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## Our Mission

### To change lives and heal our world

Bay Area Unitarian Universalist Church actively seeks to improve our congregational, local, and global community. We encourage spiritual growth in a diverse congregation which respects the free and responsible expression of ideas. We covenant compassionate fellowship, provide a joyful environment that nurtures creativity, and collaborates with others to promote our values.

## Our Vision

### To be the most vibrant center of liberal religion at work in the world

Bay Area Unitarian Universalist Church is a vibrant liberal religious home welcoming all people while advocating our Seven Principles in the Houston community and the world. Dedicated to religion, not to creed, Unitarian Universalists do not impose a list of doctrinal formulas upon our congregation. Our Church regards love of all creation and the perfecting of our spiritual nature as the unchanging substance of our religion. We consecrate to these Principles with a reverence for truth, moral character and insight, helpfulness to humanity, and the spirit of communion with the Infinite.

## Our Values

**Integrity** to keep our promises to each other, our communities, and the wider world. Consistency of action, worthy of trust, honesty, truthfulness, authenticity, responsibility, accountability, and discernment requires courage to live in accordance with our Unitarian Universalist convictions to not be silent or fail to act when our Values and Principles are threatened.

**Stewardship** through our words and deeds to manage all that has been entrusted to our care for future generations. This extends beyond our financial and physical assets, to include our care for all of creation and the lives that we touch.

**Respect & Compassion** in the inherent worth of all people, to honor diversity, and to nourish our sustainable environment. Our success is measured by how we include and treat each other and all living things, by the contributions that flow from our diversity, by the achievements of our community, and by the lives we change. We are saddened by the suffering of others and endeavor to widen our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of the universe.

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## Sunday Worship

**Sunday, January 4, 2015**

### “Middle-of-the-Night Epiphanies”

**Rev. Bruce Beisner**

There is a magical hour when it is no longer the late, late night and not yet quite the early morning. People sing songs and write poems about it. Insomniacs and club kids know this hour well but most of us sleep right through it. Bruce will share one revelation that came to him at 4:00 in the morning.

**Sunday, January 11, 2015**

### “Bequeathing Who You Are”

**Guest preacher: Rabbi Deborah Schloss**

We prepare legal wills to share our physical property and finances with our heirs, but what about our spiritual and emotional resources? Through this reflective sermon about ethical wills, we'll begin to contemplate how to also disseminate our unique spiritual legacy. Rabbi Schloss serves as spiritual leader of Temple Beth Tikvah, a Reform Jewish Congregation in Clear Lake.

**Sunday, January 18, 2015**

### “Becoming Anti-Racist”

**Rev. Bruce Beisner**

Theologian Thandeka has called racism “America’s birth defect.” Recent events in Missouri and New York City remind us that, despite great strides, racial discrimination continues to harm us all. We’ll explore how naming oppression and acknowledging its destructive effects can help us continue the work of dismantling the structures of systematic bias around us.

**Sunday, January 25, 2015**

### “Resilience”

**Rev. Bruce Beisner**

There is nothing more miraculous than watching a cut or a scrape on our body heal itself. Often our bodies know what our minds don’t—that we are resilient creatures who are capable of becoming whole again even when we have experienced deep brokenness. We’ll sing songs and tell stories of healing. Our services on January 25 will be for all ages.

*Rev. Bruce Beisner’s schedule is:*

*Monday, Tuesday and Thursday Bruce is in the church office.  
Wednesday is Bruce’s sermon writing day and Friday is his day off.  
Bruce can be reached at [minister@bauuc.org](mailto:minister@bauuc.org) or 513-374-3926.*



## Together on the Journey

### Rev. Bruce Beisner

The Buddhists have a saying, "All is dukkha." The word "dukkha" is often translated into English as "suffering." Many of us have heard the first noble truth of the Buddha stated as "All life is suffering." But such a translation can be misleading or at least incomplete. The Buddha was talking about more than just our pain and sorrow. Essayist Elizabeth Tarbox has written that "The true feeling of dukkha is closer to impermanence. The fact of impermanence is central to the Buddhist path to nirvana and enlightenment."

As we cross the threshold of the season into a new calendar year, it might be challenging enough to just try to remember to write "2015" instead of "2014" on checks and tax forms without having to think about big philosophical and religious ideas like dukkha. Yet if we think back to January of the past year, we were struggling to remember to write "2014" instead of "2013."

