



## 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, DECEMBER 4**

**REV. PHIL DOUGLAS**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11**

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18**

**RE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25**

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## SAND AND FOAM

Beloved Community of Memory and Hope,

Last year, in *Quest*, the publication of the Unitarian Universalist Association's virtual congregation, the Congregation of the Larger Fellowship, retired UU minister Chris Raible writes:

### Take Christmas

Take Christmas.

Take the ancient, the medieval, and the modern;

Take what is sacred and secular, solemn and silly.

Take Teutonic evergreen and Persian sun and Druid mistletoe;

Take Jewish flame and Greek feast and Roman present;

Take a babe in a Bethlehem stable, surrounded by shepherds and kings,  
with a brilliant star overhead;

Take a Middle Eastern saint, transformed through the centuries into a  
red-suited elf with a sackful of toys and a reindeer-drawn  
sleigh.

Take music from as many countries as the imagination can grasp;

Take Amahl and Scrooge and Rudolph;

Take lighted trees and punch bowls and greeting cards;

Take mittened carolers and charitable gifts and candlelight services.

Take it all or take any part of it.

Take its light, its courage, its hope, its joy, its peace, its goodwill.

Take Christmas—take it if you will, but remember that you must first  
*give* something of yourself.

It's important to remember that the holidays can be overwhelming, and it's so easy to overcommit, over party, overeat, over do. There is so much going on, so much to choose from. My hope for each of you is that you are able to choose whatever brings joy and meaning into your lives.

At church we will be exploring the topic of birth. What are we giving birth to? Also, a little practical theology. The Religious Education program will present a service. And, of course, on Christmas Eve we will have a service of lessons and carols, with candlelight singing of "Silent Night." I hope there are some children to dedicate, because that is really one of the great privileges of being a minister. On Christmas Day, which falls on a Sunday this year, we will gather for singing and refreshments.

As the Reverend Mark Bellatinni writes, "Take good care of yourselves, because you are a good gift." Enjoy the season, in whatever measure you choose to partake of it.

**Love and Peace and Swell Thoughts,**

**PHIL**

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

Greetings,

Our winter holidays are almost upon us! It's easy to get caught up in the mad rush of preparations and forget that one of the most important gifts we can give our children is time. Help them make handcrafted ornaments or bake holiday cookies together, perhaps to share with neighbors and friends.

In keeping with our worship theme of Birth for the month of December, I'd like to share an excerpt from the UUA Faith Without Borders Program:

For everything there is a season—a time to die and a time to be born. With the arrival of winter's low dark sky, communities around the world look to the miracle of light as a sign of rebirth and a source of hope. We celebrate the promise of new life and recommit ourselves to the protection of everyone's right to his or her own radiant humanity.

Please mark your calendars for the following events:

Friday evening Dec. 16th, please join us for the third annual U2C3 Christmas caroling followed by Christmas tree trimming and refreshments at the church. This event is for everyone – not just families!

Sunday, Dec. 18, the children and youth will join the adults in a special intergenerational service.  
Saturday evening, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> we invite everyone to our traditional Christmas Eve service.

Sunday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, so that families can be together in the sanctuary on Christmas morning, there will be no RE classes and no nursery care scheduled.

Have a peaceful and safe holiday!

**Lauren**

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## **Craft Fair and Bake Sale**

Come and shop!!! We have a number of non-church community vendors, with a variety of items available. We will have raffle tickets available for a door prize EVERY HOUR! So don't miss this year's Craft Fair and Bake Sale on December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00am-4:00pm.

## **Young Philanthropists**



Three (3) young girls from our church, ages 10, 8 and 8, have started their own J.O.B. fashions (Jordan, Olivia and Bella), selling purses.

They plan to donate part of the proceeds to the Driscoll Children's hospital to help other young children with health problems.

They will be selling their fashions at the upcoming church craft fair on Saturday, December 3. Please stop by their table and support this worthy cause.

