the yoga magazines, Gentle Yoga is for you. If you can't stand on one foot without toppling, Gentle Yoga is for you. If you can't bend and touch the floor, Gentle Yoga is definitely for you. If you have any questions, ask Annie (redseamripper@gmail.com).



FELLOWSHIP

Galdr Kindred

Meets for classes from 1-3pm in the Johne Adams Room on the first Sunday of the month and for a business meeting third Saturdays from 12-2pm in the Library.

The Galdr Kindred is a group in the DFW area that practices Bioregional Heathenism. If the Galdr Kindred has a central principle that defines this group, it would be that we seek to understand and apply our shamanic heathenry to commune with the World Tree, Yggdrasil, in order to root ourselves into the dreaming intelligence of the Earth. We do not discriminate based on race, gender, sexual orientation, etc. We operate within the guidelines of the 7 Unitarian Universalist principles. We will not tolerate hate or abuse of any kind. We openly refute and will not congregate with groups that use hate in the name of the Gods. We support declaration 127. Co-Organizers are Mathieu Thiem and Christian Torres.



Working on Our Publicity Together!

Send us your photos of fellowship and service in our church or community to publicize@firstjefferson.org! Send us your advertisements for groups, classes and parties to publicize@firstjefferson.org. Our administrator, Karl, and someone from Membership receives the emails and will get your content onto the web or in our newsletter.

Share images we can post on the church's website! Send them to publicize@firstjefferson.org

EASTSIDE MINISTRIES

Eastside Ministries Needs You!

Eastside Ministries is in need of regular volunteers in their clothing room to help receive, sort, tag, and display donations that come in each day. If you are able to help, come by any day during business hours and they will get you started. Also, if you could share this request with neighborhood group, book club, etc. it will be greatly appreciated. Thanks! Eastside Ministries is located at 5929 E Lancaster Ave, Fort Worth, TX 76112 and the phone number is (817) 446-3278.



WE SHARE THE PLATE!

Half our undesignated Sunday offering is donated quarterly. Eastside Ministries, who helps with hunger abatement and employment transition in the nearby zip codes, was the recipient for our fourth quarter 2017 donation, \$709.88. Additional designated offerings of \$150 were forwarded to Eastside Ministries as well.



WORK TOGETHER TOWARD SOCIAL JUSTICE

HUDDLE/Voices in Action

First Sundays, 12:30pm, Library
HUDDLE/Voices in Action will not be meeting this month. *See you in March!*

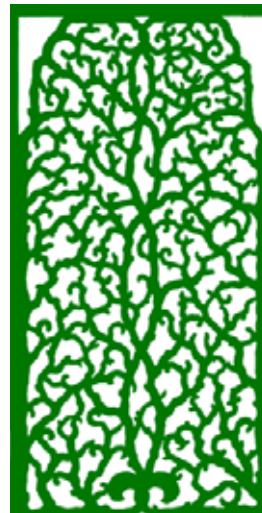
COMMUNITY GARDEN

Free Trade product sales benefit First Jefferson Community Garden

Plots are \$35/yr. Contact Connie Nolen or Karl Thibodeaux if you would like to participate in the garden.

Community Garden Clean up

2nd Saturday 10am-12pm Next Clean Up will be February 10.



■ CHILD & YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration is open

Please help us get to know you and your children by completing the registration form. See Mary West and Julia Sexton, the fabulous co-chairs of the Religious Education Council, for information.

The Nursery provides care for children through age 3 during the 9:30am-10:45 education time. At this point the Nursery also includes the younger elementary children, our Chalice Children, for free play after they attend the beginning of worship.

The curriculum for 2017-2018 focuses on world religions and the six sources of Unitarian Universalism. Some classes will explore stories from other faiths. Some classes will learn about different beliefs and even have a chance to visit houses of worship.

Preschool through Grade 1 will have Spirit Play in the Alexander Graham Bell room. **Grades 2-3** will learn about Holidays and Holy Days in the Sophia Lyon Fahs room. **Grades 5-8** will get to know the range of religious experience with Building Bridges in the John Adams room. **Grades 9-12** will plan to visit places of worship with Neighboring Faiths curriculum. They will meet in the P.T. Barnum room.

