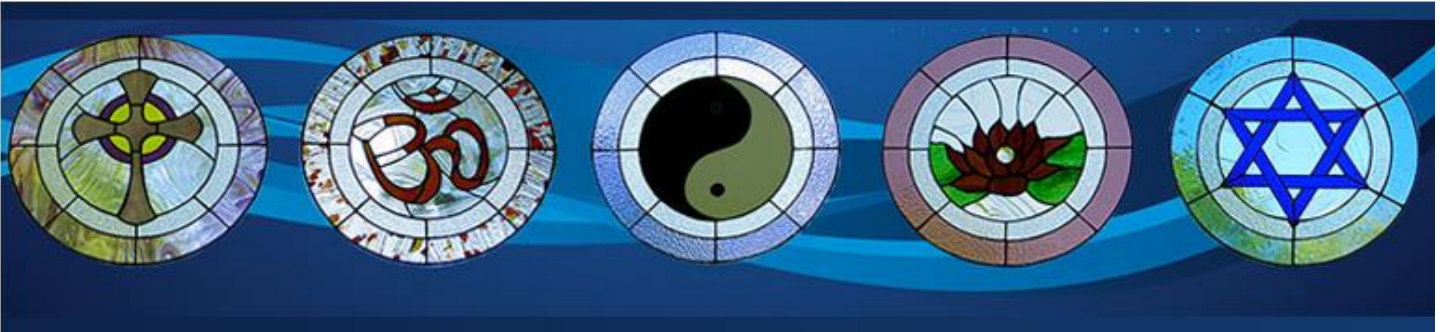


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Unitarian Universalist Church of Midland

WELCOMING diversity

EMPOWERING spiritual growth

FOSTERING the interdependent web

TRANSFORMING lives

Please visit our website at www.uumidland.org for a listing of all current events.

Membership Matters

Have you been getting to know the church and Unitarian Universalism? Do you feel that this congregation might be a spiritual home? Are you considering a deeper commitment to the church? Membership comes with great gifts and opportunities, as well as responsibilities to the church community. If you are considering membership, please check out our membership brochure in the foyer or see Erica Stoltz or Barbara Handley, Membership Chair, or a Board member.

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June 2022 Sermons at a Glance

June 5 "Are You Hiding Behind Your Avatar?"

A talk on the subject of being our true selves all the time, making the right choices, and not Hiding Behind our Avatars.

We're going to do a little exploring today. Like we're exploring a cave. The cave is how we see ourselves and how we tend to hide behind our avatars.

