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*BUILDING A WELCOMING AND AFFIRMING RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY
TO LIBERATE AND CULTIVATE THE HUMAN SPIRIT*

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11:00 AM ONE SERVICE ONLY
SUNDAY MORNING 11:00 AM CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & NURSERY

SUNDAY, APRIL 11 REVEREND PHIL DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, APRIL 18 REVEREND PHIL DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, APRIL 25 GUEST SPEAKER

U2C3 PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBIT AUCTION

The last chance to make a donation and receive a photograph from the JUSTUS F. SUNDERMANN exhibit wall will be Sunday, April 11. The final discounts will be posted that morning before the service. When the gong sounds at 12:30 after the service, the reverse auction fund raiser will be over. At that time, donors may (and should) take home their claimed photo. All remaining photos will be removed in anticipation of the new exhibit. Remember that wall spot in your home that seems a little blank? How about a birthday or anniversary that is approaching? Anyone you know need a house-warming gift? Let's clear all the photos with donations to the church!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT SUSAN ROBBINS OR DEBORAH SUNDERMANN.

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DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

Easter has come and gone and we have sung our alleluias. The long rainy season of Lent is over and Spring in upon us in its fullness.

We are already making plans for the summer. We are already planning the end of school, travel and vacation, assembling a summer reading list, and a host of projects for home and the summer garden. We are already making a list of worries: who will feed the cat while we are away, or cut the grass, or water the basil in the herb garden? Too easily our present delight is crowded out by anxieties of the possible.

Wait just a little minute, as my mother used to say. Not so fast. The new president of the Unitarian Universalist Association, the Reverend Peter Morales, wrote a sermon a number of years ago called "Making Lists at the Beach," in which he described a vacation getaway between jobs. He and his wife were to enjoy the respite from the schedules and priorities of one job before engaging the schedules and priorities of the next. But Peter noticed that even at the beach they began to make lists—about the move, the new church, the new neighborhood, the new house. And on and on. At some point, they looked around at the paradise they were missing out on and asked, "What are we doing?"

I have noticed this tendency in myself as well. To leap from one anxiety to the next. My underlying, unexamined premise seems to be, what should I be worrying about now?

This morning's poem from Panhala in my email, called "In Passing," written by Leisel Mueller, includes the line:

the closed bud shrugs off
its special mystery
in order to break into blossom

Ah! The unfolding! That's what it's all about. We are making beautiful plans for our life together, and for our place in the larger community. But as Denise Levertov wrote, so much is in bud. Elsewhere, she wrote, the world is not with us enough!

So much is in bud. Relish the unfolding!

LOVE, PEACE AND SWELL THOUGHTS,

PHIL

RECONNECTIONS: YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**RELIGIOUS
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**LAUREN CANTATORE-
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GREETINGS,

I am writing this from Germany with my new granddaughter and her family. Thank you all for the good wishes sent our way.

We've had several great activities since the beginning of March. The Sunday prior to the Spring Equinox Service, the children and teens prepared by decorating eggs for the altar and practicing a special chant.

On Sunday, March 21st, at the beginning of the service, the children & teens proceeded to the altar where they placed their eggs. Then, accompanied by ISAAC WILBURN on the guitar, they sang the special chant. At the end of the service, the children passed out packets of wildflowers to the congregation. Many thanks to HARLEY DOERFLER AND DEBBIE CANNATELLA for their help.

On March 28, AGNES MAIER helped the children learn about Passover symbols and traditions including foods served at a Seder.

Easter Sunday was celebrated by hearing a story "Meet Jesus – The Life & Lessons of a Beloved Teacher". DORA WILBURN read the story and then guided the children in decorating crosses. After the service, an Easter Egg hunt was held – everyone had a great time!

THE YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR HELP!

You may have noticed the children and teens participating in Sunday services and activities. Are you aware of what goes on behind the scenes with them? You have the opportunity to find out as well as help shape their spiritual education.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Consider the enriching contribution you can make to our youth, who are our future congregation leaders. In order to continue our program we need teachers for the 2010-2011 school year. NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY!

