



## Sounds of the Sea Newsletter



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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, AUGUST 7	REV. PHIL DOUGLAS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 14	REV. PHIL DOUGLAS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 21	MARISOL CABALLERO
SUNDAY, AUGUST 28	REV. PHIL DOUGLAS

## SAND AND FOAM

Beloved Community of Memory and Hope,

I have a couple of proposals to present to you as we begin this new church year. One involves the work of our hands, and the other involves the meditation of our hearts.

September the Eleventh, 2011, the ten-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the airline crash in Pennsylvania, falls on a Sunday. I have been meeting with an interfaith group of clergy and we are planning a week of service to commemorate those who lost their lives, their families, their communities, and our country. This interfaith group includes the Muslim community, the Jewish community, and many representatives from the Christian community—Methodists, Episcopalians, Lutherans, Catholics, and Baptists. I am happy and proud to be part of the planning group. I am hopeful we can find more projects in which we can put our faith into action.

There are eight different projects throughout the city that we are presenting to members of our congregations, in order that we can work together in a spirit of cooperation and commemoration. We chose these particular projects for two reasons. First, we wanted members of our congregations to be able to choose area of service for which they had a particular passion, interest, or expertise. Second, we wanted the projects to give you flexibility as to the personal resources and time you are able to bring to them. These projects include Habitat for Humanity, Care Boxes for Deployed Members of the Military, the Good Samaritan Mission, the Corpus Christi Food Bank, City Parks, Neighborhoods, and Beaches Clean-ups, and a United Way Reading Blitz.

On the weekend of September 11, we clergy have agreed to devote our Sabbath services to the theme of memorial. And then, on the evening of September 11, at 6:00 PM at First Methodist Church on Shoreline Drive, we are all invited to an interfaith service of memorial and to recall the projects of communal action we have undertaken.

I will be distributing our flier, talking about this in church, and asking many of you directly. I hope you can be involved.

The second proposal I have for you involves the meditation of our hearts. My colleague the Reverend Galen Guengerich of our sister church in New York City, All Souls in Manhattan, sends out a daily email that he calls “A Common Meditation for All Souls.” In it, there is a short passage for meditation or contemplation and instructions for reading, reflecting, and proceeding into your day with intention and gratitude. I email him to ask if I could present this to our congregation and he replied that we would all be most welcome. Thus, I invite you to try it. If you open the All Soul’s website, at [www.allsoulsnyc.org](http://www.allsoulsnyc.org), there is a link on their home page entitled “A Common Meditation for All Souls.” Upon signing up, you will receive a daily email with the reading and simple instructions for meditation.

I really value texts. Almost every Sunday, I present two readings. Contemplation of a daily reading as a community, I think, will help us as individuals and as a community.

I hope the summer has found you idle and blessed. See you soon.

**Love and Peace and Swell Thoughts,**

**PHIL**

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## **Reconnection: Youth Religious Education News**

Greetings,

I can hardly believe August is upon us! School is right around the corner, and with it, the beginning of a new Religious Education year. We will be kicking off our program in mid-September and have an interesting and fun curriculum planned.

Registration for fall Religious Education classes is in progress. Our goal is to have everyone registered by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. I will be mailing out forms in early August. Please return them as soon as possible so that we may have an accurate count of children for the coming year. Forms are also available at church on the RE table. Don't forget that we ask everyone to register *every year*. This way we know our contact and medical information about your child is current. As always, feel free to provide input on what you consider important in your child's church class.

Our summer program, "Spirit of the River", is winding its way through a series of experiences designed to promote awareness of water stewardship. So far the children have explored the interconnection of water, plants and animal life. They have also discussed what life would be like without adequate drinking water or modern sanitation. Please take time to enjoy the pictures they add to our mural in the hallway each week.

We have a wonderful, hard-working group of teachers and you can support our program by signing up to be a class volunteer assistant. You don't need to have children in our program to help out. You can sign up for one Sunday or several Sundays; this is a great opportunity to share yourself with our children and youth and perhaps learn something from them as well.

