



Sounds of the Sea Newsletter



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

CHURCH OF CORPUS CHRISTI,

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REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS

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“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.”

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11:00 AM ONE SERVICE ONLY

SUNDAY MORNING 11:00 AM CHILDREN’S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & NURSERY

SUNDAY, APRIL 3 REVEREND PHIL DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, APRIL 10 REVEREND PHIL DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, APRIL 17 DEBBIE CANNATELLA

SUNDAY, APRIL 24 REVEREND PHIL DOUGLAS

SAND AND FOAM

Members and Friends,

You can't help but have noticed that we have a new front door. Or, more accurately, an entryway that helps everybody find our front door. It was very exciting to see it going up. I had been hearing about it for some time, but when everything was in place—the contractor, the workers, and the materials—it went up very quickly. I think it is a very handsome addition to our building.

Now from Holly Road, everyone can plainly see that we have a front door and they are welcome to come in and worship with us. A message that we want to spread around.

We get a lot of visitors. Your Board President and Head Usher, Bill Randall, keeps score every week, and over the month of March, he has recorded that 35 people came to visit us for one reason or another. That is one-third of the size of the whole church! Just imagine how fast Unitarian Universalism would grow in Corpus Christi if most of those guests found a church home here.

Now, we have Membership and Hospitality committees that help to welcome guests every week. And I have words I say from the pulpit as well. But I want to request that every member take it upon himself or herself to be welcoming to the guests that come through our doors. It takes an act of courage to come into a strange church. We want to welcome everyone who takes interest in our saving faith.

You don't have to be overbearing. Say "Hello." Ask, "What brought you here?" Listen. Let them know you're glad they came. Introduce them to the pastor, and your friends. Include them in conversation after worship services. Who knows? As Rick said to Louie in Casablanca, this could be the start of a beautiful friendship.

Love and Peace and Swell Thoughts,
PHIL

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Reconnection: Youth Religious Education News

Greetings,

Spring has arrived in South Texas! On the Sunday before the vernal equinox, the congregation participated in our annual Flower Communion. It was inspiring to watch the children sing hymns with the grown-ups and recite our church covenant. They were completely silent during the 2-minute meditation, which is a challenge even for some adults! When our children and youth join us for worship, we are teaching them that they have value as people. As one parent shared with me recently, it also provides an opportunity to teach our children how to conduct themselves in a worship service. Remember that experiential learning is essential for our children's spiritual growth.

The RE committee will be meeting on April 17th to finalize details of our summer program, which is right around the corner. Anyone with an interest is always welcome to attend the meeting.

Plans are underway to complete the Teen classroom. A built-in closet will help to alleviate our storage problems and allow the space to be teen-friendly. This will provide an area that the teens can decorate and call their own. We hope to have the room ready by the end of April.

Our elementary classes are continuing to explore Timeless Themes through Bible stories. Last month they learned about Joshua and the battle of Jericho which focuses on establishing personal identity. In the story of David and Goliath, they talked about how it feels to be "too small" and "too young". In April, they will hear the stories of Wise King Solomon, Jonah and the Whale, and Job.

Our middle-schoolers will be attending the CongrUUity Conference in San Antonio on April 8 & 9. This is a great opportunity for us to connect with youth from other South Texas UU churches. We are covering all costs for this event as part of our youth outreach.

On Easter Sunday, following the worship service, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt. Further details will be sent out soon.

Peace,
Lauren

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WOMEN'S GROUP

Women's Group will have lunch together April 11th, 11:30am
at Red Lobster on SPID.

The Women's Group welcomes all women. We meet the second Monday of the month,
and one month we meet for lunch and the next we meet for dinner, to accommodate
different life-styles.

Please call Jessica Latimer and let her know you will join the women. 993-6013

ITALIAN DINNER

**The Third Annual Mama Mia's Cucina Family Spaghetti Dinner
will be held on Saturday, April 16th at 6:30.**

Come one, come all to enjoy an evening of good food, fellowship and entertainment
with an Italian flair! Our chefs always include gluten free and vegetarian sauces, of
course!