Please see me or one of the RE Committee members: JIM FUGATE, MARGARET LAWRENCE, JUDY PATE, CHRISTY STOCKMAN OR WAYMAN TOOLES.

**PEACE,
LAUREN**



*Religion is to do right.
It is to love, it is to
serve, it is to think, it is
to be humble*

*There are three types
of effort: easy, difficult,
and impossible.
The easy ones teach us
appreciation and
laughter. The difficult
ones teach us patience
and perseverance. The
impossible ones teach
us humility, surrender,
and spirituality.*

*Man's heart away from
nature becomes hard.
~Standing Bear*



RUMMAGE SALE SUCCESS

The rummage sale organized by JESSICA LATIMER, which included baked goods and plants, was a great success. The church made \$2200. Thanks to everyone who helped and donated. There will be another one in September so save your goodies or throw a-ways, someone else will surely buy them!



WOMEN'S GROUP, APRIL 19, 6:00 PM

The Women's Group meeting will be on APRIL 19, 6:00 PM, AT THE GREEN PAPAYA RESTAURANT, 4455 SPID.

In March we watched the video SMILE TRAIN and collected \$75, which was added to the \$45 we had previously collected, and sent a check to SMILE TRAIN. This is our second contribution to that organization. See you ladies on April 19, remember to bring a couple of extra \$\$ for the smile train donation.

PLEASE CALL JESSICA LATIMER AT 993-6013 to let her know you are joining the women for dinner, so she may notify the restaurant of our seating number.

U2C3 women get together once a month to dine and get to know each other better. Please join us

U2C3 CLEAN TEAM PARTY/MEETING APRIL 21, 5:30 PM

SHARON PURCELL would like to announce a meeting/party for the U2C3 Clean Teams.

The Clean Teams will meet on Wednesday, April 21 at 5:30 p.m. at B & J's Pizza. We will review the roster and schedule for the coming season. All current members are invited, along with any prospective members who wish to join our ranks. For more information contact SHARON PURCELL AT 882-8375, EMAIL: SHARON.PURCELL.CCTX@GMAIL.COM

BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE FOR TESS CHERRY

THE BLOOD DRIVE FOR TESS CHERRY had an excellent response. Between the community donors and our church members, 42 people attempted to donate and 29 met all the criteria and did give their blood. This will be credited to Tess' account at Driscoll Children's Hospital. Anyone who was unable to attend the bloodmobile can still donate in her name. The Corpus Christi Blood Center said this was one of their best three hour collections. Thanks to everyone who participated.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

LOOK ON OUR WEBSITE:
[HTTP://WWW.UUCORPUS.ORG](http://www.uucorpus.org)
FOR SMALL GROUPS
DATES AND TIMES, OR
OTHER CHURCH GROUPS

APRIL 19
WOMEN'S GROUP ,
GREEN PAPAYA
RESTAURANT, 6:00 PM

APRIL 21, 5:30 PM
CLEAN TEAM
PARTY/MEETING, B& J'S
PIZZA

APRIL 23, 1:00 PM,
SCRAP-BOOKING, HELD
AT NANCY CARLTON'S
CONDO PARTY ROOM

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A
CALENDAR EVENT ON THE
CHURCH WEBSITE, FIRST
CONTACT JUDY SYKES AT
853-7992 OR BOBBI REED,
REEDS77@STX.RR.COM
TO MAKE SURE THERE
ISN'T A CONFLICT OF
OTHER EVENTS.

FOR ORDER OF SERVICE
ANNOUNCEMENTS, SEND
TO BARBARA BRIODY AT
MSBRIODY@GMAIL.COM



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

APRIL 2 JOE PIERCE
APRIL 5 MIKE REED
APRIL 13 PATRICK O'HANLIN
APRIL 13 STEVE BRIODY



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL 6 JEAN AND SKIP DOUDEN
APRIL 14 CHERI AND BILL RANDALL

★ ★ ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES ★ ★

IF YOU HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE NEWSLETTER, OR WOULD LIKE
YOUR BIRTHDAY DATE AND AN ANNIVERSARY LISTED, PLEASE EMAIL
DEBBIE NEWPORT AT KNDCCCTEX@YAHOO.COM

CREATIVE AWAKENING

Sometimes the best way to experience the Sacred, the Divine, emerging into
this world is through our own creativity. Explore your own personal
unfolding of the inner Sacred with simple explorations. Facilitated by
DIANE WEINER AND DEBBIE CANNATELLA Sundays at 9:45, April 11 and 18.

