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Next BOD meeting July 14th, 2002. The 2nd Sunday of the Month.

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The Board of Directors Meeting has been moved to the 2nd Sunday after Potluck.
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John Swanson will be conducting traditional Unitarian services on the second Sunday of every month, beginning in July. The sermon for Sunday, July 14, will be entitled THE SACRED DEPTHS OF NATURE.
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Chris House has taken on the job of planning a fundraising supper in Sept. look for more information in the August Newsletter.

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Last Lunches

June	Finance
July	Facilities
August	Communications
September	Worship
October	R.E.

Last Lunch Clean Up

June	Facilities
July	Communications
August	Worship
September	R.E.
October	Finance

Affirmation

Love is the spirit of our Church,
The quest of truth is its
sacrament,
And service is its prayer.
To dwell together in peace,
To seek knowledge in freedom,
To serve humanity in harmony
with the earth. Thus do we
pledge to one another.

1000 Marbles...

The older I get, the more I enjoy Saturday mornings. Perhaps it's the quiet solitude that comes with being the first to rise, or maybe it's the unbounded joy of not having to be at work. Either way, the first few hours of a Saturday morning are most enjoyable.

A few weeks ago, I was shuffling toward the basement shack with a steaming cup of coffee in one hand and the morning paper in the other. What began as a typical Saturday morning, turned into one of those lessons that life seems to hand you from time to time. Let me tell you about it.

I turned the dial up into the phone portion of the band on my ham radio in order to listen to a Saturday morning swap net. Along the way, I came across an older sounding chap, with a tremendous signal and a golden voice. You know the kind, he sounded like he should be in the broadcasting business. He was telling whoever he was talking with something about "a thousand marbles". I was intrigued and stopped to listen to what he had to say.

"Well, Tom, it sure sounds like you're busy with your job. I'm sure they pay you well but it's a shame you have to be away from home and your family so much. Hard to believe a young fellow should have to work sixty or seventy hours a week to make ends meet. Too bad you missed your daughter's dance recital."

He continued, "Let me tell you something Tom, something that has helped me keep a good perspective on my own priorities." And that's when he began to explain his theory of a "thousand marbles." "You see, I sat down one day and did a little arithmetic. The average person lives about seventy-five years. I know, some live more and some live less, but on average, folks live about seventy-five years."

"Now then, I multiplied 75 times 52 and I came up with 3900 which is the number of Saturdays that the average person has in their entire lifetime. Now stick with me Tom, I'm getting to the important part." "It took me until I was fifty-five years old to think about all this in any detail", he went on, "and by that time I had lived through over twenty-eight hundred Saturdays. I got to thinking that if I lived to be seventy-five, I only had about a thousand of them left to enjoy."

"So I went to a toy store and bought every single marble they had. I ended up having to visit three toy stores to round-up 1000 marbles. I took them home and put them inside of a large, clear plastic container right here in the shack next to my gear.

Every Saturday since then, I have taken one marble out and thrown it away." I found that by watching the marbles diminish, I focused more on the really important things in life. There is nothing like watching your time here on this earth run out to help get your priorities straight."

"Now let me tell you one last thing before I sign-off with you and take my lovely wife out for breakfast. This morning, I took the very last marble out of the container. I figure if I make it until next Saturday then I have been given a little extra time. And the one thing we can all use is a little more time."

"It was nice to meet you Tom, I hope you spend more time with your family, and I hope to meet you again here on the band. 75 year Old Man, this is K9NZQ, clear and going QRT, good morning!"

You could have heard a pin drop on the band when this fellow signed off. I guess he gave us all a lot to think about. I had planned to work on the antenna that morning, and then I was going to meet up with a few hams to work on the next club newsletter. Instead, I went upstairs and woke my wife up with a kiss.

"C'mon honey, I'm taking you and the kids to breakfast." "What brought this on?" she asked with a smile. "Oh, nothing special, it's just been a long time since we spent a Saturday together with the kids. Hey, can we stop at a toy store while we're out? I need to buy some marbles."

Work like you don't need the money...

Love like you've never been hurt...

Dance like nobody's watching...

Recurring Events:

Full Moon Circle : July 24, 2002 at 7:30 pm. We are looking for someone to lead Full Moon Circle. Please contact Shannon Ader at 972-644-7617 or David Minesinger at 214-766-8339.

MYSTICAL EARTH CUUPS: Canceled as the Whole Church is a CUUPs Group. Contact David Minesinger if you have questions. David Minesinger @ dminesinger@yahoo.com or 214-766-8339

PAGAN :-) TEA :-) ROOM :-)

The Pagan Tea Room is the 1st. Friday of the month. It is a social time for gathering and sharing. PVUUC will provide the tea, cocoa and coffee. Ya'll please come and provide your stories, chants, drumming, games, a snack to share, byob. We have a nursery, play space for youngsters, area for a fire, CD player, piano, etc and an open door. See you all about 7:30 till we want to go home. For further information contact Janice Ader at 972-231-2607 or Shannon Ader at 972-644-7617.

North Texas Pagan Men's Group: Meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:30 pm. If you have any questions contact David Minesinger 214-766-8339. This is a time and place to deal with those things you can't talk to family and co-workers about because your pagan. This is a support group for pagan men in a Christian world.

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THE INTEGRATORS: The Integrators meet at the church at 7:00 PM on the 2nd Friday of every month. A program dealing with some aspect of the relationship between science and religion is presented. This is followed by friendly discussion and refreshments. The atmosphere is casual and relaxed. Visitors may participate as much or as little as they desire. Everyone is invited. Notices of the meeting are sent by email or regular mail to anyone asking to be placed on the mailing list. For more information contact John Swanson at 972-530-0692.

Family Movie Night: This month Movie Night will return on the 17th. As always the evening will be a wonderful way to bond as friends and family. For more information, please contact Shannon Ader at 972-644-7617.

Recycled Crafts July 10, 2002 7:30 p.m. Held every second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

After the class there will be 3 craft ideas to vote on to do for next month. We will be finishing up old projects this month, but please come even if you don't have anything to finish or haven't been before. We have some small projects you can do if you would like something to make. If you need more info, contact Laura Miller at shalin@montagar.com or 972-271-1540

Drum Circle: Hosted by Robert Patrick Held every 4th Friday. Doors open at 7:30 p. m. Drumming starts at around 8 p.m. Bring your drum (or other musical instrument) and join us. If you don't have anything, there should be extra, or you can just come and listen or dance. If you need more info, contact Laura Miller at shalin@montagar.com

Pagan Single's Night Out: Are you Pagan? Are you single? Are you at least 35 years old? Well come join us for a night out. The 3rd Saturday night of the month is our night. The first get together will be Saturday June 15, 2002 at 7 p.m. at PVUUC. It will be a potluck Supper. After supper we might take in a movie or ?????? If you need more info, contact David Minesinger @ dminesinger@attbi.com or 214-766-8339

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July

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 North Texas Pagan Men's Group 7:30 pm	2	3	4	5 Pagan Tea Room 7:30 pm	6
7	8	9	10 Craft Night	11	12 Intergrator's	13
14 Pot Luck BOD Meeting Gaming Day	15 North Texas Pagan Men's Group 7:30 pm	16	17	18 Telecom Corridor Area Pagan Networking Lunch 11 am to 1 pm Worship Committee @ 7:30 pm Finance Committee @ 8:00 pm	19 Movie Night 7:30 pm	20 Pagan Singles Night @ 7 pm
21	22	23	24 Full Moon @ 7:30 pm	25	26 Drum Jam @ 7:30 pm	27
28 Last Lunch	29	30	31			

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