As we watch the years go by and the seasons change all around us, we get the sense that nothing lasts. We can be taken over by a longing for what once was or just to know something is permanent and won't change. The Buddha taught that this longing for things to last, for the ability to control our lives so they remain the same is the root of all suffering.

Each new year brings about change in our Bay Area Church community. Every season we welcome new people into our church family. We say farewell to friends who move away and we speak blessings and shed tears for those who we have lost. We celebrate holidays and holy days together, share meals, and listen to each other's stories. And the stories are always changing.

In 2015 we will welcome a new Church Administrator. We'll continue to grow in our commitments to service and justice with our All-Church Outreach Projects. We'll explore how we might be more active in healing the divisions of race and class and religion that harm our world. We'll find new ways to become a larger presence in the Clear Lake community and share the blessings and values we have found here with others.

I am looking to the future with excitement about all that this church and this community can and will become. The Buddha says that nothing stays the same and everything changes. Embracing the dukkha is what leads to new opportunities, growth and possibilities.

Happy New Year! I can't wait to see what we do next together!



## Meaning Making

### Patti Withers

Director of Lifespan Religious Education, CRE/ML

### WCPD? Or What Can Parents Do?

You have probably heard the phrase "WWJD?" (What Would Jesus Do?) or possibly "WWUUD?" (What Would UU's Do?) in relation to determining how a person of faith lives out their values.

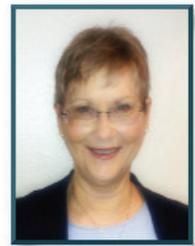
I believe that 1) parents are our children's primary religious educators and 2) Unitarian Universalist parents frequently do not know how to communicate the nuances of their faith to their children. In truth, Unitarian Universalism can be rather complicated.

The Rev. William Feinberg, Pastor of the Unitarian Universalist Society of South Suffolk in Bay Shore, NY, addressed this issue in an email to the UU Religious Education listserv. The original strand concerned why we use lessons about famous Unitarian Universalists in teaching children and adults about our faith.

Musing about Unitarian celebrities (are there any Universalist celebrities?\*) makes me smile because I remember conversations I heard growing up. I was raised in a Jewish home and at family gatherings a favorite pastime was 'Did you know?' 'Did you know that Edward G. Robinson is Jewish?' 'Did you know that Danny Kaye is Jewish?' While I found these talks about Jewish celebrities interesting, I really wanted to know how the people in my own family actually lived out their Jewishness. That is what would have inspired me more. Sadly very few actually did. Few ever went to synagogue or talked positively about how Judaism helped them with difficult life decisions. This disconnect between religion and life was palpable and no knowledge of celebrity Jewishness could make up for it. I think that if we really want our kids to get excited about UU, I think we need to show them that it's worth keeping by talking with them from the heart without any preaching or talking down [to] them about how our own lives are enriched by practicing our faith. When you have a difficult time with a co-worker or your boss, do you talk with your kids about how your faith helps you through it? Or if you decided to give up smoking, would you discuss how your faith played a part in that decision? This kind of talk will inspire our kids, not the knowledge that Mariah Carey actually grew up UU (even though she doesn't participate in a UU church today).

The first step, of course, would be purposefully thinking about how your faith guides your actions. How often do you relate a decision to one of the Principles or consciously draw from one of the Sources? When you do, do you talk to your family about it? Give it a try. It is, after all, a new year—a time for new ideas, new actions, new conversations.

In faith,  
Patti



\*Yes. Paul Newman, Christopher Reeve, Andre Braugher and more

# Religious Education for Children and Youth

## Nursery and Childcare

Our littlest ones are given loving care every Sunday between 9:15 am and noon. The children engage in free play, hear stories, sing songs, and work on age-appropriate crafts. Reservations are not necessary.

## Special Sundays

**January 4** – New Year's Ritual; all classes meet together in Cockrell Hall

**January 11** - Second Sunday Food Drive

**January 25** - Multigenerational Service; all ages stay in the sanctuary to worship together through story, readings and song. Childcare is available for babies and young children.

## Spirit Play (9:30 and 11:00 am)

**Earth-Centered Source Stories (Room 114); 9:30 (K-5<sup>th</sup>) and 11:00 (PreK)**

**January 11** – *Rowen*; an introduction to the Source

**January 18** – *The Straight and Narrow*; a story about labyrinths

## Grade-based Classes (11:00 am)

### Wonderful Welcome - K/1<sup>st</sup> (Room 116)

**January 11** – Helping: This session continues the intangible gift of helping, and teaches children that they can help people they have never met, as well as people they know.