June 12 Pride Sunday

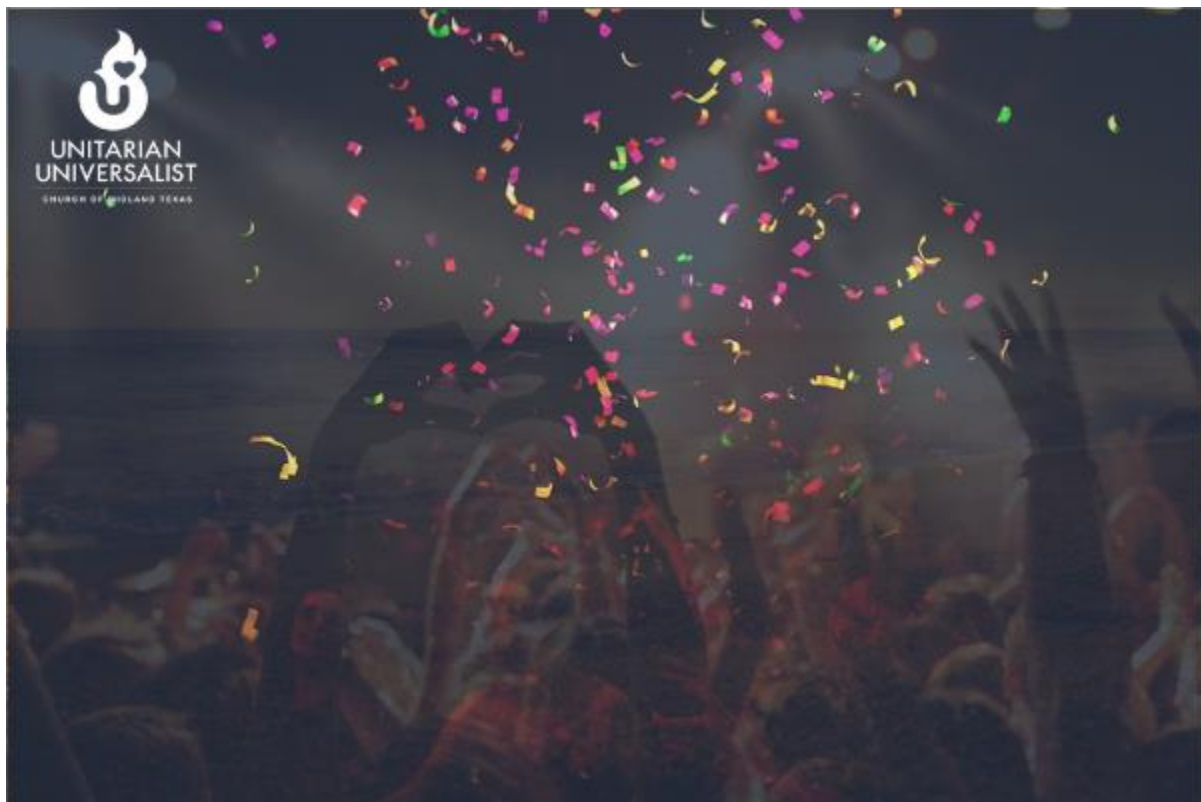
June is Pride Month! This Sunday we'll remotely experience the Pride service of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fayetteville, Arkansas. Rev. Dr. Steven Gaines will speak.

June 19 What We Need to Know about Juneteenth

Juneteenth is a holiday remembering the emancipation of enslaved people. Controversy has recently surrounded that holiday, and important meanings have been ignored. This service will consider challenging information that can help us live our principles.

June 26 General Assembly

Join UU's from across the continent as we celebrate our shared faith from General Assembly in Portland, OR.



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Sunday Mornings

Sunday services remain in a hybrid format both in-person and virtually. The board and the COVID Team gave much thought to the rules (**Pg. 4**) which we must all abide by as a way to properly care for each other and reduce the possibility of spreading the virus. Please read them carefully and be prepared to follow them. We will also continue to broadcast our services over Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/2750827327>).

We expect that Zoom will become a permanent part of our services so that people who cannot attend in person will be able to join us online.

Sunday services are currently hybrid both in person and online, using Zoom:



11:00 AM SUNDAYS

All are Welcome!
Online Service

Zoom Meeting ID
275 082 7327

Or check our home page
for the link or call-in #

10:15 - 10:45 AM
Children's Space

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For a low-tech option, you can call in with any phone to this number: 929-205-6099. When it asks for your Meeting ID, enter the below number.

Online Giving

While we are mostly meeting online, remember that there are still ways to give to our weekly offering and submit your pledge. You can text: "Give" to 432-271-4921 Or you can go to our website: uumidland.org and scroll down to the yellow PayPal Donate button. You can also mail a check to our office, or have your bank send a check.

Children's Space: Spirit Play meets in person from 10:00-10:45. Masks are required.

Interested in RE, see the **RE Corner** on **page 5** for details.

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Community Pantry



Board member, Eli Hilbert would like to see if anyone has some piece of furniture that would be suitable for a community pantry that we could install near our free library. We would prefer to recycle than to purchase

The Worship Committee has several opportunities to lead a service this summer. During the summer, we like to focus on our Unitarian Universalist Principles and Sources. You may use them to help in your planning. Or you may choose a totally different topic! If you would like to help but are not interested in leading a service there are many ways of assisting! You may be a Zoom Greeter and camera operator! You may be a Worship Associate. You may present a worship service. (The Worship Committee is here to help you!!!) You may share a gift of music by performing or by sharing musical suggestions. You may share suggestions for readings or service topics. There are many ways to share in our ministry. Please contact Barbara Handley at 432-978-5977 to volunteer.

