

**THE CHURCH THAT  
SHOWS UP**

(Our program theme)

**Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge  
Many Beliefs . . . One Community . . . A Better World**

9:30 and 11:15 AM Sunday Worship

**Classes & nursery for our children provided at the 9:30 & 11:15am Services**

**Classes for Middle and Senior Youth provided at the 11:15am Service**

**OCTOBER 2016**

This newsletter and other recent newsletters are available on our website, [www.unitarianchurchbr.com](http://www.unitarianchurchbr.com).  
Click newsletter archives under quick links on our homepage.

**Parking Lot Update: Cement pouring delayed because of rain.**

**October 2, Sunday Morning Worship Services**

***Beginning Again***

We celebrate the Jewish New Year with apple and honey and contemplate how it is possible to begin again, to write a new chapter, to begin a new season.



**October 9, Sunday Morning Worship Services**

***Showing Up for At-One-Ment***

We Unitarian Universalists are the people who have a radical sense of atonement.

This Sunday we feature a performance of the "Kol Nidre," a dramatic piece of music for cello and piano, heard in temples all over the planet on Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish calendar. We have a multiple choice mental exercise for the morning services.

**October 16, Sunday Morning Worship Services**

***Showing up for Generosity***

How do we help build a stronger healthier world? We must be generous with our time, or forgiveness, and our kindness. Join us as we explore the plateaus and pitfalls of generosity.

**October 23, Sunday Morning Worship Service**

**What Kind of Church Is This?**

Arlo Guthrie was asked this question in that vintage '69 cult film "*Alice's Restaurant*." How would you answer the question? And can you get, like at Alice's Restaurant, anything you want?



**October 30, Sunday Morning Worship Services**

***SHOWING UP FOR THE ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE***

If the world is ending, if zombies are returning from the grave, how will our church respond? We must find the answers! We must be prepared! Also, Happy Halloween.



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***Dottie Kelly*** – Connections Team

***Donna Yelverton & Janene Wacker*** - Congregational Care

***Sandy Hubbard & Tara Hebert*** – Fun & Fellowship



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

October 2: Open Circle Book Club 7pm

October 3: Tai Chi 6pm

October 5: Adult Choir, Recorders & Roots 6:30pm

October 10: Tai Chi 6pm, Women's Book Club 7pm

October 11: Ministries Staff 2pm, AG&L 6pm,  
Socrates Café 7pm

October 12: Adult Choir, Recorders & Roots 6:30pm

October 13: 3M Task Force 6:30pm

October 16: Bible Skeptics 5pm

October 17: Tai Chi 6pm

October 18: Church Board 6:30pm

October 19: Adult Choir, Recorders & Roots 6:30pm

October 20: McKinley Magnet Music Recital 9am,  
PFLAG 7pm

October 21: 5 Year Member Dinner 6:30pm

October 22: Cakes for the Queen of Heaven 10am

October 23: 3M Task Force 12:45pm

October 24: Tai Chi 6pm

October 26: Adult Choir, Recorders & Roots 6:30pm

October 27: Non Fiction Book Club 7pm

October 29: Halloween Party 5pm

October 30: Bring 2017 Stewardship pledge card to church

October 31: Tai Chi 6pm

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On***



## CRUMP EXPRESSWAY

-a column from **The Reverend Steve J. Crump**

**Families and households affected by *The Flood of Summer '16*** account for a larger percentage of our congregation than we first calculated. We review our list of expressed and discovered needs almost daily, trying to figure out how we can assist in the process of repair in all the ways that people work to achieve wholeness in body, mind, and spirit. The stories are astoundingly sad and nearly unbelievable. Of course, becoming whole or nearly so, is a process. Each week we craft worship services with the needs of those strangely hit by this unusual storm in mind. We engage in conversations, listen to stories, and offer counsel. Our church is here for people for the long haul. Please find an insert in this newsletter for addressing needs and behaviors of children who are stressed.

**Aphorisms and quotations can help us in life** because they speak to broader, deeper meanings. Choose well your aphorism. I offer five:

*Courage is the choice to accept the consequences of a life not controlled by fear.* (Larry McGinty)

*Imitate the action of the tiger; stiffen the sinews, summon up the blood* (Shakespeare, Henry V, Act III.)