APRIL 11- STORY CREATING

Select an image, weave a story. Images evoke personal impressions by the
view, usually depending upon their own stories and frames of references.
Artwork compels a variety of responses from its viewers. Spend the hour
with us as we take images and create stories surrounding them. Materials:
Images prepared in advance, paper, pens or pencils for writing.

APRIL 18- MANDALA AND HAIKU

Within a paper circle, experiment with "automatic" drawing (drawing
without any preconceived plan). Then using words which come to mind as
part of the process, construct a haiku poem. Materials: Sheets of paper
with mandala circle pre-drawn, markers & pencils, scrap paper for jotting
down musings



CONGRATULATIONS TO MONICA VAUGHAN,
RAFFLE WINNER OF THE EASTER BASKET



SCRAP-BOOKING GROUP

"A Get Together For Scrap-Booking", will meet at NANCY CARLTON'S Condo, Party Room on April 23 at 1:00 pm.

If you've been thinking that you need to get those photos in an album or precious family papers into a scrap-book, or writing your memoirs, here is your opportunity!!

Please join us for a "NO Experience Necessary" meeting to get started or pick up where you left off.

CALL OR EMAIL NANCY CARLTON AT 884-7077, EMAIL: WUZCHARLI@YAHOO.COM OR SHARON PURCELL AT 882-8375, EMAIL: SHARON.PURCELL.CCTX@GMAIL.COM to RSVP and if needed, directions.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS: WIDE, WIDE WORLD OF UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALISTS!

Did you know that the Southwest U-U Conference, aka the District, holds a spring conference and annual meeting the last weekend of April? And that it's more than just a formal business meeting with reports, although that is included. This year's gathering will be held April 23-25 in Plano, a Dallas suburb, which is only a day's drive or short plane trip away. This is an excellent opportunity to meet U-U's from around our area, and expand your knowledge about our faith. The theme this year is "Take a Fresh Look" with a theme speaker, various workshops, and opportunities to socialize. See the brochure on our bulletin board, or go to SWUUC.org for more details. We are past the early registration deadline, but the cost includes all programs, workshops, and 4 meals. If you go as a formal delegate for the church, your registration and travel expenses can be treated as tax deductions if you itemize.

The next event to contemplate attending is the continental gathering, UUA General Assembly, to be held in Minneapolis June 23-27. Details available at UUA.org – go to the bottom of the page and click on "General Assembly" under "Events." This meeting is our faith in action, from multiple worship services to workshops on various topics, to social action activities. Learn much more about our religion beyond the local congregation.

Then in August, we can look forward to SWUUSI, which is an inter-generational church camp for Southwest U-U's. It is held the first week of August, in Oklahoma. There are informational brochures available at church, and registration should open soon on the SWUUC.org web-site. Look for more info on this event next month.



In Celtic tradition, the night of April 30 was thought of as the darkest of the year, when witches flew to frighten, spawning evil throughout the land.

In response, people pounded on kettles, slammed-doors, cracked whips, rang church bells and made all the noise they could to scare off the corruption they imagined to be moving on the moist air. They lit bonfires and torches and witch-proofed their houses with spring boughs.

Such vigils were kept throughout the night until the rising of the May-dawn.





*"Wise sayings often fall
on barren ground;
but a kind word
is never thrown away."
- Sir Arthur Helps*



*Laughter is the sun
that drives winter from
the human face*



*Adventure is not
outside a man; it is
within*

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF NORTH BAY WINE COUNTRY HOLIDAY

GREETINGS FROM TOM WILSON, A MEMBER OF THE UU FELLOWSHIP OF NORTH BAY IN NAPA, CA. We are a small fellowship struggling to raise enough money to get out of rental space and into a home of our own. To do this we must depend upon the kindness of strangers, in this case, UU church newsletter editors.