**January 18** – Families: This session's intangible gift is sharing positive qualities such as kindness, respect and care with the people in our families.

### Faithful Journeys - 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> (Rooms 103/104)

**January 11** – Keep Learning: Participants build self-esteem as learners and seekers.

**January 18** – Create Magic, Change the World: Participants learn a concept of "magic" based on focusing one's energy on purposeful, positive action to change the world in a positive way.

### Toolbox of Our Faith - 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> (Room 120)

**January 11** – Reflection: personal spiritual practices are investigated

**January 18** – Power: This session explores the power to seek truth, to question authority or the status quo, to speak out against injustice, and to band together with others to make a difference for what is good and just.

## You the Creator - Middle School – 6<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> (Room 112)

**January 11 and 18** – The class works on their long-term project of writing, producing, directing and filming a stop-action animation short film.

## Senior High (library)

**January 11 and 18** - The High School group joins the Comparative Religions class in the library. Contact Courtney Rountree, Youth Director, at [youthdirector@bauuc.org](mailto:youthdirector@bauuc.org) for further information.

**January 16-18** – The Houston Area youth host a district rally at Northwoods UU.

# Adult Enrichment

## Sunday

### Comparative Religion: East and West

**January 11, 18, 25** - Have you ever wondered about Buddhism, Hinduism or other Eastern philosophies? Would you like to get the big picture overview that explains how they differ from Western religions?

If you are curious about Eastern wisdom traditions, Jeannette Darcy, a graduate of the University of Chicago Divinity School, will be teaching an 8-week class in Comparative Religion. The class presents a side-by-side comparison of the "Abrahamic traditions" (Judaism, Christianity and Islam) and the "Dharmic traditions" (Buddhism, Hinduism, Jainism, and Sikhism) in an easy and informative manner. By comparing the fundamental differences and similarities of these traditions, you will come away with a greater understanding of what makes the most sense to you in your own personal quest for truth.

contact: [dire@bauuc.org](mailto:dire@bauuc.org)

Library, 11:00 am

### Adult Discussion Group

Join us every Sunday for diverse discussions centered on common texts on spirituality, humor, current events, and more. Susan Schlueter leads.

contact: [dire@bauuc.org](mailto:dire@bauuc.org)

Room 131, 10:45 am

### Buddhist Meditation Group

You don't need to be Buddhist to participate, so join us! We meditate with chants, silence and walking. Choose to sit in a chair, on the floor, or bring a mat, stool or pillow to sit on while you meditate. Doris Smith leads.

contact: [dire@bauuc.org](mailto:dire@bauuc.org)

Sanctuary, 7:00 pm

## Monday

### Tai Chi

Normally on Mondays and Wednesdays, Tai Chi is on hiatus. Watch the Weekly Briefs for more information.

## Tuesday

### ARCUUPs

The Ancient Reflections Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. For more information watch the Weekly Briefs and Sunday announcements. Carol Phillips facilitates.

**January 6** - regular meeting

**January 20** - Imbolgc ritual

contact: [office@bauuc.org](mailto:office@bauuc.org)

Room 131, 7:00 pm

## Wednesday

### Community Dinner

Join us on Wednesdays for a community dinner lovingly prepared by our Kitchen Volunteers. See the Weekly Briefs for the week's menu. \$7.00 per adult, \$2.00 per child under 12 years old.

contact: [office@bauuc.org](mailto:office@bauuc.org)

Cockrell Hall, 6:00 pm

### Wednesday Night Worship

Each Wednesday night following our Community Dinner, Rev. Bruce Beisner offers a short meditative Vespers Service. This is an opportunity to gather in sacred community to refocus our spirits. The brief, but meaningful, service includes hymns, a reading and a time of prayer and meditation.

Sanctuary, 6:40 pm

### Childcare on Wednesday Nights

Beginning this month, BAUUC no longer offers childcare on Wednesday nights. If your child is between the ages of 6 and 12 years, they are invited to participate in our Wacky Wednesday programming.

