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## Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge

Nursery provided at both services. Children (preschool and above) and Middle Youth attend the first portion of the worship services with their families and friends, before heading to their classrooms with their teachers and advisers. Senior Youth stay in the sanctuary for the entire worship service this Sunday.

**Our September newsletter can now be found online at [www.unitarianchurchbr.com](http://www.unitarianchurchbr.com). Printed copies are available for pickup at the Welcome Table**

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

### **SEPTEMBER 5**

### **9:30 & 11:15 AM**

**Sunday, September 7: Sunday Worship Services--Adams ... the UU Theologian for These Times.** One of Steve Crump's professors in seminary, James Luther Adams, enjoyed telling the story of his father's reaction when Jim became a Unitarian minister. His father said, "I pray that you will be a failure. Otherwise you will have to answer not only to your own lost soul, but also for the souls of others whom you may have led astray." Let us become acquainted with this pillar of thought and love within our ranks. We're featuring hymns by UU composers for the morning. At the close of the services, we hold a congregational meeting to approve two Great Expectations projects, the exterior campus design and an Executive Director position, and the preliminary budget for fiscal year 2015.

**Lunch Bunch** meets at 1pm, after the congregational meeting, at **Dream Berrie**, 3851 S. Sherwood Forest. All are welcome.

**YAC (Youth/Adult Committee)** is meeting at 10 AM, Room 1 (Senior Youth Room). All Middle and Senior Youth, and their parents and advisers are invited.

**Congregational Meeting** 12:45 PM, with childcare available, is to consider the following motions:

Motion: To approve the conceptual master plan design for the exterior campus, to authorize the award of a contract for creation of construction drawings and the solicitation of construction bids. In support, an expenditure of \$75,000 is authorized from the Great Expectations Capital Growth Fund.

Motion: To approve the creation of the positions of Executive Director and Technology Ministry and to approve the funding plan for support of the positions on an annual declining basis from the remaining staff support funds of \$253,000 in our Great Expectations Capital Growth Fund combined with a congregational commitment to fully support these positions from the annual budget after five years.

Motion: To approve the proposed budget for fiscal year 2015.

**Open Circle Book Club:** 7pm, church office. The book is *The Alexandria Link* by Steve Berry

### **WHAT'S AHEAD AT OUR CHURCH**

**Sunday, September 14, Don't Blame Me, I Voted for the Loser.** With the midterm elections fast approaching, **The Reverend Nathan Ryan** will explore how to be a religious person in partisan times. Our choir offers music by UU composers Jim Scott and Clif Hardin.

**Sunday, September 14, Parents/RE Council Meeting** at 12:45 pm, Room 7. Halloween and holiday planning will be on the agenda. All RE parents and teachers are invited. Bring a potluck dish to share.

**Sunday, September 28, Vigil and Rally for Civil Liberties and Racial Justice** in Arsenal Park, east of the state capitol, 5 PM.

### **PATHS TO ENGAGEMENT**

**Visitor Q&A** with ministers, 1st Sunday after each service.

**Roots** is an introduction to Unitarian Universalism and our church led by our Senior Minister **The Reverend Steve J. Crump**. Our next six-hour class will be on Wednesdays, September 17, 24 and October 1, 6:30 – 8:30pm. Sign up at the book table.

**Branches:** Branches groups provide a way for Intimacy and Ultimacy. Groups of 8 – 12 meet monthly for two hours. Open to all Roots graduates and church members. To sign up or for questions see the book table.

**GenUU:** Open to all young adults (aged 18-35ish). Contact **Christy Howard** at [christyrhoward@gmail.com](mailto:christyrhoward@gmail.com).

## **OUTREACH**

A lively team of volunteers used part of their holiday weekend to prepare “Bags of Hope” at St. Vincent de Paul’s Dining Room last Saturday. Our team included Gloria Bockrath, Jesse Clifton, Becky Cureau, Lisa Fultz, Eileen Gary, Paulette Newman, Jim Nichols, Carolyn Stutts, Kalena Thomhave, and Donna Yelverton. Thanks, volunteers!

**Sign-up begins this Sunday for our October 3** volunteer service: serving lunch at the St Vincent de Paul Dining Room. Stop by the Adult Activities table to sign on to be one of the twelve volunteers needed for this service, or email [rcureau@cox.net](mailto:rcureau@cox.net).

Ticket sales continue through September 10th for the Interfaith Federations’ Annual CommUNITY Prayer Breakfast to be held on Tuesday, September 16 at 7:00 a.m. at Bourdreaux’s. The \$20.00 ticket helps support the Federation’s programs, including the Holy Grill noon food service in Zion City. Call the Federation office at 267-5600, the church office at 926-2291, or email [rcureau@cox.net](mailto:rcureau@cox.net) to reserve your ticket.

## **ONGOING EVENTS**

*Everyone is welcome to attend. Newcomers are encouraged*

**Bible Skeptics:** Sunday, September 21, 5pm, church office. Reading: *2 Samuel chaps. 1-12*

**Tai Chi:** Mondays, 6pm, Fellowship Hall

**Women’s Book Club:** Monday, September 8, 6pm, church kitchen, Annual potluck and book selection party.

**Humanist Film:** resumes in October

**Gentle Movement Class:** Tuesdays & Fridays, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall

**Adult Choir:** Wednesdays, 6:30pm, choir room.

**Everyone's Non-Fiction Book Club:** Thursday, Sept. 25, 7pm, Game Room. The book is *Zealot* by Reza Aslan

**Recorders:** Wednesdays, 6:30pm, R3 (Advanced Group, 1st Wed.)

**Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG):** 3rd Thursday, 7pm, Fellowship Hall

**Meditation:** Thursdays, 7pm, R6

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*Grounded in love and respect for nature and humanity and dedicated to the individual's search for truth, we provide a home where we can celebrate spiritual diversity and commit ourselves to serving the human community.*

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