*Every single one of us can do things that no one else can do --love things that no one else can love. We are like violins. We can be used for doorstops, or we can make music. You know what to do.* (Barbara Sher)

*I'd rather be a failure at something I enjoy than a success at something I hate.* (George Burns)

*Attack Truth Decay. Come Evolve with Us.* (seen on a UU church outdoor sign)

**The Church That Shows Up** is our stewardship drive and program theme. The theme is meant to be aspirational, not self-congratulatory. *The Church That Shows Up* is a distinction that our church earned among our sister and brother members of *Together Baton Rouge*, about the time TBR was organizing for the local CATS tax initiative. Please go online to enter your financial commitment for 2017. (Payments on your pledge begin January 1.) Or, you may wish to fill out a pledge card and mail it or bring it to church by Sunday, October 30. We're securing our 2017 operating budget and we don't want anyone left out in the funding of our church programs. This is your church. Be generous.

### **Watchful eyes to the earth and sky.**

Not a single church member would want us to pour cement for the new parking lot if the soil did not pass a compaction and moisture test. So, we have been waiting for dry weather after having failed several soil tests. The wooden forms are ready for the pouring, but we must wait for an all-clear signal from our independently contracted engineers and architect, Mike Perry. We do believe in science around here. We all desire a faithful and enduring, finished product. Get ready for that word again: patience.

### **Parking Restrictions Next Door At the Pediatric Clinic**

Congregation members and friends are asked by the Property Manager next door **NOT** to park in their parking lot Monday – Saturday at any hour. Sunday parking is still permitted.

## **Associate Minister's Column**

by **The Reverend Nathan A. Ryan**

This summer has been very rough on a lot of people. Those who fear for their lives because they are black in Baton Rouge had another reminder that some of those sworn to keep them safe not only fail to do their jobs, but can actually perpetrate more violence on the black community. Police officers, who already have a very dangerous job, were reminded this summer just how dangerous their jobs can be.

People who thought that their houses were safe (or thought that if they were hit by devastating weather, they would at least have a warning) found out that they can lose their cars and all of their possessions in just a few hours.

Many people are exhausted, worried, in trauma, grief stricken, running on fumes, and trying to make meaning out of their lives. People under stress are more likely to act out of anger, more likely to lash out, more likely to let their prejudices and stereotypes seep out. So when we interact with each other, and when you interact with yourself, please be kind.

I imagine all of us are trying to make meaning out of this summer. Many are trying to figure out why we still get a little fidgety when it rains. I still worry when I see a police car or helicopter zip past the church's windows. Whatever spiritual practices you have that help you make meaning or help you be at peace with the divine, please do them.

Also, please write. Don't write for publication. Take a sheet of paper and maybe a pen or a crayon. Lie on the floor, or go somewhere that you don't associate with work, and just write. Write down everything you remember about this summer. Try writing a chronology, or try writing a letter to someone you care about, describing this summer, or write a fake letter to a lawyer threatening suit against whatever cruel god(s?), or demons, or muses laid this summer at our feet.

Writing might help you make sense of this summer. It will help you put things into some sort of order. It will help you craft your story. Many people I've talked to described this summer as a fog. Making yourself write down exactly what happened might help you find some clarity.

I wish for all the members of our church, and our region, spiritual wellbeing. I wish for you comfort, and kindness. I wish for you an end to injustice and tragedy. I wish for you some cool, dry evenings. I wish for you safety. I wish for you a renewed sense of hope in humanity, in family, in our state, and in God – or whatever concept of divine ultimacy finds resonance in your heart.

Please be safe. Please be kind. Please be loving.

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**Contributions:** Please make every effort to become current with your giving on three fronts: Operating Budget (OB), Great Expectations (GE), and Green-for-Green (GG), the last of which is needed for our landscaping and irrigation project that will complete the parking lot and west campus. Send or bring your 2017 Financial Commitment Card (page 6) to church by Sunday, Oct. 30.

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## Religious Education News

The Reverend Beth Williams  
Director of Religious Education



**Saturday, October 29, Halloween Party at UCBR, 6-8:30 pm** (note the new day and time): Bring your cool costumes (g-rated only)! Walk through our Haunted House, sit with our fortune-teller, and test your luck with our cake-walk. Kids can enjoy crafts, storytelling and bobbing for donuts. Bring your favorite Monster Munchies (treats) and enjoy our newest addition, an Escape Room. We plan to provide a Hotdog Bar, but need lots of support with the food. Please contact **Tamara Hebert** by emailing [tamarahebert3@gmail.com](mailto:tamarahebert3@gmail.com) if you would like to bring food or would like to volunteer some time to support our Safe Church policies. Although the event is free, there will be a charge for the Cake Walk (\$2 each, \$6 all). Money will go to UNICEF.