### Wacky Wednesdays

Every Wednesday night, children aged 6 to 12 years are invited to participate in 45 minutes or so of fun-filled, child-led activities overseen by adult volunteers.

contact: [dlre@bauuc.org](mailto:dlre@bauuc.org)

Room 114, 6:45 pm (or after Family Vespers)

### Facilitated Discussion on the Michael Brown and Eric Garner Incidents

**January 7, 14** – Rev. Bruce Beisner and Patti Withers will use a UUA-developed, sensitive discussions guide to create a safe space for a facilitated conversation. Participants will reflect on their reactions to events like the recent Grand Jury decisions in Ferguson and New York City and allegations of ongoing police brutality.

contact: [dlre@bauuc.org](mailto:dlre@bauuc.org)

Library, 7:00 pm

### Family Vespers Services

On one Wednesday each month, our meditative Vespers service is presented as an opportunity for families to worship together in the middle of the week. Our next all-ages Vespers Service will be on **January 21**, starting at 6:40 p.m. in the sanctuary (right after our Community Dinner). Director of Lifespan Religious Education Patti Withers will lead the service. Please plan to join us for this brief but meaningful worship experience that's perfect for children, youth and adults.

### Wasn't That a Time!: The Story of The Weavers

**January 21** – The Weavers, a late '40's/early 50's folk group of Pete Seeger, Lee Hays, Ronnie Gilbert, and Fred Hellerman, had early success with Goodnight Irene and Tzena, Tzena, Tzena before Seeger and Hays were called before the House Un-American Activities Committee. Hellerman later said, "If you can exist, and stay the course -- not a course of blind obstinacy and faulty conception -- but one of decency and good sense, you can outlast your enemies with your honor and integrity intact." This documentary charts the rise, fall, and rise of the group. Patti Withers, facilitator.

contact: [dlre@bauuc.org](mailto:dlre@bauuc.org)

Cockrell Hall, 7:00 pm

## Thursday

### Out of Many, One: Immigration Past and Present

**January 8** – The BAUUC Speaker and Events Team and the Clear Lake Islamic Center are hosting Dr. Daniel Haworth, expert on immigration, hemispheric integration, U.S.-Latin American relations and Associate Professor of History at the University of Houston-Clear Lake. He will address current and past U.S. immigration issues. These events are open to the public and free of charge. Donations are greatly appreciated. Bob Handy and Chris Rubly facilitate.

Contact: [office@bauuc.org](mailto:office@bauuc.org)

Islamic Center, 7:00 pm

## What's Happening?

### New Monthly Supper Group

The first rule of supper club is that everyone talks at supper club. Come seek the camaraderie and fellowship of breaking bread. Our new Supper Group is starting off the New Year on the 3rd Saturday of the month: **January 17 at 7:00 pm**. They will meet for dinner at **Zio's** located at 820 Bay Area Blvd, Webster, Tx. 77598. This is just past the intersection of Bay Area and Texas Ave. Please give Kay Pfister a call or e-mail her ahead of time so she can get a head count. You can get her contact info from the office ([office@bauuc.org](mailto:office@bauuc.org)).

## UU Advocacy Day in Austin

Members of BAUUC are invited to join our friends from Emerson UU Church in Houston for a trip to Austin on **January 20** to participate in an advocacy day around issues of reproductive justice and women's health here in Texas. You'll have the opportunity to join other UUs and meet with our representatives. The UU group from Houston is chartering a bus, which will leave Emerson at 6:15 am and return by late afternoon. Anticipated cost is around \$35 per person but will depend on how many people sign up in advance. As of December 16 there were 26 seats on the bus already filled, with a total capacity of 50. For more information, please contact Kenneth Jones at [eduhetic@gmail.com](mailto:eduhetic@gmail.com). **If you'd like to reserve your spot**, please do so TODAY by going to <http://goo.gl/UiZ6XI>.

## "Sea Life" in BAUUC Community Art Gallery

The next time you are in Cockrell Hall, you will certainly marvel at the imaginative "Sea Life" exhibit there! The walls have never been adorned with such unique and creative artwork! There will be a closing reception on Friday evening, **January 23** (time to be announced). For more information, contact Peter A. Bowman, Curator, through the office ([office@bauuc.org](mailto:office@bauuc.org)).

## Great Decisions Begins February 10

Great Decisions, the national foreign policy study-discussion program, begins at BAUUC with a keynote speech on **Tuesday, February 10**, followed by the first group meeting on **Thursday, February 12** (orientation and booklet distribution). The first discussions will begin the following Thursday.

Great Decisions is an eight-week, national U.S. foreign policy study-discussion program, led locally by church-member Bob Handy, who has been associated with the program for nearly 50 years. Over 250,000 people participate nationally each year. Nearly 100 participated at BAUUC last year.

Participants spend about an hour a week reading that week's topical section in a prepared briefing booklet (\$25.00). They then meet in a group setting, watch a PBS-produced presentation that expands on the topic after which they engage in a discussion of the topic for about an hour. Discussions are moderated by trained facilitators.

