

Thoreau Woods
Unitarian
Universalist
Church
January 2019



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 January 2019

Sunday, January 6, 2019

Rev. George Oliver

[Contemplating Covenant: Isaiah 55

As we set sail on the journey that is a new year, let us concurrently look at the ways we've been drawn together, attracted to one another, and summoned as a unit for a particular call under that ambiguous notion called covenant. How can we define its contours in such a way that we reimagine relationships with covenantal understanding binding us as one peculiar people?



George grew up in Huntsville, is a graduate of Huntsville High School, and attended Sam Houston State

University, Baylor University, and Andover Newton Theological Seminary.

He has served in several churches, as youth choir director, minister of worship and arts, associate pastor, and is currently senior minister at Christ's Community Church in Massachusetts. He also worked as a Congregational Outreach Specialist on a state-wide Methodist community service project called Texas Impact. He says, "I am a thinker, winker, stinker, rarely a blinker, a lover of God, conversation, politics, and passion." .

Sunday, January 13, 2019

Pam Johnson

"UU 101"

If this were your very first visit to a Unitarian Universalist congregation, what would you want to know? How are UU churches different from others in our community? What things may be familiar to you, and what are some of our differences from other faiths?

Pam Johnson is a long-time member of Thoreau Woods Unitarian Universalist Church and is currently Vice President of the Church. Unlike many UUs, Pam grew up in a Unitarian congregation and continued to attend as an adult. Her parents, Blaine and Joan Hinds, are also members. She and her husband James enrich our church and community by hosting a coffee house with live music at the church 4 times a year. They also



host a house concert in their home on a frequent schedule.

Sunday, January 20, 2019

Andrew Delaney

"Rise & Shine"

Summary: I'm a mentally ill person. It is a thing that seems to affect every aspect of my life in one way or another. My experiences have taught me a lot about my own humanity, and therefore the humanity of others. It strikes me that every individual I meet is seeing the world in different ways - perhaps profoundly different ways - and I hope to spread the message, - through my stories and songs - of meeting people where they are and understanding people as they are.

Andrew Delaney of Arlington, TX has been an unorthodox voice in the songwriter scene for a decade now. In that time, he has self-released nine full-length albums, won numerous accolades for his writing, and had his songs recorded and performed by artists all over the United States. He is a consummate storyteller, often hilarious and heavy in the same breath. Delaney's ability to entertain even while speaking on the darkest of subjects led Rich Warren of WFMT Radio, Chicago to call him "The Alfred Hitchcock of singer/songwriters." Andrew's newest release "Whatever Still Remains" is primarily a home enterprise with Delaney playing producer and engineer after spending his last three studio efforts studying over the shoulder of Grammy winner Steve Christensen (Steve Earle's "Townes"). On



“Whatever Still Remains”, Andrew embraces his unapologetic love for things like monster movies, Andre The Giant, and The Rocky Horror Picture Show, and uses them to frame up universal stories of wonder, loss, and the search for belonging. The album features guest appearances by folk notables Ordinary Elephant, Justin Farren, Alice Wallace, and Mia Rose Lynne - among others. Delaney continues to build his reputation in the folk world with his selection to the 2018 Falcon Ridge Folk Festival’s Emerging Artist Showcase. His past accomplishments include: winning the 2017 Songwriter Serenade; performing as a finalist in the 2017 Rocky Mountain Song Contest at the Rocky Mountain Folks Festival; being named an Official Selection at the 2017 H.P. Lovecraft Film Festival in Portland, OR for his music video directorial debut “Howard”; and playing the main stage at the Kerrville Folk Festival in 2016 after being a finalist in the famed Kerrville New Folk Competition in 2015, 2013, and 2010. 2018 also finds Andrew producing records for Dallas, TX songwriter Justin Pickard and Denver, CO’s Emily Barnes.

Sunday, January 27, 2019

On Sunday, January 27 we will have a Fellowship Sunday and potluck lunch. We will have our usual opening words hymns but no sermon. Members who wish to share something with the congregation should tell the meeting leader. Please bring



food for yourself and food
to share.

Happy Birthdays to those born in January!

Alex Norman kicks off 2019!
(I saw a photo of his birthday cake!

If you have a January birthday, please tell the editor!

*******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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