Peace,

**Lauren**

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## **WOMEN'S GROUP**

Women's Group will have dinner together August 8th, 6:30pm  
at P.F. Changs China Bistro,  
located at 5488 SPID

*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.*

The Women's Group welcomes all women and it's a relaxed get-together to get to know the women of U2C3 better. Please join in!

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

## **RUMMAGE SALE**

**August 20<sup>th</sup>  
8:00am – Noon**

Please start saving your goodies for the church Rummage Sale. You can start bringing them to the church on Sunday Aug. 14th.

**We need YOU to work the sale, cashiers, etc., there is always plenty of work.  
Please come and help.**

**For more information contact:**

Jessica Latimer 993-6013 or [429paloma@att.net](mailto:429paloma@att.net)

## **LABOR DAY BRAT 'N' BEER FEST**

**Monday, Sept 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm  
held at UUCCC**

Don't miss out on the men's group salute to the old-fashion Bavarian Beer Garden!  
Hot from the grill Bratwursts with all the trimmings, tasty Bavarian style beer as only our brew master can brew it. Plus German potato salad, home-made ice cream,  
Hot dogs and home-made root beer for the kids!

Plus singing, kids' games, music and lots of good fellowship. And don't forget to have your photo taken at the authentic Bavarian bar courtesy of Mike Reed.

Adults - \$10.00  
Children under 12 - \$5.00  
Families - \$28.00

**Get your tickets from Ed Grove or Carroll Pate.**

*\*Volunteers are needed for singing, kids' games and music. For more information, ask the men's group.*

## CANVASS COMMITTEE

Our church carries out its many functions, week-to-week and month-to-month, based on an operating budget which the Board of Trustees oversees. That budget is based primarily on the funds provided by Members and Friends through their pledges – their financial commitments for each year.

This autumn, as usual, we will be asked to make those pledges for the next calendar year, so that the budget for 2012 can be formulated.

The Canvass Committee is now making plans for that campaign. The group is led by Ed Grove, and includes Ellie McCain, Judy and Carroll Pate, and Bobbi and Mike Reed. In order to lay the foundation for the campaign, they recently met with Rev. Phil Douglas, Treasurer Bill Bodrug, and Marilyn Bremser of the Membership Committee. Others of you will be asked for input and cooperation in coming weeks, and you can expect to hear more details of the campaign.

Canvass activities this year will occur in a little over two months from now -- October 2 through 15.

*This is OUR church—it is what we WANT it to be—and it is what we make it.*

Your Canvass Committee is excited about making this a best-ever pledge campaign that allows our church to grow and prosper. In that way we can be a welcome beacon in this area — a beacon of hope, community, and caring! Come catch the excitement with us.

--Your 2011 Canvass Committee

## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Our new board has begun meeting, and here are the items we discussed in the July meeting.

- Power washing needs doing (completed this week already)
- Discussed options for replacement of plexiglass on marquis sign--to be completed soon
- Make plans for when the church should be repainted
- Proposal presented on possible kitchen rental for healthy cooking classes/demonstration
- Reviewed recent airconditioning repair, costing approximately \$3700
- Appointed Debbie Cannatella as replacement for Diana Masters--thank you, Debbie, for volunteering to be considered!
- Reviewed budget year to date
- Reviewed details of property that has been deeded to the church--more details coming!
- Reviewed need for change of date for board retreat in August, which will take the place of the regular board meeting for the month

The board retreat is an important beginning of each church year, helping us to focus on goals, needs, and challenges ahead. It gives us a chance to know each other and our interpersonal styles, allowing us to better work together to serve the congregation.

If you have something you would like to share at a board meeting, please let me know, so that I can add it to the agenda for our next meeting. You may send it in written form, or present it yourself--your choice.

We have identified the following service needs for our church: Timon's Ministry volunteer, membership committee--meet and greet newcomers, hospitality, clean team, and fundraising. Help where you can!

I look forward to this year, and know it will be fruitful and exciting!