One of our principal fund raising efforts is Wine Country Excursions, where we invite UUs from around the country into our homes and give them personal tours of the Napa and Sonoma Valleys, aka "Wine Country." The success of this effort depends on letting UUs know it exists. Having no advertising budget, we have been sending, each spring, a news release describing our tours to all UU newsletter editors.

FOR INFORMATION ON THESE TOURS AND HOME STAYS, PLEASE EMAIL TOM WILSON AT, 2WILSONS1DOG@COMCAST.NET

NOTES FROM OUR WEBMASTER

A recent addition to our web site is the addition of audio versions of our sermons. Please try it out and report any difficulties you experience.

There is currently a larger effort underway to update the web site by rearranging the menus and updating the contents. The intent is to make our site more accessible to its most important viewers, folks we don't know, who are looking us over and considering visiting our church. We currently present an out-of-date and incomplete picture of ourselves. You can help in two ways, (1) by examining the preview copy and identifying problems, and (2) by helping prepare new content. Your humble webmaster is doing the technical work, but he is not going to become the sole author of content. Putting our best face forward to the public is everybody's job.

To preview the new layout, call up the web page in your browser, go down to the bottom right of the page and click on "Test". This will lead you to a page where the theme can be switched from old to new (and back).

To help with content, pick an area you are familiar with that is lacking, and write a replacement or addition and send an email to Hatcher Chalkley at DRHUU@PATANDHATCH.ORG

Microsoft Word is a great way to draft new material. Don't make it long and involved; make it short and punchy and informative.

May I call your attention to the lack of information on our affinity groups, choir, social action, youth activities, childcare, etc? Write about the things we do, and what is of interest to you, and this will attract new folks who share your interests.

--HATCHER CHALKLEY



**Traditional
Transylvanian Blessing**

**Hungarian first -
English follows**

Hol hit - ott szeretet

**Where there is faith
there is love**

Hol szeretet - ott béke

**Where there is love
there is peace**

Hol béke - ott áldás

**Where there is peace
there is blessing**

Hol áldás - ott Isten

**Where there is blessing
there is God**

***Hol Isten - ott szükség
nincen.***

**Where there is God is
all we need.**



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**IF YOU NEED TO REACH THE MINISTER, THE BEST WAY IS TO CALL
817-456-6404. FRIDAY IS HIS DAY OFF, BUT HE IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE FOR
AN EMERGENCY. HE IS GENERALLY IN THE OFFICE AT CHURCH MONDAY
THROUGH THURSDAY MORNINGS.**

