



Weekly News & Events
May 9, 2023

(All times are Central Daylight Time)



Wed May 9

6:00 pm - Second Sunday Service Planning Meeting with Mary

Live rehearsal for next Sunday's Mother's Day Service

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2206464656?pwd=M1FM5GpCRURISGZVdjJJQm5XVXRWQT09>

For our ***Food for Thought*** meeting, we will watch Rev. Todd Elklof's sermon on "Gadflyism", which he just gave on April 23, 2023. His talk is a good reminder of why we as a religion, and we as a society need gadflies. After watching this, we will discuss. The link below is to the YouTube video of the UU Church of Spokane's Sunday service. The sermon goes from 41:18 to 1:04:38, about 23 minutes. You don't need to watch it before the meeting.

Video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NLAiMIKo5xE>

Zoom link: [Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

Fri May 12

5:00 pm - Friday Fellowship

Join us for an end of week happy hour with or without the drinks. A time for serious and light hearted discussion.

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Sat May 13 Save the Date!

4:00 - 7:00 pm Party at Dagmar's place

This is a pot luck so be creative. We will eat and sing and dance and celebrate the coming of another hellish Texas summer.

Sun May 14 Second Sunday Service

10:00 -11:00 am "It Takes a Village"

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Open Hearts and Minds Fellowship

May 14, 2023, 10 a.m.



Join us as we salute all mothers. Members recall special gifts from mothers, grandmothers, and women who have had significant impacts on their lives. Please join us after the service for Cares & Concerns.

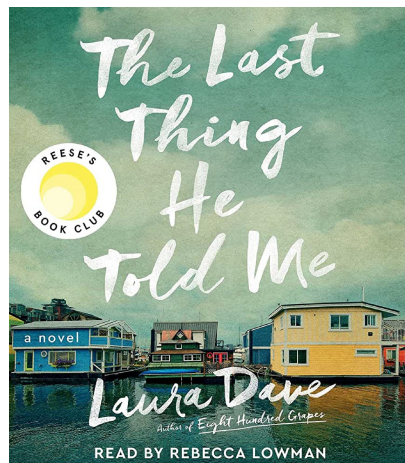
Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9510683516>

Thurs May 28 Soul Collage with Joan

Soul Collage meets every other month beginning in January on the 4th Sunday. So Jan, March, May, July, September, and November with participants volunteering to host. Info to follow.

Mon May 15 Book Club

4:15-5:15 pm The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave



The propulsive story of a new wife and stepmother who must unravel the mystery left behind when her husband disappears. Particularly interesting because much of it takes place in Austin.

Zoom Link: <https://us02w0c.zoom.us/j/86118888017?pwd=UGJFeit5RVozOTdqUTdGeEFXNlk1Zz09>

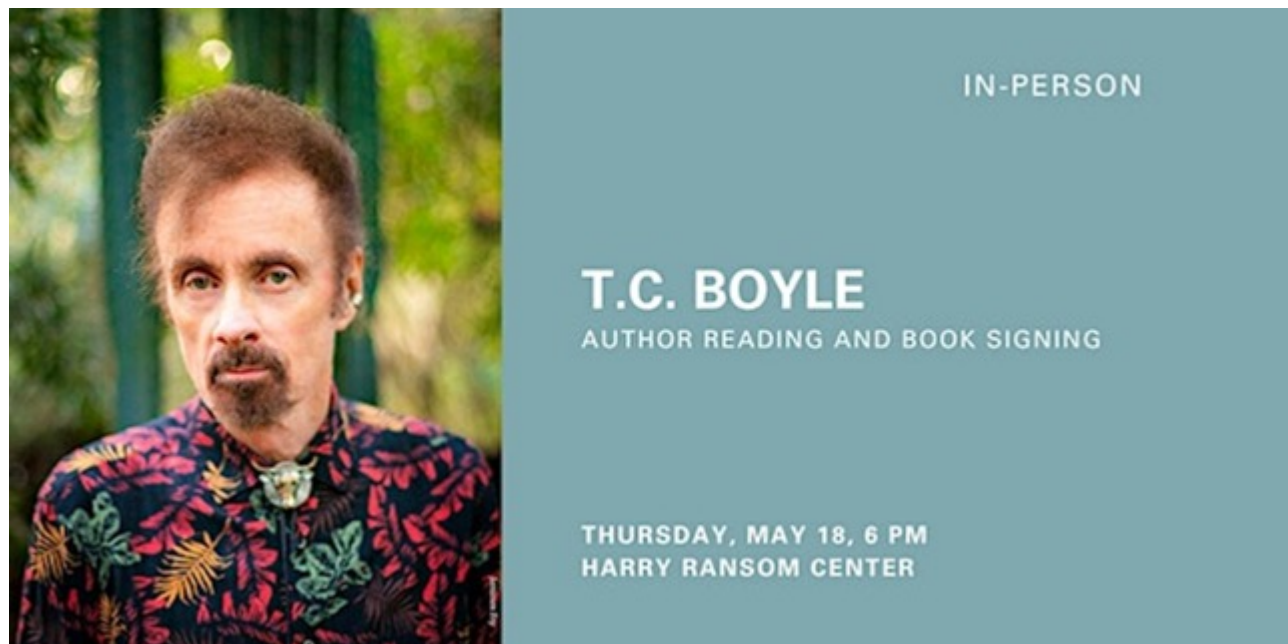
Thur May 18 T. C. Boyle at the Blanton

6:00 - 8:00 pm Book Talk and Signing at the Blanton

The Harry Ransom Center at the University of Texas acquired the papers of author T. C. Boyle in 2012 and is pleased to announce that he will be speaking and signing books at the at the Center on Thursday, May 18 at 6 p.m. He will be discussing his most recent book, Blue Skies. Admission is free; however, due to limited seating, advance registration is required. Information about the event along with registration information is available at the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tc-boyle-author-reading-and-book-signing-tickets-628706828047>

His 1995 book, Tortilla Curtain was a recent OHMF Book Club selection.



