

the emersonian

"If you read it here, consider yourself invited"

February 2010

The Emerson Players presents

an evening of one-act plays for Valentine's Day
and to kick off the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Emerson.

Saturday, February 13, at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Childcare is provided free of charge for this event, but please help us plan adequately for childcare needs by calling the Church at (713) 782-8250 by February 11.

Come see *Our Funny Valentines*, an evening of plays devoted to the wars between the sexes, relationships of all sorts, and an occasional look at the nature of reality. Five short one-act plays, helmed by three directors.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.
Complimentary coffee and dessert will be served.

Want to bring some Valentine's Spirit to residents at a local nursing home? Please join EPIC on Saturday, February 13 at 9:30 a.m. when we partner with Volunteer Houston to bring Valentines Cards made by Emerson RE students and some light refreshments to a nursing home. All ages are invited and encouraged to attend.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Rachel Shada

WELCOME
Movies And Things

Sunday, February 14 after church

Puccini for Beginners

A selection of sandwiches and iced tea will be available for lunch in the room for a donation. Childcare is provided free of charge, but please help us plan adequately for childcare needs by calling the Church at (713) 782-8250 by Thursday, February 11. The film lasts 1 hour and 15 minutes with discussion of the film afterwards.

UniTunes Coffeehouse Presents



Peter Mayer
Saturday, Feb 6,
7:30 p.m.
\$13 in advance;
\$15 at the door
www.unitunes.org

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Golden Years
1960-2010 Emerson UU Church

2010 is the fiftieth anniversary of Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church.

The committee planning the celebration has a great many events (and some surprises) in store for you throughout the year. The celebration will begin Valentine's Day weekend (the date of the groundbreaking) and events will continue throughout the year, culminating in a church-wide banquet on the date of the first service in Westwood Hall, October 16. The events of the celebration kick off with the Emerson Players' spring production, an evening of one-act plays performed on February 13, entitled *Our Funny Valentines*. March will include two different days of church tours; there are all sorts of interesting and unusual features of our church you may not know--Emerson's autographs, the hidden stained glass windows, and other surprising features. These tours will be on the 14th and the 28th after church, so mark your calendars. There will be concerts, we will begin making appointments to record your memories of Emerson, we'll hold a church bazaar early in October (just in time for Christmas shopping!). Make sure to keep October 16 clear for that banquet!

Sunday Mornings

Worship *Every Sunday 11:15 to 12:15*

February 7: *A Man's Experience of Feminism*

February 14: *Love is More than Chocolates and Flowers*; Waldo will be playing

February 21: *Spirituality of the Senses: Vision*

February 28: *The Uses of Memory*

IN MEMORIAM

LEE E. HILL

October 25, 1959 - December 20, 2009

Lee will be most remembered at Emerson for the depth of his love for his daughter, Mackenzie; for his dedication to our Middle School youth as teacher and advisor; and, for his awesome Haunted House every Halloween. We miss him. He leaves his daughter, Mackenzie Lee Hill; girlfriend, Carla Shaver; mother, Marge Hill; brother, Doug and half brother Phil, along with half sister, Janna Parker; and a host of many wonderful friends. A Memorial service was held at Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, December 29th, 2009.

Wheel Of Life

Condolences to Idolina Hernandez and Ian Winlof on the death of Idolina's Father in December.

Our Deepest Sympathies to Mike and Linda Condit on the death of Mike's father, Gordon R. Condit (February 22, 1918 to January 6, 2010)

Amanda and Scott Hanson welcome their daughter, Charlotte, December 7, 2009.

Cynthia and Craig Miller welcome their daughter, Emma May, December 24, 2009.

Michaela and Jonathan Watson welcome their daughter, Alice Josephine, born January 13, 2009.

Shop the Bookstore - open Sunday from 10:30 to 1:00 (Closed during the Service)

Show your sweetheart you care with a gift from the Emerson Bookstore! Books, t-shirts, chalice gifts jewelry and more!