They eventually cast opinion ballots on each topic, which are tabulated by the Foreign Policy Association. The compiled results are distributed to the U.S. Department of State, the White House, members of Congress and the national media.

Participants can choose to join one of three groups that meet at the church on **Thursdays at 10:00 am, 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm**. If, on any given week, a participant cannot attend his/her regular group, he/she may sit in on one of the other groups.

The **Keynote Speaker on February 10 (7:00 pm, Sanctuary)** will be retired U.S. Ambassador F. Allen "Tex" Harris who will address "The United States Role in the World." Regarded by many as a diplomat's diplomat, Tex Harris served with distinction during a 35-year Foreign Service career. Beginning in 1965, his posts were varied and often dangerous, such as Venezuela just as a Fidel

Castro-supported insurgency was breaking out; Argentina at the height of the "dirty war" and; South Africa in the 1980s during the transition from apartheid. Harris also served in Australia and as

an associate administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. He earned the Distinguished Honor Award, the State Department's highest, for his work in Argentina in the late 1970s exposing the fate of the 15,000 citizens clandestinely killed by the military junta. He also served in the Bureau of Economic Affairs, as an attorney for the White House, and between 1974 and 1977 as an environmental assistant who drafted the first international call for controlling the release of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) to protect atmospheric ozone.

The 2015 topics are: Russia and the Near Abroad; Privacy in the Digital Age; Sectarianism in the Middle East; India Changes Course; U.S. Policy Toward Africa; Syria's Refugee Crisis; Human Trafficking in the 21st Century; and Brazil's Metamorphosis.

Additional speakers on other topics will appear over the eight-week period. Topics to be addressed are: Sectarianism in the Middle East: March 3; India Changes Course: March 10; Human Trafficking: March 31; and Brazil's Metamorphosis: April 7.

For additional information or to enroll, please contact Bob Handy at [bobhandy@comcast.net](mailto:bobhandy@comcast.net).

## Living Peace Workshops

Susan Wildin, MD, CPC, invites you to attend Living Peace, a series of 2-hour workshops designed to give participants, through experiential learning, tools for living in peace with themselves and others. Each workshop builds on the previous one and can also stand alone. The experience is based on Nonviolent Communication and the work of Dr. Marshall Rosenberg. The first workshop will be held on Sunday, January 11 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm in the library. A donation of \$20 for support of Susan's work would be appreciated. To register or for questions, please contact Susan at [susan@wildins.net](mailto:susan@wildins.net).

## Board Happenings

### Follow-up to December 7 Congregational Meeting

Did you miss the Congregational Meeting on Dec 7? Don't be left out! We discussed staffing changes, ways to reach out into the community, and the activities of our Strategic Facilities group. See how you can participate. See the slides and notes from the meeting at: <http://goo.gl/xsRJhu>

## Lunch: UU-Style

Lunch with Liberals  
January 7, 11:30 am, Bon Apetit Cafe

Meet-n-Eat Women's Lunch  
Tuesdays, See Weekly Briefs

HIS Men's Lunch  
Thursdays, See Weekly Briefs

Sunday Lunch Out  
See Order of Worship

## December Board Meeting

Your Board of Directors held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 15. Here is a summary of the items covered at this meeting: 1) The Board confirmed that we are offering Sharlene Rocher a half-time position as BAUUC's administrator and bookkeeper. 2) The Board agreed to host a leadership-training event on Friday, February 20, 2015. Connie Goodbread of our Southern Region staff will conduct the workshop. 3) The next Board meeting is Monday, January 26, at 7:00 pm. There will be a semi-annual board retreat on January 30 & 31. --Verva Densmore for your Board.

## Volunteer Recognition!

The following volunteers and staff helped to make our FINCA Lunch 'n Learn a huge success. Thank you to:

Ruth Bastian, Lillian Bell, Ethan Boxell, Jeff Boxell, Ellie Childs, Paula Criswell, Leslie Durr, Charlotte Gogola, Donald Hodge, Vivian Idriss, Jane & Dave Malin, Elaine Perachio, Carol Phillips, Rebecca Sheinberg, Candy Torres, Darcy Truehan, Jill & Nathan Veatch. Thank you, all!

Here are some more special requests to honor our volunteers:

Akorren Johnson: I wanted to commend a young member of our congregation. The young man is 13 years old. He was a tornado, unpacking, stacking, sorting, and bringing inside, from the moment he got to work at the Bay Area Turning Point pantry. I was impressed with his stamina and his spirit -- and that someone 13 thought to join this exercise. Thank you, Akorren!