Carrie Alexander

**Board of Trustees President**

## YOGA CLASSES

Friday's Yoga Classes will NOT be held in August and September. They will resume October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you, Pam Donnelly

## HEB GIFT CARDS

Dear U2C3 Members and Friends:

HEB announced today that from now until the end of the year, if you use an HEB gift card to purchase gasoline at their stores, you will pay \$0.11 less PER gallon. That is a substantial savings. Mike and I tried it out this afternoon and it worked. The regular HEB price per gallon was \$3.49.9, which was good compared to most of the other stations I saw around town. Using the HEB gift card, our price per gallon dropped to \$3.38.9. Pretty good, huh? Here's a great way to help the church AND your pocketbook at the same time. Win-Win!

As always, I will have the gift cards on sale on Sunday after church. See you in church, Bobbi (HEB Lady)  
For more information contact me at: 361-549-9521 or [Reeds77@stx.rr.com](mailto:Reeds77@stx.rr.com)

## U2C3 ESL PROGRAM

Since February of 2011, we have been holding three levels of classes here at the church for people to learn English as a second language as well as a class to prepare people to take the citizenship test. These classes are held every Sunday afternoon from 3:00 until 5:00 in our religious education rooms.

The classes were initiated when Dora Hidalgo, the president of Fuerza Comunitaria, a humanitarian movement to aid immigrants, asked Marilyn Bremser to attend a community forum where there were many speakers addressing immigrant issues. She knew that Marilyn had been conducting classes at the Harte Library and was interested in expanding her services. At the same time the Social Action Committee of our church had been discussing ways to promote more outreach into our multi cultural city. Marilyn prepared a simple flier with the church stained glass "logo" and a description of what services would be offered. In each forum speaker's presentation, they would mention that classes were available and point to the table where people could sign up. At the conclusion of the afternoon, 23 people had signed up!

With that large number of students with unknown abilities, Marilyn engaged the assistance of the Literacy Council where another of our church members, Mary Gleason, is the director. Together they planned for the welcome session when they would register and test all the students on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Classes began on February 27<sup>th</sup> with the following teachers volunteering to conduct classes: Jo Ann Sanderson, Dr. Donna Huddleston, Nicole Buergers and Marilyn teaching the citizenship class. Since that time, Nicole has moved to Houston and her class is being conducted by Lisa Cuevas (a tutor from the Literacy Council); Jeanne Chastain is teaching the citizenship class and Marilyn is in the front hall to greet and register any newcomers as well as teach basic computer skills. The church has generously agreed to pay Juan Miguel Wilburn to baby sit if any students bring their children but he also helps to set up the four classrooms and rearrange furniture after classes.

An additional benefit to all of our students was a recent talk that Immigration Attorney Heather Moretzsohn gave which was followed by private consultations with some who had personal questions.

Attendance is not consistent but this is normal for any adult education program. As we progress into our seventh month of services, Mary Gleason or her assistant, Susana Gonzalez, send us additional students. The teachers have learned to be incredibly adaptable to this situation and have kindly welcomed newcomers or returnees as the case may be. Altogether we have registered 56 students from 8 different countries but the average attendance is only 12 students.

The teachers, JoAnn, Donna, Jeanne and Lisa must be commended. They are amazingly dedicated and determined to continue to offer their services to however many students attend.

If you know anyone who would benefit by learning English or is qualified to take the citizenship test, encourage them to contact Marilyn Bremser at 949-6790 or [mbremser@stx.rr.com](mailto:mbremser@stx.rr.com)

## PATH TO MEMBERSHIP

If you're interested in becoming a Church Member of the  
**Unitarian Universalist Church of Corpus Christi**  
please come by and visit us or join us for our monthly  
Path to Membership Meeting.

Our Next Meeting is:  
**August 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm**



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 14 <sup>th</sup>	Valene Bartlett
August 15 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew Fugate
August 15 <sup>th</sup>	Marion Gholston
August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Carroll Pate
August 30 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Allen Lucero



## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

August 14 <sup>th</sup>	Jessica and John Latimer
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### ☆☆☆☆ 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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## U2C3 CHURCH DIRECTORY

Please check your Church Directory Listing on the website to ensure all information is correct. It is updated monthly. 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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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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**“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.