About the Curriculum

Spirit Play class will hear stories and then may choose how to respond to that experience using craft and other materials or work directly with the stories. Spirit Play is a way of introducing children to sacred stories and providing a safe community for exploring those stories and their own big questions. Spirit Play is based on the Montessori method. The spiritual environment of the classroom includes a range of ages and developmental levels. Each congregation chooses the stories to be shared in the classroom. For more about Spirit Play, see <http://www.spirit-play.com/>

Holidays and Holy Days is based on the very popular curriculum by Charlene Brotman, a Unitarian Universalist religious educator. She says, "Holidays are the natural, age-old vehicle of religious socialization, setting time aside to remember a great person or event, give thanks for life's bounty: harvest, safety, freedom, warmth, or invoke light and gladness for overcoming darkness and danger, death and drought. Festivities tell a story which children absorb through experiences far more than through words."

Building Bridges is a chance to learn about world religions and the human experience from which they come. Mary K. Isaacs wrote and Jessica York edited Building Bridges as part of Tapestry of Faith curriculum from the Unitarian Universalist Association. For more information see, <http://www.uua.org/re/tapestry/youth/bridges>

Neighboring Faiths offers a thoughtful way to become familiar with world religions and visit houses of worship. The youth and advisors will learn the basic tenets of a particular faith before attending a service at a local congregation. This program was created by Unitarian Universalist educators Christine Reed and Patricia Hoertdoerfer. A preview of the book can be found on Google books.

Become Part of Our Program

If you are interested in teaching, or have any questions, comments, concerns, etc. about the religious education program, please see Mary West or Julia Sexton.

ADULT SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION

Adult Forum

Sundays, 9:45 am, Jagers Parlor

February 4: Bill Maginnis will show more of his interesting videos from the Internet.

February 11: Professor Robert Landolt, a retired chemistry professor from Texas Wesleyan and active in his field, will talk on “What Potholes, Zika Virus, and Climate Change Have in Common, and How they are Different.”

February 18: Bill Maginnis will show more of his interesting videos from the Internet.

February 25: Our member Bobbie Russell, a member of the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies, will speak on the use of MDMA-assisted psychotherapy.

Help! Speakers needed for a dult forum. Got something interesting to say? Let Lorraine Levine know. We have lots of openings in the months to come.

Adventures in Religion— The Hero with a Thousand Faces

Library, Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

Adventures in Religion is a round-table discussion group about world religions. We are currently discussing Joseph Campbell’s *The Hero with a Thousand Faces*, Princeton University Press; 2nd edition; (March 1,



1972). ISBN-10: 0691017840. ISBN-13: 978-0691017846. (Paperback).

This book uncovers truths disguised under figures of religion and mythology. Campbell explores Apollo, the Frog King of the fairy tale, Wotan, the Buddha, and others, and the relationship of their timeless symbols to those rediscovered in dream by depth psychology. He compares the psychological view with the words of such spiritual leaders as Moses, Jesus, Mohammed, Lao-tse, and the “Old Men” of the Australian tribes. From behind a thousand faces, the single hero emerges, archetype of all myth, and, through him, a statement of the basic truths by which man has lived throughout the millennia. (Joseph Campbell and Princeton University Press)

February Estimated Preview

Part One: The Adventure Of The Hero

Chapter II: Initiation

5. Apotheosis

6. The Ultimate Boon

Chapter III: Initiation

1. Refusal of the Return

2. The Magic Flight



KEEPING IT CLEAN!

All Church Cleanup, Third Saturday, 10 am-12pm We dust and clean windows, dust and lint-roll sanctuary chairs, vacuum parlor upholstery, change lightbulbs and air filters, clean cobwebs from ceilings, clean lighting fixtures, and wash tables, chairs and rails in Coleman Hall. It takes 5-8 volunteers each month. Snacks provided and children welcome!

FELLOWSHIP COUNCIL

The committee of small group leads, will meet for lunch in March to collaborate on membership, social and covenant opportunities, as well as calendaring and resources. If you are the leaders of a covenant circle, a small group, a club or affiliate group and have not received an invite to the closed Fellowship Council Facebook group, please contact vicepresident@firstjefferson.org to be added to the council.

CHURCH COUNCIL

The committee of committee chairs, will meet the fourth Sunday for lunch and a collaborative session on mission, calendaring, and resources, 2/25/18, 12:40 - 2:00 pm. If you are a committee chair and have not received an invite to the closed Church Council Facebook group, please email vicepresident@firstjefferson.org to be added to the group and to RSVP attendance, dietary restrictions and childcare needs.

FJ FINANCE NOTES

What does it take to...

Turn on the lights?