COVID-19 Reopening Update

As Unitarian Universalists, we pride ourselves on being led by congregational polity. Due to the reporting of COVID cases being so low, the board voted to allow masks to be made optional at our April board meeting.

The congregation came to the board with concerns about the mask policy and the board voted to make a change on 5/17/2022. **Masks are now a mandatory item but we are allowing congregational singing WITH masks.**

This will allow our members with compromised immune systems and concerns about viruses; the peace to know they can worship safely.

Thank you for being flexible during this unusual new world we live in.

We will also continue to broadcast our services over Zoom. We expect that Zoom will become a permanent part of our services so that people who cannot attend in person will be able to join us online.

COVID-19 Reopening Update

Read the Annual Report for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year at <https://bit.ly/3G84VZe>.

At the Congregational meeting on May 14, the 2022-23 budget was approved. If any members would like a copy, contact Office Administrator, Jessica Stewart or Treasurer, Jane Hellinghausen (432-413-4612).



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2021-2022

Our vision is to be a vibrant community where diversity is celebrated, spiritual growth is cultivated and to embrace our wider community with the spirit of our eight principles.

2021-2022
ANNUAL
REPORT

Read the annual report
at
<https://bit.ly/3G84VZe>.

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Thoughts from the RE Corner

Children's Space 10:00-10:45

We are BACK!!!! Spirit Play meets in person from 10:00-10:45. Masks are required. Spirit Play is a Montessori-based curriculum that is based on our UU Promises (Principles) and Sources.

June 5: Freedom Summer. This story takes place shortly after desegregation. But new laws do not affect the friendship of two boys.

June 12: There will be no Spirit Play on this Sunday.

June 19: The Reluctant Dinosaur. This story embraces our UU principles, particularly the Red Promise.

June 26: Two for One Summer. Summer camp is the setting for a new friendship based on mutual respect.

Chalice Lighting

We light this chalice to celebrate Unitarian (cup left hand to make a U) Universalism (cup right hand to make a U).

We are the church of the open minds (fingertips touch the forehead and swing open like a door).

We are the church of the helping hands (hands outstretched palms up).

We are the church of the loving hearts (hands crossed over heart).

Religious Education Volunteers

If you are interested in helping with our children's religious education, there are many ways that you can participate. You could read or tell a story during Spirit Play. You may suggest a story. If you can help, please contact Barbara Handley at ebhandley@sbcglobal.net or 432-978-5977.



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What's Happening at UUCOM

June Share the Plate

We will share ½ of all cash donations with this **June's** Share the Plate recipient. The Board has chosen the following recipient, PFLAG Midland-Odessa.

PFLAG is the first and largest organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) people, their parents and families, and allies and PFLAG Midland-Odessa serves the Permian Basin. PFLAG Midland-Odessa is the extended family of the LGBTQ community. We're made up of LGBTQ individuals, family members and allies. Because together, we're stronger.



Learn more about PFLAG Midland-Odessa at <https://www.facebook.com/PFLAGMIDESSA/>.

Permian Basin Buddhists – Returns

The Permian Basin Buddhists returns to their weekly in-person meetings Tuesday nights, 7:00 - 8:30 PM.

The Permian Basin Buddhists continue to meet here at UUCOM on Tuesday nights, 7:00—8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome, whether you are new to Buddhism or have been practicing the Middle Way for some time. For regular updates about the group, join the [Permian Basin Meetup Group](#).

Monthly Stitching Group

Postponed Until Further Notice.

Interested in Becoming a Member?

Interested in officially joining our church community? Reach out to Rev. Julie, Carol Kullman, Jane Hellinghausen, or Barbara Handley; or check out our Path to Membership brochure in the foyer or info online. The process consists of committing to attend a Newcomers' Drop-In Circle or class; making a pledge of time, talent, &/or treasure; and signing the membership book. We welcome you!

Care Team for Church Members and Friends

We invite you to share any needs you may have or concerns about church members/friends with the care team. When others in our church family approach you about a difficult situation in their life please ask them if it is ok to share that information with the care team. You may share requests and concerns with Jane Hellinghausen ([413-4612](tel:413-4612)), or by calling the church office ([694-4308](tel:694-4308)).

