

First Unitarian Universalist Church
A community of love beyond belief:
Transforming ourselves,
Houston, and the world.

The BLAST
March 7-14, 2010



Happening Today, Sunday, March 7

10:30 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary
Doing Well by Doing Good: How Justice Can Feed Your Soul
David Keyes, Interim Senior Minister

Looking ahead to the congregational exercise in social justice action planning on March 19 and 20, reflections on why altruism may not be all that altruistic. *The Sanctuary Choir will sing Hold On, one of the great Anthems of the Social Justice and Civil Rights movement arranged by Jester Hairston, an icon of that era.*



Ellen Goodman Ticket Sales

Purchase your **advance priced tickets** at the table in Channing Hall today to hear Pulitzer Prize winning columnist Ellen Goodman. Details of her appearance are listed in the "Happening This Week" section below.

Early Morning Book Group – 8:30 a.m. Room 302

We finish the final chapters, 23 through 26, of Roy Porter's "Flesh in the Age of Reason." On March 14 we start Carl Jung's "Memories, Dreams and Reflections."



Sunday Discussion Circle – Noon, Room 303

No Discussion Circle today. Please attend the Town Hall meeting with the Search Committee instead.



Ministerial Search Committee Town Hall Meeting

In Channing Hall at 12:15, the Search Committee will report on their progress and process and conduct an exercise in clarifying and deepening our thinking about "Lessons Learned." Delicious desserts will be served to all who attend.

Happening This Week

Great Ideas Group—Tuesday, March 9, 7:00 p.m., Room 304

Thank God for evolution—how the marriage of science and religion will transform your life and our world.



Ellen Goodman



8:00 p.m. Friday, March 12

The Ensemble Theatre, 3535 Main Street

"The Political is (Too) Personal
The Media, the Scandals, and Food Fight Politics"

Tickets are available online at www.firstuu.org

\$35.00 advance general admission
(\$45.00 at the door)

\$100.00— Advance VIP reception at 6:30 and reserved seating for the speech
(\$125.00 at the door)

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Spring Ahead Sunday (Daylight Saving Time Begins)

Next Sunday, March 14, 10:30 a.m. Worship

Step by Step

Adam Robinson, Affiliate Minister

While others are walking this day in the 21st Annual AIDS Walk in Houston, let's examine through that lens the intersection of physical and spiritual health issues.

Speak Up, Speak Out, Listen, Learn, Love
Join the Congregational Conversation

Join other members and friends in an exchange of ideas and information:

Social Justice Workshop

Help us set new directions, inspire leadership, take on old challenges and bring energy to this very important ministry.

Facilitated by Dr. Richard Ford

Friday, March 19, 6:30 p.m., with dinner included, and Saturday, March 20, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., with breakfast and lunch included. The workshop will be followed by an all church pot luck dinner, Social Justice Concert and sing along at 4:00 p.m. Register by calling the church office at 713-526-5200, sign up at the information table in Channing Hall, or by e-mail to office@firstuu.org by March 12.

Living by Heart Retreat with Rev. Laurel Hallman

Saturday, March 27, 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.



A day of spiritual refreshment with the originator of the "Living by Heart" practice. Learn how to engage the natural world, great literature, and your own words and passions in a unique liberal religious discipline. Pre-registration and a \$20 donation is requested to cover lunch and materials. Child care and scholarships available on request. Register by calling the office at 713-526-5200, signing up at the information table in Channing Hall, or e-mailing office@firstuu.org.

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Living by Heart, Giving by Heart

Sunday, March 28, 10:30 a.m. Worship

**The Rev. Dr. Laurel Hallman, special guest speaker,
with ministers David Keyes and Adam Robinson
and Director of Lifespan Faith Development Natalie Browne**

An all-church festival featuring special musical guests, a free lunch for all, games and activities for children and youth, and one of our denomination's most distinguished preachers. During worship, there will be an opportunity for all to consider their commitment to the church for the coming year.



The Ministers' Discretionary Fund makes small financial gifts to meet urgent needs. If you or someone you know needs help in difficult times, Rev. Keyes or Rev. Robinson can offer assistance in total confidence. Contact them at david@firstuu.org or adam@firstuu.org.

Daylight saving time begins next weekend. Don't forget to set your timepieces forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday night, March 13.

For more information about these or any of First Church's ministries visit www.firstuu.org, call the office at 713-526-5200.