


 emerson UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST church
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“If you read it here, consider yourself invited”

March 2010

As part of our continuing commitment as a



Welcoming Church,
 please join us for our next film,
Transamerica

The film tells the story of Bree, a transsexual woman, who goes on a road trip with her long-lost son Toby. One of the major themes of the film is the personal journey toward self-discovery



Sunday, March 14
12:30 after Church

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, March 11. The film lasts 1 hour and 45 minutes with discussion of the film afterwards.

STANDING ON THE SIDE OF LOVE

New to Emerson?

Pathways Class

Wednesday, March 10, 7:00 to 9:00 pm 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, March 8.

Covenant Group

Wednesday, March 24, 7:00 to 8:30 pm Library, upstairs Delaney Hall. Find out how you can participate in small group sessions dedicated to helping us all grow in faith, reason, and affection to help build a better world.



UniTunes Coffeehouse Presents

Terry Hendrix
 with special guest **Susan Gibson**

Saturday, March 6, 7:30 p.m.

\$13 in advance; \$15 at the door

www.unitunes.org

Circle Dinners

Saturday, March 27th, in Members' Homes. Would you like a chance to sit down and have a good conversation over dinner with a group of your fellow church members and friends? If the answer is yes, join our Circle Dinner groups. We meet in homes in different parts of our city and everyone brings a part of the meal. It is an opportunity to become better acquainted with the people you see briefly on Sunday morning. Call Gwen Essinger to get assigned to a host home.

The Vernal Equinox: A Special Service In Celebration of Spring

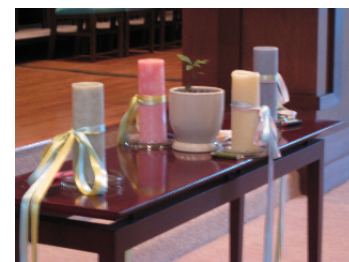


Saturday evening, March 20th at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Pot-Luck Dinner at 4:30 in Westwood Hall

Reception to follow in The Gathering Place

Children, youth, and adults of all ages are invited to this event that will touch your heart and spirit. With music and readings by Emerson members and friends, this seasonal service celebrates the balance between the light and the dark on our planet. Join us as we embrace the coming of spring, the season of hope, renewal and fresh energy.



Sunday Mornings

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

March 7: *My Wife Died for a Sacred Battle, the Rights of Humanity*

March 14: *On Modern Magic and the Stories of Our Lives* Guest Speaker: Jeff Kripal - J. Newton Rayzor Professor and Chair of Religious Studies at Rice University.

March 21: *Budda vs. Thoreau: Who Got it Right on Human Happiness?*

March 28: *The Seduction of the Spirit*

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

Wheel Of Life

Our Deepest Sympathies to David and Linda Orr on the death of David's Mother, Marian Orr on January 9, 2010

A memorial service for Roger Small will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 6, in the Sanctuary, with a reception following in Westwood Hall.

The Rev. Becky Edmiston-Lange will lead the service, which is to include tributes from his daughter, Judith Small, and son, the Rev. Fred Small. In lieu of flowers in Roger's memory the family suggests contributions to Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church.

A memorial service will be held for Terhan Taner at Emerson on Sunday afternoon, March 21 at 3 p.m., reception in Westwood Hall to follow. "Tury" Taner, prominent geophysicist, was an active member of Emerson in the sixties and seventies .

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

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

Spring brings a fresh selection of books to the Emerson bookstore. Come by before or after the service next Sunday!