Thank you for helping to make our church an even more supportive and caring community!

Garden and Grow, Continues

We will be continuing work in the Garden on the first Saturday of every month. Time varies depending on weather.

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Free Yoga Class

Patricia (Patty) George, the Yoga teacher will hold virtual classes Saturdays, 9-10 AM. If anyone would like to join them - it's still free – just send an email to Patty George at, georgepat31@gmail.com to discuss in-person or virtual (Zoom) availability.

Patty George is also leading meditation after the yoga class from 10:15 to 10:45. All are welcome and again they can contact her via the email above.

Food donations for people and pets!

Each Sunday during our offering, we collect donations of nonperishable food for local food pantries, and pet food for Lone Star Sanctuary for Animals. Make a special note to remember your food donations for our monthly Intergenerational Services, as the children love to collect the food and bring it forward. (You can check our calendar online to see when those are!)

Tree of Life

The modern Pagan movement provides a means for people to connect with the daily, monthly, and yearly cycles that continue to affect us physically and emotionally. Through classes and rituals, the Tree of Life Open Circle explores this connection in an ongoing effort to foster growth and community for kindred spirits of the earth.

For updates and further information about Tree of Life, please check out their Facebook page [here](#).



The graphic is split into two main sections. The left section has a red background with the text "UUMidland Demographic Survey" in white. Below the text is a large QR code. At the bottom of this section, it says "Call 432-694-4308 for a hard copy survey." The right section has a light yellow background. It features a blue speech bubble with the text "SHARE/UPDATE YOUR INFO ON YOUR SCHEDULE" in white. Below the speech bubble is an icon of a notepad with a pen. At the bottom of this section is the URL <https://bit.ly/UUSrvy21>.

May 2021 Newsletter

Wider World

Please Join Us for General Assembly 2022!

In 2022, we will have the option of meeting online or in-person! The UUA continues to practice the same flexibility and creative approach to programming that it encourages of congregations. For those who enjoyed the convenience and accessibility of remote participation, General Assembly will continue to offer a virtual experience with robust programming and enhanced delegate discussion tools. For those who miss the in-person experience, GA 2022 offers opportunities to re-connect with friends old and new, local site attractions, and more! Join us June 22 - 26, 2022 online or in-person in Portland, Oregon.



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We will have two special speakers joining us online and in person: adrienne maree brown, the amazing leader, pleasure activist and author of Emergent Strategy, and award winning author, influencer and Boston University professor, Ibram X. Kendi.

We'll gather on June 23 at 7:30pm for Faith On Fire For Democracy, so save the date—more details will be on the way soon!

Webinars are available to help you prepare, an online discussion forum is open, and the business mini assembly will take place before GA this year on June 11 at 4pm ET/1pm PT. Join us as we embody our deeply-held democratic values.

General Assembly 2022 Registration is now open [<https://www.uua.org/ga/registration>]!

UU the Vote

Join the UUA Poor People's Campaign Leadership Council and UU leaders from around the country on June 2nd at Noon ET/9 am PT for a Side with Love Facebook Livestream UU Gathering.

You can RSVP (<https://secure.everyaction.com/p73a35b-ok2YxbVx9QHGOA2>) for our June 2nd rally and/or just tune into the Side with Love Facebook Livestream when we go live at 11 AM CT on June 2nd. Learn more in [the UU the Vote e-newsletter](#).

RSVP for the June 18 Mobilization today! All UUs are asked to use this special [UU RSVP link](#) so that we can come together in DC and organize our presence together! UUs will gather 9:30am - 10:00amET at **4th Street NW & Pennsylvania Ave. NW**. See our [flyer with details](#).

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Read the current UUJEC News & Views, the Summer 2022 Edition at https://uujec.org/Portals/0/News%20Views22Summer.pdf?mc_cid=f0b3050f59&mc_eid=38fd0d1399.

Join the UUJEC for upcoming Web Seminars on the 2nd Thursdays of June and July!