Sunday May 28

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10:00 - 11:00 a.m. 11th Sunday 21st Person Service

South Austin Senior Activity Center
3919 Manchaca Rd, Austin, TX 78745

The service will center on a reading of "The Twilight Bark" by Rev. Dr. Jane Rzepka. Please plan to attend in person or on-line

Sunday May 28 Soul Collage with Joan

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Mon June 5

4:15 pm - Netflix Movies & More

Watch any romance or romantic musical at all and attend the meeting and tell us about it!

Zoom link: to come



Direct Relief

Social Action Update: We recently received letters of thanks from Direct Relief for our international aid donations for victims of the Ukrainian war and the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. They may be viewed at the following address:

<https://drive.google.com/.../1mGgdGxbgQdMsd6iYESx.../view...>

Direct Relief is an international aid organization that maintains a 100 rating at both Charity Navigator and Forbes. More information about Direct Relief is available at <https://www.directrelief.org/>

Bulletin Board

Bulletin 1: Fifth Principle Project - How to Join Hands and Save the Seven Principles Together. Guest Contributor - Julie Hotard

Visit the [Saving the Seven Principles website](#).

Below is a list of articles on the website's home page. These articles have been highlighted because they help to inform you and other UUs about the proposed Article II changes.

- [Current vs Proposed](#). A side-by-side comparison (just the facts, no opinions) of the current UU principles and bylaws vs. what has been proposed.
- [Pro/Con Review](#). This document can be used to introduce people to what is happening. It summarizes the primary arguments for and against Article II changes.
- [A Brief Commentary](#). This commentary is a compilation of concerns from Save the UU Principles Discussion Group.

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Examining our Principles and Goals.

- [Detailed Analysis](#). A line-by-line examination and commentary on the proposed changes.

Join the discussion at:

<https://fifthprincipleproject.org/2023/03/28/how-to-join-hands-and-save-the-seven-principles-together/>

Bulletin 2: In the Beloved Community Everyone is Allowed to Speak:

A Convocation of the UU Multiracial Unity Action Council

Sat May 13 - 11:00 am to 12:30 pm CDT

Session 1. **MLK'S 'Beloved Community'** Dr. Matthew Shear

Session 2. **My Aunt Emma's Vision of the Beloved Community** Rev. Dr. Finley C. Campbell

Session 3. **The Meaning of 'Love' in the Judeo-Christian Tradition** Rev. Richard Trudeau

Session 4. **The Importance of Open Discussion and Honest Sharing** Rev. Richard Trudeau

Session 5. **Frederick Douglass' 'Plea for Freedom of Speech in Boston'** Rev. Beverly Seese

To register send an email to UUMUAC@gmail.com. Zoom codes will be sent the day before.

Bulletin 3: A new discussion has been posted on the Fifth Principle Project website: All White People Are Racist

Discussion Excerpt

Introduction: We are presenting another installment of stories by UUs impacted by the current intolerance that has swept the denomination. We feel it is important that the true human cost suffered by intolerance should be known. We included several such stories in *Used to Be UU*. In October 2022, we published a similar personal account ... [Read more](#)

Join the discussion at:

<https://fifthprincipleproject.org/2023/05/05/all-white-people-are-racist/>

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OHM Scheduled Meetings

Weekly

Every Tuesday evening - Sunday Service planning meeting

Every Tuesday evening - Weekly Events Email sent out

Every Friday evening - Friday Fellowship

Monthly

First Monday afternoon - Netflix Movies & More

Second Sunday morning - Zoom Service

Second Monday evening - OHM Board Meeting

Third Monday afternoon - Book Group

Fourth Sunday morning - In-person Service

Every other week

Second & Fourth Wednesday evening - Food For Thought with Greg

Every other Thursday evening - "Independent Women" with Joan, Elisa, and Mary Taylor

First & Third Friday morning - Sharing & Caring with Michael

First & Third Sunday morning - Ideas Worth Contemplating with Mike Ig (not hosted by OHM Fellowship)

Every other month or so

Soul Collage with Joan (Fourth Sunday of every other month beginning in January)

Social Action Committee

Our meetings are open to members and friends.

Open Hearts & Minds Fellowship Values

We believe in making the world a better place by treating each other well and working for the common good.

Within Ourselves

We work to become better, kinder, and more heart-centered people.

We value reason, critical thinking, intuition, and emotional awareness.

We treat ourselves with kindness, realizing we are not perfect.

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We nurture the human spirit through acceptance, forgiveness, kindness, and mercy.

We celebrate our joys and support one another in times of sorrow.

With Others

We believe in the potential for good in every person.

We listen with compassion and encourage justice, equity, and cooperation in human relationships.

We support transparent governance, the democratic process, and freedom of conscience.

With the Earth and Our Future

We work for the common good and nurture our global community.

We are part of something much bigger than ourselves and recognize the miracles of everyday life.

We acknowledge the sacredness of the Earth and our responsibility to cherish and protect it for future generations.



Our Weekly Events Email (WEE!) normally goes out Tuesday evenings. Please send your announcements to info@ohmfellowship.org by Monday evening at the latest. Thank you.

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