Janet Ward: Janet has been the chair of the service auction for several successful years. She is a valuable addition to the choir. She continues to support her husband, Bob Handy, with the Great Decisions Group, and plays "hostess" for many of the speaker and events evenings. Not bad for a fairly new member!! Thank you, Janet!

Ruth Bastian: I would like to ask that Ruth be recognized for her steadfast, and largely unheralded volunteer activities. Here are the ones I know about: Interfaith Caring Ministries; helps organize and sign up folks for the Blood Drives (Because of her frequent donations, she is also Gold Member of the Commit for Life Program); Care Team, and especially her work with elder members like Ceil and Jim Goodwin; Garage Sale; and Services Auction. Thank you, Ruth!

To submit names of more committed volunteers to be recognized in the future, please email [president@bauuc.org](mailto:president@bauuc.org).

## News UU Can Use

### PFLAG at BAUUC

Bay Area UU Church is pleased to offer meeting space to the Clear Lake chapter of PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays). The group works to keep families together in loving relationships, helping them understand and affirm their gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender family members.

Each monthly meeting is a small group discussion where parents and other family members share their journeys and learn from one another. The meetings are on the fourth Sunday of each month starting at 2:00 pm in Cockrell Hall. For more information, please call the Houston-area PFLAG helpline at 713-467-3524.

## Healthy Congregation Team

The leadership and staff of BAUUC are interested in your comments, compliments and concerns about our worship and programs. Please share your thoughts with the members of the Healthy Congregations Team: Catherine Williams, Betty Clark Riggan and Rev. Bruce Beisner.

## Membership Directory

We update our membership directory every six months. You can access the most recent one at <http://goo.gl/P2z0j3>. If you are a member and your picture isn't in it, you can send a new picture to the office or ask to have a new one made. Another way to get your picture into the directory is to become a member!

## Watch/Listen to Sermons Online

If you miss a Sunday worship service, you can watch recent sermons on our website. Just visit <http://www.bauuc.org> and click on the Video Audio Recordings icon at the bottom of the home page.

## Using Paypal at BAUUC

To pay your pledge or make any other donations you'd like with Paypal, just use this link: <http://goo.gl/ogQOh5>. You can use Paypal even if you don't have a Paypal account. You can use the "Add special instructions to the seller" line like a memo line on your checks. You can even set up recurring payments.

## The Care Team

If you are experiencing an illness or need support, our Care Team is here for you. The Care Team offers phone calls, cards, meals and assistance with transportation to those in need in our church community. If you need care or support, please don't hesitate to contact our Care Team. Call the church office or contact LaVerne Nash.

## Becoming a Member

Membership is a privilege and an honor not to be taken lightly. To be a member you must be sixteen years of age or older, make a financial pledge and sign our Membership Book. Becoming a member is not merely about money. You are also saying that you are in agreement with our values and principles, and will join our efforts to "Change lives and heal our world". After 60 days from signing, you are eligible to vote at our congregational meetings, serve in any leadership position, receive the UU World magazine, and share the many joys of being part of this loving community. If you have been visiting us and feel you have found a home with us, we welcome you to membership. If you are considering membership, now is a perfect time to do so. Please talk with Brenda Cockrell or Rev. Bruce Beisner.



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### Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Sunday Worship Services

9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

### Religious Education for All Ages

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

### Next UNI\*VERSE Deadline

January 15, 2015

Send submissions to [universe@bauuc.org](mailto:universe@bauuc.org)

## What's Up at BAUUC?

### Michael Brown and Eric Garner

Wednesday, January 7 and 14, Facilitated discussion led by Rev. Bruce Beisner and Patti Withers

**Library, 7:00 pm**

### Dr. Daniel Haworth

Thursday, January 8, "Out of Many, One: Immigration Past and Present"

**Islamic Center, 7:00 pm**

### Comparative Religion: East and West

Sundays, beginning January 11, led by Jeannette Darcy

**Library, 11:00 am**

### Movie Night!

Wednesday, January 21, "Wasn't That a Time! The Story of the Weavers"

**Cockrell Hall, 7:00 pm**



*Men's Thursday lunches are always accompanied by lively discussion of some current event. This time it was Enhanced Interrogation. Join us to get your opinion heard, too. For location check the Order of Worship.*

See the complete church calendar at [www.bauuc.org](http://www.bauuc.org)