## Music Updates

Leah Hartman, Music Program Director  
Trey Davis, Choral Director

In October, we look forward to hearing the 2016 church auction anthem winner, with a fun arrangement of the song One Day by reggae artist and beatboxer Matisyahu. Later in the month, the choir will also sing a beautiful arrangement of a portion of the Sanctus text. We will enjoy hearing a cello and piano duo playing Max Bruch's piece Kol Nidre on October 9 as we observe Yom Kippur.

If you have ever wanted to be an usher, helping welcome people to the church on Sunday mornings, now is your chance. Ushers sign up to help for one service every other month. This is a great way to get involved in the church without a huge time commitment. Contact **Kristie Boudreaux**, or email [music.office@unitarianchurchbr.com](mailto:music.office@unitarianchurchbr.com) for more information.

We also have openings for October, November, and December flower donations. If you'd like to honor a special person or commemorate a special occasion, consider signing up to bring flowers for the Sunday services. Learn more or sign up at the table in the fellowship hall after each service.

## Social Justice

Bobby Thompson, Director of Social Justice

**Together Baton Rouge** has one of its most important gatherings of the year -- our 2016 Delegates Assembly -- coming up on Thursday, October 6, 6pm at First United Methodist Church, 930 North Blvd. We will ratify TBR's agenda of issues for EBR Mayor-president and Metro Council Register to attend at [togetherbr.org](http://togetherbr.org). There will be Assemblies with candidates for Metro Council Districts: Districts 1&2 meets Tuesday, October 11, 6:30pm. At the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church 1565 Curtis St. 70807. Districts 7 & 11, Thursday, October 13, 6:30Pm Location to be announced. Districts 3 & 9, Tuesday, October 25, 6:30, St. George Catholic Church (Kleinpeter Hall) 7808 St George Drive. 70809. Districts 4 & 5 Thursday, October 27, 6:30pm (tentative) Antioch Full Gospel Baptist Church 5247 Ford St. 70809. Districts 6,8,10, & 12 TBA

Our **Shared offering** for October is STAR – **Sexual Trauma & Response** - To provide support, education and advocacy to empower all individuals and families affected by sexual trauma, and engage and mobilize the community to prevent sexual trauma. 8281 Goodwood Blvd Suite I-2 Baton Rouge, LA 70806

## OUTREACH

Becky Cureau, Director of Outreach

As partners and supporters of the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank and its mission to help feed the needy in Baton Rouge and surrounding areas, we welcome the news that the Food Bank's warehouse is now fully operational following repairs to the facility from the August flooding, when a large quantity of food was lost. Our re-scheduled date to work in the warehouse sorting and packing donations is Saturday, November 12 from 8am – 12pm. Signup for our committed team of 20 volunteers will begin on Sunday, October 8. Look for reminders in weekly announcements.

In addition to our scheduled services at the Holy Grill, the Baton Rouge Food Bank, St. Vincent de Paul's dining room or Women's Shelter, or in other venues, individuals from our church often respond to requests for volunteers to help in various capacities at agencies in the community. This was demonstrably true following the August floods. Members of our church volunteer throughout the year at hospitals, in nursing homes, schools, and in places and for innumerable causes. The spirit of volunteerism and service to the community is alive and well at UCBR because we are "The Church That Shows Up."



Becky Cureau, Communications Chair

With the anticipation that concrete will soon cover parking areas, the current focus of the Great Expectations Steering Team is on irrigation and landscaping. At a meeting of the Team on September 20 discussions centered on selection of trees and other plantings for landscaping, to be funded by the Green-for-Green funding project. We currently have \$40,000 of the \$100,000 goal the congregation approved and will proceed with irrigation and critical plantings as the current project nears completion. The Team also discussed grasses and groundcovers to prevent soil erosion, and possibilities for needed maintenance of landscaped areas. Team member and landscape architect **Bill Rountree** noted that due to the delay in paving of parking areas because of recent heavy rains, the projected completion of the parking lot in late October or early November when temperatures will be cooler will provide conditions more conducive for plantings and grass seeding. Questions related to irrigation, landscaping, and the current status of construction of the parking lot can be directed to Team Chair **Neal Stoltfus** or **Bill Rountree**, who meet regularly with contractors with Hardrock Construction Company. Other GES Team members include **Becky Cureau, Diana Dorroh, Vicky Smith, Sally Wood**, and **Reverend Steve Crump**, *ex officio*.

## LUNCH BUNCH

All times are 1pm, on Sundays after church services.  
Everyone is always welcome.

