

# UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH of LAWTON

A family of faith valuing diversity, community and religious growth



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## A Month of Sundays

**September 5<sup>th</sup>**

**John Graham**

### Some Thoughts on the Nature of Evil

Frequently we talk about evil. But what precisely do we mean? Is evil, like good in the eye of the beholder? On Sept 5 we'll give some thought to the common idea of evil.

**September 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Meet the Needs Sunday*

**Scot Harvey  
Expectations**

Scot is our guest minister, who cheerfully travels from Choctaw, OK, to speak with us.

The Ingathering

Potluck will follow and then congregational meeting

**September 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Food bank Sunday**

**Mark Davies  
&  
Ted Metzler**

**Theological  
Implications of a  
Scientific  
Cosmology**

Mark Y. A. Davies, Ph.D. Dean, Wimberley School of Religion Oklahoma City University along with our own Ted Metzler, Ph.D. will help us ponder this topic.

**September 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Patrick  
McPherson**

Patrick is director of CCM and an ordained Methodist minister.

**Adult Forum**

Sept. 5 Session 10:  
Wrapping It Up . . . .  
Refining a personal credo:  
to put the group experience  
in perspective.

Sept. 15 to be announced

Sept. 19 Ted Metzler will be leading the Adult Forum. He will talk about work being done with computer simulations to study unselfish (altruistic) behavior.

Sept. 26. to be announced.

# BENNETT'S BUMBLINGS

## September, 2004

Ah, September has arrived! September is my favorite month, seeing as how it is the month of my birth. Here is some interesting September trivia: Did you know that September begins on the same day of the month as December *every year*? Also, avast ye matey. Don't forget to celebrate "International Talk Like a Pirate Day" on September 19th (believe it or not, they have a website!). Any Dave Barry fans out there?

Of course, September means that school has started and we all kind of fall into the "Fall routine." All of which means, it's time for our annual "Fall In-gathering Sunday", set to occur on September 12, 2004. So, break out those secret recipes and create a special dish or desert for our Fall 2004 Church Potluck. Al Williams has cheerfully volunteered to be the head "Food Wrangler" for the potluck.

Better yet, we have entertainment after the potluck! Well, maybe that depends on how loosely you define word entertainment. The church's Board of Trustees has called a congregational meeting to discuss (and set) goals and directions for the Lawton UU Church. The idea is to have a "brainstorming" session where we look at our church's mission and then establish two or three primary achievable objectives, along with the means and methods to obtain accomplishment. We'll start the discussion around desert time (12:30 to 1:00 PM) and hope to finish around 3:00. But you know UUs love to discuss ... so, we will have a special facilitator/moderator to keep us on track and on task.

The meeting on September 12th is important. All friends and members of the church are invited to participate, whether you attend the potluck or not.

**DON'T FORGET.** Bring you best potluck contribution – along with your ideas and how to implement them - and celebrate the joy of being UUs in Lawton, America! See you September 12th.

Faithfully yours,

*Russ Bennett*

Russ Bennett, President

# WHAT'S COMING UP IN UU KIDS' SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Over the summer we have explored many different religions and moralities. This was great preparation for the Unitarian Universalist Curriculum which we will be using over the next year. It is called HOLIDAYS AND HOLY DAYS. As they learn about how other people think about their God and Gods, various expressions of prayer and ways of life, the UU kids will be affirming their own Unitarian Universalist beliefs and the concept that: under the sky, all people are one family. (This curriculum is more financially demanding than others in the past, so if you have any scraps of material, old costumes, used but wearable white t-shirts, 1/2 gallon cleaned milk cartons, white or construction paper, or small wood scraps that you can donate, please talk to Beverly or Jackie.) The 12 fall units are as follows:

9/5: Introduction to Holidays and Holy Days of the world

9/12: Rosh Hashanah (Jewish holiday)

9/19: Sukkoth (Jewish holiday)

9/26: John Murray Day (UU remembrance day)

10/3: St. Francis Day (Catholic holy day)

10/10: UU Pilgrimage (UU celebration)

10/17: Maulid al Nabi (Moslem birth celebration of Mohammed)

10/24: Ramadan (Moslem holiday)

10/31: Halloween (Pagan holiday)

11/7: UNICEF Day/United Nations Day (World holiday)

11/14: Dussehra (Hindu holy day)

11/21: Wampanoag Thanksgiving (Native American Celebration)

11/28: Divali (Hindu holiday)

## *Share your talents...*

If anyone in the congregation signs or has information about a signer of American Sign Language please contact the Barbara Jenkins or a board member.

Linda Dempsey VonTungeln, our community awareness leader, is collecting ideas for upcoming fundraisers and events to support the community. [ldempsey@fhkw.com](mailto:ldempsey@fhkw.com)

## *Upcoming events in the community:*

*Monday evenings at 7:00 Meditation/Buddhist discussion group meets at the UU Church except Labor Day (?)*

*Sept. 18-19 Holistic Health Fair at Medicine Park*

## LUNCH BUNCH

By Al



**05 Fire Mountain**

**12 Potluck @ church**

**19 Lucky China**

**26 Chili's**

### *Sunday Schedule*

Religious Education 9:30

Fellowship 10:15-10:30

Worship 10:30

Discussion 11:30-11:45

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## September



01 Harry Jenkins

04 Corinne Birdwell

10 Jake McClure

15 Autumn Tayman

28 Rebecca Zittle

29 John Jones

*Duncan Diners  
will be meeting*

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*"Giovani's"  
a new Italian  
restaurant on N.  
81 at the Day's Inn  
2535 N. 81. We  
hear the food is  
good. 6:30 p.m. on  
the 8th of Sept.*



### September Flowers

**05 Marge Williams**

**12 Birdwell Family**

**19 Moreno's**

**26 Ellen Steely**

*Thanks to all who bring  
flowers to our church!*