Adults: \$15.00. Children under 12: \$5.00

For more info contact: Marilyn Bremser at 949-6790.

YOGA CLASSES

There will be NO YOGA CLASSES at the church from April 6 through April 29.

Classes will resume the first week in May. During this time, Jim Donnelly has
arranged with Crossroads Yoga (Airline & McArdle) to give U2C3 yogis very special
discounts on classes.

Contact Jim for more details at: 949-3448.

STUUDS NEWS

There's a "rumor" going around that our own Men's Group (STUUDS) may be hosting
a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, May 7.

What a great way to start your Mother's Day weekend.

Stay tuned for details.

U2C3 ATTENDANCE TAB

SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE IS NOW ON OUR WEB PAGE

Our intention is to provide a home and a voice for liberal religious views to an increasing number of people in our community. One measure of how we do that is attendance at our Sunday services.

The graph can be found in the **Sunday Attendance Tab** which is located under the **“Church Activities Tab”**.

If you have any questions, please contact:
Imelda Elizalde - *Church Administrator* - chrchdmn@gmail.com

FEED THE POOR BASKET

Have you ever wondered about the **“Feed the Poor Basket”** sitting in the hallway?
Well, I'm here to give you more information about it.

The **“Feed the Poor Basket”** is part of our **Timon's Ministries** program and we would like to give it a little more TLC. We will be initiating a new schedule for bringing in goods for the basket in order to maximize donations.

Going forward, the **“Feed the Poor Basket”** will be put out in the foyer on the **First Sunday of the Month**.

So if you happen to bring in something for our monthly POTLUCK, maybe you found some items in your pantry to bring for the **“FEED THE POOR BASKET.”**

The basket will still be available for daily donation drop-offs in the Kitchen.

Items Requested by Timon's Ministries:

- 1 lb. Packages of rice
- 1 lb. Packages of beans
- Small canned meats (for the homeless)
- Pop top cans (for the homeless)
- Ready to eat small soups
- Pocket sized can openers
- Small deodorants
- Razors

Thank you for your support!

For more information on Timon's Ministries contact:
Colin Sykes at 853-7992

CIRCLE SIX SUPPERS

Circle Six Suppers will be held the evening of Saturday, April 9th.
This is a great way to get to know church members in a more intimate setting.

Please sign up at church or contact Lauren Cantatore-Causey at 723-1648.

The pleasure of your company is requested at

The Butterfly Ball

*A Formal Dance at UCCCC
Saturday, May 21, 2011, 7:30 p.m.
Featuring "the band"*

*Salsa in your sequins,
Tango in your tux or tie
And Celebrate life and its transformations.*

*Tickets go on sale on April 24 and will be \$5.00 in advance
(through May 15) and \$10.00 at the door.*

*Free to the first ten to sign up and show up for cleanup.
\$75 Sponsorships get you a reserved table for 8 and other benefits
to be announced. Six sponsorships are available.*

*Refreshments Provided.
Beer and Wine will be available.*

*FMI or to join the committee contact:
Deborah Sundermann dsundermann@grandecom.net
or 361.290.9004*

U2C3 CHURCH DIRECTORY

Please check your Church Directory Listing on the website to ensure all information is correct. If you have missing info, not listed, moved or don't want specific information included in the directory, please contact me:

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 2 nd	Joe Pierce
April 5 th	Mike Reed
April 13 th	Patrick O'Hanlin
April 13 th	Steve Briody



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

April 6 th	Jean and Skip Douden
April 14 th	Cheri and Bill Randall

☆☆☆☆ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES ☆☆☆☆

If you have an announcement for the newsletter, or would like your birthday date and/or an anniversary listed, please contact me:

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IF YOU NEED TO REACH THE MINISTER, THE BEST WAY IS TO CALL 1-817-456-6404.

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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BUILDING SHARON PURCELL

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ENDOWMENT JOHN KENNEDY AND ED GROVE

MEMBERSHIP REV. PHILIP DOUGLAS AND MERILYN BREMSER

SOCIAL ACTION COMMUNITY- OUTREACH DAVID BARTLETT



“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.