Utilities are \$2,171 a month

Have insurance and a security system?

\$1,102 a month

Have Child Care on Sundays?

\$500 a month

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

The publishing schedule is moving up by a week to issue The Courier the Sunday prior to the beginning of each month.

March issue

Content and images due: Tuesday, 2/20

Develop and proof: Wednesday and Thursday, 2/21-22

Publish electronically: between Friday and Sunday

Paper copy available: Sunday 2/25

April issue

Content and images due: Tuesday, 3/20

Develop and proof: Wednesday and Thursday, 3/21-22

Publish electronically: between Friday and Sunday

Paper copy available: Sunday 3/25

May issue

Content and images due: Tuesday, 4/24

Develop and proof: Wednesday and Thursday, 4/25-26

Publish electronically: between Friday and Sunday

Paper copy available: Sunday 4/29

Building Use Covenanting Request

Prepping to be able to clean has become a weekly project that has shown some ownership behaviors that are problematic. How we are storing things, general picking up after ourselves, and courtesy of returning furniture after room usage keeps volunteers focused at volunteer time and helps room use for multiple groups.

Let's promise to take our personal things home or store program items in assigned closets, to clean up and take the garbage out each Sunday, to follow the posted thermostat instructions, to remember to lock all the exterior doors, and to close internal doors when leaving (they're fire doors).

■ FEBRUARY 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THU FEB 1, 2018

6pm LGBTQ Saves Board Meeting, Jagers Parlor
7pm PFLAG, Coleman Hall
7pm PFLAG Youth Group, Jagers Parlor

SAT FEB 3, 2018

10:30am Gentle Yoga, Sanctuary
12:30 pm Knitting Group, Jagers Parlor
7pm CUUPs Imbolc, Coleman Hall

SUN FEB 4, 2018

12:15 pm Potluck Sunday, Coleman Hall
12:30 pm The Galdr Kindred, John Adams Room

TUE FEB 6, 2018

1pm First Jefferson Quilters, Jagers Parlor
7pm Trans-cendence Meeting , Coleman Hall

WED FEB 7, 2018

7pm Men's Covenant Group, Jagers Parlor

SAT FEB 10, 2018

10am Garden Clean Up Day
10:30am Gentle Yoga, Sanctuary
12:30 pm Knitting Group, Jagers Parlor

SUN FEB 11, 2018

12:15 pm Faith Forward Class
12:15 pm Covenant of UU Pagans (CUUPs) Meeting, John Adams Room
12:30 pm Religious Education Council, Religious Education Office
1:30 pm Astrological Society of North Texas, Jagers Parlor

MON FEB 12, 2018

6:30 pm Finance Committee, Church Office

TUE FEB 13, 2018

12pm Women's Alliance, Coleman Hall
1pm First Jefferson Quilters , Jagers Parlor

THU FEB 15, 2018

6pm Worship Arts Committee, Jagers Parlor

FRI FEB 16, 2018

4pm Friends Covenant Group, A Women's Group , Jagers Parlor
6:30 pm Interweave Get Together, No Frills Grill, 1550 Eastchase Pkwy., Suite 1200, Arlington 76017

SAT FEB 17, 2018

9am All-Church Clean Up
10:30am Gentle Yoga, Sanctuary
12pm The Galdr Kindred, John Adams Room
12:30pm Knitting Group, Jagers Parlor

SUN FEB 18, 2018

12:15 pm Roy Redmon 80th Birthday Party, Coleman Hall
12:15 pm Faith Forward Class
12:30 pm Metaphysical Research Group, Library
1pm Board Meeting, Jagers Parlor

MON FEB 19, 2018

7:30 pm Spectrum Concert Series, Sanctuary

TUE FEB 20, 2018

10am Courier Deadline, Email: administrator@firstjefferson.org
1pm First Jefferson Quilters, Jagers Parlor
7pm Trans-cendence Meeting, Coleman Hall

WED FEB 21, 2018

7pm PFLAG Board Meeting, Library

SAT FEB 24, 2018

10:30am Gentle Yoga, Sanctuary
12:30 pm Knitting Group, Jagers Parlor

SUN FEB 25, 2018

12:40pm Church Council, Jagers Parlor
1pm Cross Timbers Magical Studies Group, John Adams Room

TUE FEB 27, 2018

1pm First Jefferson Quilters, Jagers Parlor
7pm Book Discussion Group, Jagers Parlor



THIS MONTH

Spectrum Chamber Music Society Continues Their Thirty-Second Season

Spectrum Chamber Music Society, Fort Worth's oldest professional chamber music group, continues our 2017-18 season with a pair of concerts on Monday, February 12, 2018 and Monday February 19, 2018. Featured are musicians of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra and friends performing popular music and hidden gems from the Baroque, Classical, Romantic and Contemporary periods.