October 2: **Zoroona**, 6900 Siegen Lane  
[zoroona.net](http://zoroona.net)

October 9: **Sliders**, 3746 Ultima Plaza  
[slidersgrillbar.com](http://slidersgrillbar.com)

October 16: **El Magey**, 8290 Siegen Lane  
[elmagey.com](http://elmagey.com)

October 23: **Drusilla Seafood**, 3482 Drusilla Lane  
[drusillaplace.com](http://drusillaplace.com)

October 30: **Voodoo BBQ**, 3510 Drusilla Lane  
[voodooobbqandgrill.com](http://voodooobbqandgrill.com)

~No Circle supper again this month.~



**Roots** ~ is an introduction to Unitarian Universalism and our church led by one of our ministers. Sign up at the book table for the 6:30 – 8:30pm Wednesday evening class on October 12, 19 & 26. Childcare is available with advance arrangements.



**Branches** ~ Branches groups provide a way for participants to form deeper relationships and to explore life topics (e.g. love, loss, Christmas) - Intimacy and Ultimacy in a safe small group, with carefully chosen and trained leaders. Groups meet monthly for two hours, mostly in members' homes, and consist of 8 - 12 members. If you're a church member or Roots graduate, we have a place for you now.



**GenUU** ~ Are you a young adult (aged 18-35ish) member or friend of UCBR? Whether you're brand new to the church or a familiar friend we hope you'll join our young adult group, **GenUU**, for an activity. Contact group leader **Christy Howard** at [christyrhoward@gmail.com](mailto:christyrhoward@gmail.com).



## Cakes for the Queen of Heaven

Classes to begin in September

Cakes for the Queen of Heaven, Part 1: In Ancient Times, a five-session class in feminist theology, will begin in September. Classes will meet on Saturday mornings, 10am – 12pm, at the church. The scheduled dates are:

- October 22 - The Sacred Female
- November 5 - In The Name of the Mother and the Daughter
- November 19 - Woman Power
- December 3 - The First Turning: the Shift from Goddess to God
- December 17 - Reclaiming Women's Heritage of Peace

To register or for more information, email **Suzanne Besse** [suzanne.besse@aol.com](mailto:suzanne.besse@aol.com) or sign up at the Book Table.

## Sunday, November 13, Artisans' Holiday Bazaar Save the Date

We are excited to announce that the 2016 Artisans' Holiday Bazaar has been scheduled for Sunday November 13, 10:30 - 11:15am & 12:15 - 3pm.

Beginning in August, look for the Artisans' Holiday Bazaar table to find information and application forms.



Members and Friends of the Church who are Artists & Artisans are encouraged to sign up to participate. There is no fee to participate. 15% of your sales will go to the UCBR Great Expectations Fund. Artisan space is limited, so sign up early. Look for application forms and more information beginning August 7, after each service in the Fellowship Hall.

## Continuing Activities

*Everyone is welcome to attend & newcomers are encouraged.*

- **Bible Skeptics:** Sunday, October 16, 5pm, **La Madeleine Café**, 7615 Jefferson Hwy, private room. Reading Book of Isaiah, chapters 1, 7, 11, 22, 28, 44, 56 AND Book of Jeremiah, chapters 28, 29, 36
- **Open Circle Book Club:** Sunday, October 2, 7pm, **La Madeleine Café** 7615 Jefferson Hwy, private room. Reading The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum.
- **Tai Chi:** Mondays, 6pm, Fellowship Hall
- **Women's Book Club:** Monday, October 10, 7pm, **La Madeleine Café** 7615 Jefferson Highway, private room. Reading Dead Wake by Erik Larson.
- **Humanist Film: Fall 2016 date & place TBD.**
- **Socrates Café:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month, 7pm, R6
- **Church Board:** Tuesday, October 18, 6:30pm, church office.
- **Adult Choir:** Wednesdays, 6:30pm, choir room.
- **Recorders:** Wednesdays, 6:30pm, R3 (Advanced Group, 1st Wed.)
- **Non-Fiction Book Club:** Thursday, October 27, 7pm, **La Madeleine Café** 7615 Jefferson Highway. Reading Flash Boys by Michael Lewis
- **Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG):** 3rd Thursday, 7pm

## Our 2017 Stewardship Drive: *The Church That Shows Up*

Go online, mail, or bring your signed commitment card to church by  
Sunday, October 30.



Our 2016 Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**In support of our church, I (we) commit to pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in 2017.**

I/we will pay:  monthly  quarterly  annually  other \_\_\_\_\_

I/we will pay by:  Check  Bank withdrawal  Credit card  
 Donation of stocks, mutual funds or other assets

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_