## **Give the church a coffee patio for Christmas!**

George Clower says the concrete portion of the coffee patio will cost \$6000. I am willing to donate \$1000 to the patio if we get five more donations of \$1000. If we can raise the money soon, we may be able to have the patio for the New Year. Of course, we can add on the trellis portion which provides seating and shade at a later date.

Think about having the September Fest out on it or the Mothers' Day Pancake Breakfast or a Fish Fry or summer picnic. And, of course, we'll be using it every Sunday for the coffee and cookies after church. Hey, Santa, do you have a part of the patio in your bag?

**Ed Grove, Chair, Land Use Committee**

## **WOMEN'S GROUP**

Women's Group will have lunch together December 12th, 6:00pm  
at Jessica Latimer's home, located at 429 Paloma.

Main dish will be provided. If your last name begins with the letters A-L, bring a salad.  
If your last name begins with the letters M-Z bring a dessert

*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 RSVP to Jessica Latimer (993-6013) by December 10<sup>th</sup> and let her know you will join the women.**

## **Photos for A/V and website**

On our web site, under Church Activities > AV Preparation, are some notes about how to prepare photos for use in our services, for slideshows at events, and for our website photo album. Some notes also apply to text for projection. We are still growing our capability here. Suggestions for improvements are welcome.

## **Hatcher Chalkley**

### **Asian Cultures Holiday Festival**

Saturday, December 10, 2011, from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm,  
the Asian Museum will hold an Asian Cultures Holiday Festival.

They will have a display of various dances/instrument playing from Asian cultures (e.g. Vietnam, India, China, Thailand, the Philippines). They will also have a variety of children's activities such as a chopsticks competition, and origami ornament making.

Asian hor'dourves and drinks will be served.

Tickets are available through Lillian Walbeser, James Wilson, and/or Heather Moretzsohn.

## **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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## **It's time to welcome a Guest at Your Table!**

On Sunday, Dec. 3, we'll open our Guest at Your Table program during our "Time for All Ages". By bringing home a beautiful Guest at Your Table box and a Stories of Hope booklet, families and individuals learn about how the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee puts our shared values into action in the United States and around the world. Through a powerful combination of advocacy, education, and partnerships with grassroots human-rights leaders, UUSC promotes economic rights, advances environmental justice, defends civil liberties, and preserves the rights of people in times of humanitarian crisis.

Through the Stories of Hope booklet, we connect with people throughout the world who have shared their personal struggles and are working hard for human rights in partnership with UUSC. In each household, the Guest at Your Table box is placed in a prominent spot, often at the family dinner table. When family and friends gather to enjoy their blessings, they can reflect on the contributions of their "guests" to the movement for universal human rights — and share generously. Each week, we can choose a different story to read, bringing our guests to life and helping celebrate our own rights.

Since UUSC is an independent organization that receives no funding from government or the UUA, your support and membership are vitally important. Sharing our blessings through Guest at Your Table ensures that UUSC's human-rights work continues. And, thanks to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock in Manhasset, N.Y., gifts of \$100 or more are eligible to be matched, dollar for dollar, doubling the impact of your support!

If you miss picking up your Guest at Your Table donation box or envelope, and Stories of Hope book, boxes will be available on the Religious Education Table or by talking with Jessica Latimer, our UUSC local representative. Please return your boxes with change converted to bills or a check, if possible. Boxes are due no later than Sunday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>.

## 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:  
**DECEMBER 17<sup>th</sup> AT 2:30PM**



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

December 4 <sup>th</sup>	Madison Martin
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Bobbi Reed
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	John Garcia
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Gabriel Ruiz
December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Diane Weiner
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sarah Wilburn
December 26 <sup>th</sup>	Colin Sykes
December 27 <sup>th</sup>	Cheri Randall



## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

December 27 <sup>th</sup>	Deborah Sundermann and Scott Cherry
December 30 <sup>th</sup>	Bobbi and Mike Reed

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If you have an announcement for the newsletter, or would like your birthday date and/or an anniversary listed,  
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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.