Our downtown winter concert will take place on Monday February 12 at 7:00pm in the Leonard Memorial Chapel of First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth, 800 W. 5th Street. We will celebrate Valentine's Day with a pair of pairs, and finish our concert with beautiful and majestic music performed by brass quintet. We begin with the technically and musically sophisticated Sonata for Two Violins by turn-of-the-20th century Belgian violin virtuoso Eugène Ysaÿe, performed by FWSO Associate Concertmaster Swang Lin and Dallas Symphony Orchestra violinist Andrew Schast. A husband and wife duo, FWSO violinist Kathryn Perry and Dallas Symphony bassist Brian Perry will end the first half with the first movement of world-renowned contemporary bassist Edgar Meyer's jazzy Concert Duo. Also on the first half of the program, University of Texas at Arlington Assistant Professor of Violin Martha Walvoord will perform Baroque German composer Georg Philipp Telemann's Fantasie No. 7 for solo Baroque violin. The second half of our concert features one of the earliest published pieces for brass quintet, the stately and nationalistic Brass Quintet No. 1, written in 1902 by Russian composer Victor Ewald. Our all-FWSO brass quintet features Assistant Principal Trumpet Adam Gordon, Second Trumpet Noah Lambert, Principal Horn Molly Norcross, Principal Trombone John Romero, and Principal Tuba Edward Jones. Admission is free as part of The Gift of Music series at First United Methodist Church.

Our eastside winter concert will take place on Monday February 19 at 7:30pm at First Jefferson. We will begin with a repeat performance of Ysaÿe's virtuosic Sonata for Two Violins, featuring Swang Lin and Andrew Schast. The first half ends with Baroque Italian composer Antonio Vivaldi's elegant Concerto for Four Violins and Keyboard, arranged for four violas. The all-FWSO group includes violists Aleksandra Holowka, Sorin Guttman, Donna Hall, and Daniel Sigale, along with Principal Keyboard Shields-Collins Bray. The program ends with the dramatic String Trio in C Minor by Ludwig van Beethoven, performed by new FWSO violinist Ke Mai and new FWSO Associate Principal Viola Sarah Kienle, along with Dallas Symphony Orchestra cellist Una Gong.

Now in our 32nd season, the Spectrum Chamber Music Society is devoted to sharing diverse and exciting chamber music performances with the local community of Fort Worth, as well as neighboring communities. Our annual series of six unique concert programs take place at two local churches, First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth (downtown) and First Jefferson Unitarian Universalist Church (eastside). The group features musicians of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, joined by musicians from all over North Texas and beyond.

For questions concerning Spectrum concerts, please contact Dan Sigale by phone at (817) 938-5492 or via email at spectrumchambermusic@gmail.com, or visit our website at spectrumchambermusic.com.



HOSTED AT FIRST JEFFERSON

PFLAG

1st Thursday of each month, 7:00 pm
PFLAG provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity. More info at www.pflagfortworth.org or contact Mark & Lisa Daly mark.daly@tx.rr.com



Trans-Cendence

First & Third Tuesdays, 7pm, Coleman Hall

Trans-Cendence works to support transgender and gender diverse people of all ages and sexual orientations. They also support the spouses, partners, parents, friends and allies of gender diverse people and are a resource for those who work closely with transgender people like counselors, educators, law enforcement, etc.

Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. with a whole group meeting. This usually has about 50 people at it. At meetings there is a discussion topic or a special speaker. Then at about 8pm they split into groups. One group remains in the larger group area. This group is usually the gender diverse people. Another group splits off comprised of youth and young adults. The last group is the SOFFA (significant others, family, friends, and allies) and this group talks about issues related to transition for the SOFFAs themselves.



Ryanwood Neighborhood Association

Meets six times a year at the First Jefferson. For details go to Ryanwood's website www.ryanwoodna.org or contact President Glenn Pense president@ryanwoodna.org.



Astrological Society of North Texas

Second Sundays, 12:30 pm, Jagers Parlor. The Astrological Society of North Texas is a non-profit whose purpose is to share astrological information and to offer education in the science/art of astrology.

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