RE HAPPENINGS for Children & Youth

10:00 Preschool - Sr. High

3s & 4s Chalice Children

K - 1st Discovery Year

2nd & 3rd Faithful Journeys

4th & 5th Windows & Mirrors

6th - 8th You the Creator

9th - 12th YRUU

11:15 Programs

3s & 4s Childcare

K - 5th 2nd Hour Activity

6th & 7th Schweitzer Club

8th Coming of Age

9th - 12th YRUU

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, March 5, 7:15 p.m. Social and 7:30 p.m. Movie Begins - Room 205-206. *Whatever Works* - a romantic comedy written and directed by Woody Allen. Come laugh away the nettles of the work week with friends -- and candy, popcorn, and soft drinks. \$2 donation. Contact: Joann Hendrick

Women's Evening Book Group

Wednesday, March 10, 7:30 p.m. - The Group will be discussing *Homer and Langley*, by E. L. Doctorow
Contact: Jill Rose

Men's Book Club

Wednesday, March 10, 6:30 p.m. - Lambo's Restaurant, 6159 Westheimer. The book of the month is: *Gusher of Lies: The Dangerous Delusions of "Energy Independence"* by Robert Bryce. April's book is: *Gone for Soldiers: A Novel of the Mexican War* by Jeff Shaara. Contact: Bill Burchfiel

Sandwiches for SEARCH

Thursday, March 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, March 18, 10:30 a.m. - Westwood Hall This month's book *Mudbound* by Hillary Jordan. Next month's book is *Guilty Pleasures* by Laurel Hamilton. All book lovers are welcome! Contact: Jo Irwin

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

March 7 - *No Regrets About the Path I've Traveled* - Rev. Lynda Myokei Caine-Barrett - On June 30, 2007, Rev. Lynda Myokei Caine-Barrett became the first American woman to complete Shingyo Dojo, the training monastery of Nichiren Shu, and the first woman of African-Japanese descent to be ordained as a minister in the Nichiren Shu Order. She currently serves as resident minister of Myoken-ji Temple in Houston and continues her Buddhist Outreach work in the Texas Prison System.

March 14 - *Tradition with a Twist: Wit and Wisdom from a Wondering Jew* - Rabbi Dan Gordon - Come join a modern rabbi, as he shares sacred stories that help us look at ancient teachings from a new angle.

March 21 - *Exploration Sunday: Conversations on Poetry, Who's Who in the UUs, Nature Writing: More Favorite Nature Writers, Parents as a Spiritual Guide* - *Parents as Spiritual Guides will be on hiatus in March.*

March 28 - *The Ethics of Food*- Hans Hansen - As owner of Integrated Environments and a commercial organic grower, Hans Hansen specializes in consultation, design and building/implementation of sustainable food systems (urban and rural), environmentally oriented landscapes and habitat restoration.

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

Transylvanian Tour in 2010!

2010 is shaping up as a busy touring year for UUs in Transylvania. The Partner Church Council has a tour program, run by an American in Transylvania. He and his wife handle the arrangements in Transylvania. The usual tour is about 10 days and includes time at the tour group's Partner Church, as well as stops at the important Unitarian sites, such as Torda and Kolozsvár, as well as important sites of more general interest. Tours can begin from either Budapest or Bucharest and end up at either city. The average cost, including air fare, is about \$2,750 per person.

The Partner Church Committee is trying to find out who at Emerson might be interested in going on a tour in Transylvania, either as part of an Emerson group or as part of another church's tour group. From now until mid-March, there will be information and an "I may be interested, tell me more" sign up sheet in The Gathering Place. Or, you can call deForest Ralph.

Public Relations News

The next Emersonian submission deadline is **Tuesday March 16th.**

Raise a Hand, a Hammer, a Doughnut"

Believe it or not, it is time to check your availability on April 17 and/or April 24 to join other members of the congregation on our 42nd Rebuilding Together Houston house. (We need to submit our estimated crew size by March 13 to get a house assignment) We will renovate and paint the exterior of a dilapidated house in a marginal neighborhood, owned and occupied by an elderly or disabled Houstonian living below the poverty line. This is a hands-on, social, fun activity with lasting impact not only for the home owner, but for the neighborhood. Skilled and unskilled adults, teens, and whole families are welcome to work the hours they wish on either/both Saturdays. Food/drink donors are appreciated, too! For additional information, please contact Clara Kosloff or visit www.rebuildingtogetherhouston.org.