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CHECK THE CALENDAR FOR SMALL GROUP GATHERING DATES

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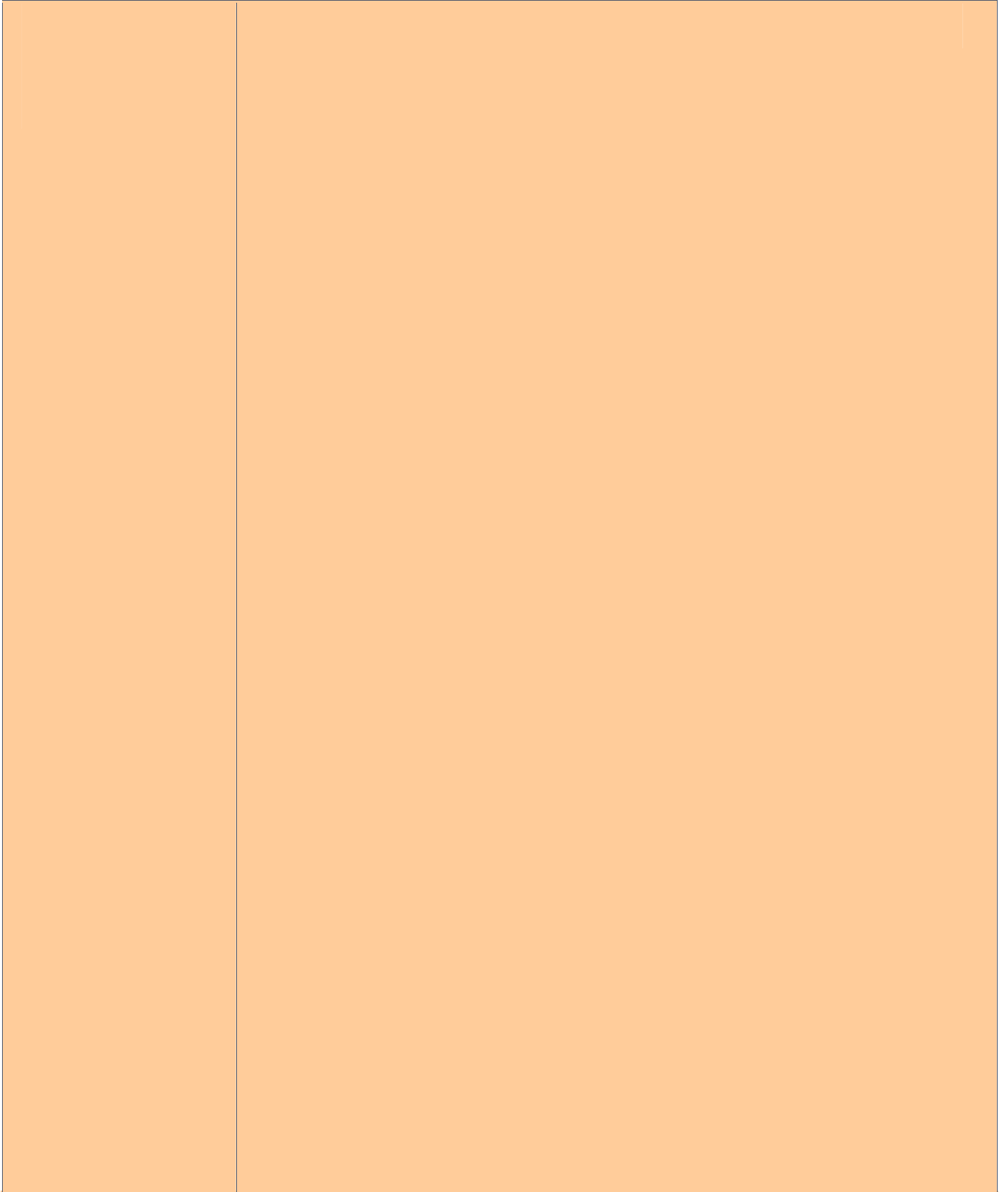
“BELOVED COMMUNITY”

THE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY FREELY GATHERS TO LIVE OUT A SHARED MINISTRY. EVERY HUMAN BEING IS SACRED AND IS CALLED TO THE TASKS AND JOYS OF LOVE. WE DO NOT LIMIT THE TRUTH OF GOD (EVEN TO THE WORD “GOD”) BUT LIVE IN OPENNESS AND BELIEF IN HUMAN FREEDOM AND DIGNITY. WE CELEBRATE THE GIFT OF LIFE, AND JOIN IN TAKING ON THE SUFFERINGS OF A FRAGILE WORLD. WE ARE THIS GENERATION’S BEARERS OF AN ETERNAL MESSAGE: THAT TRUTH MUST GROW, ENLARGE, AND GLOW IN CREATIVE FREEDOM. REVELATION HAS NOT BEEN SEALED. IT IS LIVED ANEW IN EVERY HEART, INCLUDING YOUR OWN. AND THROUGH OUR TRANSFORMED HEARTS, AWAKENED SOULS AND ACTS OF LOVE, EMERGES, THE BELOVED COMMUNITY.

New Mission Statement to be voted on at Congregational Meeting May 2

Please read and review our proposed Mission Statement. For any suggestions, email Reverend Douglas at PHILIP.DOUGLAS@GMAIL.COM OR CALL AT 986-8855

“Our mission is to nurture the spirit within us and among us, to welcome all who share our covenant, and to embody our values of love, justice, peace, and respect for the earth, in order to transform the world. We learn, we lead, we love.”



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