Sunday Schedule

Westwood Hall

9:00 - 9:45

Intergenerational Orchestra

10:00 - 11:00

Adult Religious Education

Delaney Hall

10:00 - 12:30

Infant and Toddler Care

10:00 - 11:00

Children/Youth Religious Education

11:15 - 12:15

Worship Service
2nd Hour Programming for Children/Youth

Ongoing Sunday Activities

First Sunday

Newcomer Discussion 10:00 Westwood Foyer

Lunch after the Service in Westwood Hall \$6

Second Sunday

Food Sunday Bring non-perishable items / Special Collection

Welcome M.A.T. 12:30 205-206 Delaney Hall

Third Sunday

Exploration Sunday Special Adult Ed programming offers various topics

Lunch after the Service in Westwood Hall \$6

Newcomers Fellowship Look for the special table at lunch.

Fourth Sunday

SEARCH Sandwich Project in Westwood Hall

RE HAPPENINGS for Children & Youth

February – 2nd Hour Programming for K – 5th Grade

Feb. 7 - Building Canned Sculptures to benefit Souper Bowl of Caring

Feb. 14 - Valentine Celebration with Guardian Angels

Feb. 21 - We'll explore our 5th Principle, The Right of Conscience and use of the democratic process in our congregation and society at large.

Feb. 28 - We continue our exploration of the 5th principle with activities, conversation and playtime

This page is full of ideas for all. Pick an activity and get involved today!!

Stitchers

10:00 a.m. Every Wednesday - Delaney Hall
Contact: Phyllis Burchfiel

Choir Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Every Wednesday - Sanctuary
Contact: Bonnie Wellington

1st Friday Night Movie

Friday, February 5, 7:15 p.m. Social and 7:30 p.m. Movie Begins - Room 205-206.

Julie and Julia - The life of a young woman and the influence Julia Child had on her.

\$2 donation. Contact: Leticia Anderson or Joann Hendrick

Pathways Class

Wednesday, February 10, 7:00 p.m. - Delaney Hall Room 204. Come meet one of our ministers and learn more about Unitarian Universalism. Find out all that Emerson has to offer you. Childcare is provided free of charge, but please help us plan adequately for childcare needs by calling the Church at 713-782-8250 by Monday, February 8.

Women's Evening Book Group

Wednesday, February 10, 7:30 p.m. - The Group will be discussing Outliers, by Malcolm Gladwell and March's book is Homer and Langley, by E. L. Doctorow Contact: Jill Rose

Men's Book Club

Wednesday, February 10, 6:30 p.m. - Lambo's Restaurant, 6159 Westheimer. The book of the month is: Come Home, America: The Rise and Fall (and Redeeming Promise) of Our Country by William Greider.
Contact: Bill Burchfiel

Sandwiches for SEARCH

Thursday, February 11, 10:30 a.m. - Westwood Hall Help make 50 sack lunches for SEARCH. We welcome all volunteers. Contact: Barbara Hopkins

Daytime Book Club

Thursday, February 18, 10:30 a.m. This month's book Half the Sky by Nicholas Kristof. All book lovers are welcome. Contact: Jo Irwin

Creating Beloved Community for all Children

Saturday, February 27, 9:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Westwood Hall.

Presented by Sally Patton. A workshop for all Houston Area UUs who care about religious education.

Cost: \$10 for food. RSVP by Feb. 20 to dfd@tuuc.org.

Adult Education *Every Sunday 10:00-11:00*

February 7 - *Visual Arts of India as a Manifestation of Religious and Philosophical Tradition* - Dr. Kamal Maheshwari

February 14 - *How America Can Get Back in the Clean Energy Race* - Paul Dickerson

February 21 - *Exploration Sunday: Conversations on Poetry, Who's Who in the UUs, Being One with Mother Earth, Parents as a Spiritual Guide*

February 28 - *Standing on the Side of Love: Promote Human Dignity. Take a Stand* - Linda Wallace

Save a Tree - If you would prefer to receive newsletter by email or not at all, contact: Nancy, 713-782-8250

For more information on any item in the newsletter, please consult our website at www.emersonhouston.org

On the Horizon



The Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday, February 7

Public Relations News

The next Emersonian and Quarterly
submission deadline is
Tuesday February 16th.

Building Brighter Futures Through Food - a new event starring Emerson youth!

New This Year: On Sunday morning, February 7, the RE Youth will vie for your votes for the best structure made from non-perishable food items. You'll vote with cash or checks (made to Emerson with HFB in the memo line) and the class with the most money will win. All food will be donated as well. Join the fun in The Gathering Place, immediately after the service.



The Vernal Equinox: A Special Service

In Celebration of Spring

Saturday evening, March 20th at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Reception to follow in The Gathering Place