



Sounds of the Sea Newsletter



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

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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, FEBRUARY 6 REVEREND PHIL DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13 REVEREND PHIL DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20 REVEREND PHIL DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27 GUEST SPEAKER

SAND AND FOAM

Members and Friends,

Quite a few years ago at a family reunion, Susan and I were watching the family reunion talent show. Very corny, right? We have so many people in our family, and they are so talented, that we could put on a talent show. Well, it's true. One of the performances was by my cousin Martin and his then-teenaged son Holmes. Martin is a band director at the middle school in West Tennessee, (and he is very talented musically and in a number of other ways) and Holmes was about fourteen or fifteen at the time. And anyway, they did a duet. Martin had a boom box. And they sang "Under the Boardwalk" to the music, in harmony. And did a dance step. It was thoroughly charming.

Susan remarked to me that this was a very rare occurrence indeed—not just the family reunion and the talent show, but the fact that a high school-aged young man would perform (especially a dance!) with his father in front of anybody, much less a passel of square relatives. Susan was taken by the fact that a young man could be seen growing through his adolescence with grace.

Last week I attended the annual ministers' retreat in Navasota, Texas. And during my check-in, I commented to the rest of the district ministers about the health in our congregation in Corpus Christi. When Susan and I came here to candidate almost three years ago (could it be that long?), one of the things that the Search Committee and I agreed on was that they wanted U2C3 to grow and I wanted to serve a growing church. Well, growth, like adolescence, can feel pretty awkward. But I am continually surprised by the grace of this church as it takes on change and growth. And delightedly so.

As many of you know, we have a new Church Administrator, Imelda Elizalde. She has taken on many of the tasks that have for so many years been done by volunteers—information for the web site, the directory, the newsletter. She also sends reminders for meetings and has begun to email a weekly calendar notice, so that everybody can see what's coming in the next week. She does all these things so that we can communicate better, and so we can free up the congregation to pursue their own ministries. Imelda has been doing a remarkable job of learning the church and her new job. Please be patient with us as we learn how to do new things, or to do things in a new way.

Patience and Grace are not merely strategies to deal with temporary inconveniences, but a constant and faithful way of being in the world in a different way—as Ghandi said, to be the change we want to see in the world. So often, our grand vision is composed of small thoughtful practicalities.

I am sure that you will continue to amaze and surprise me with your grace and creativity. Let us dare to be a good example to the city, the district, and beyond.

Love and Peace and Swell Thoughts,

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Reconnection: Youth Religious Education News

Greetings,

"Why love...? We love to know that we are not alone."- C.S. Lewis

February is typically a month we focus on love and caring. By the time you read this, our children will have made Valentines which will be delivered to a local nursing home by February 14th. Through activities like this we teach our children the tradition of expressing love and caring in all of its forms. When your child sees you caring about others--going out of your way to visit a sick friend, making a meal for a new family on the block, doing chores for an elderly neighbor, or helping people in need--she or he will learn values of empathy and compassion..

Our teens and tweens are continuing their exploration of "How Can I Know What To Believe". As part of their learning experience they join the adults in worship for Reverend Douglas' series of sermons entitled "A CASE for Unitarian Universalism". In order to explore their own personal beliefs on a deeper level, we hope to have a Coming of Age program this spring for 14-16 year olds.

I am grateful for the opportunity to help our children and youth find their spiritual paths in our beloved community.

Peace,

Lauren

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Join us for Circle Six Suppers!

What are Circle Six Suppers? Circle Suppers are a long-standing tradition at many UU churches and Fellowships. They are a way to deepen our relationship with other members and friends of U2C3. The purpose of the gatherings is to enjoy food and conversation and to get to know each other in social settings.

Circle Six Supper FAQ

Who can attend Circle Six Suppers?

Anyone with a connection to our UU congregation is welcome! Whether you are a long time member, or a newcomer, or someone in between, a couple or single, you are welcome at one of our tables.

Where and How are Circle Six Suppers held?

Circle Six Suppers are held in private homes of members and friends, and involve 6-8 people. Each guest, couple or family contributes something to the dinner, usually by coordination with the host/ess.

Do I have to be a gourmet cook?

No. Some of us are, some of us aren't. Main courses can range from broiled salmon filet with lemon dill butter through hamburgers grilled in the backyard to heirloom hot dish.

Do I have to be a wine connoisseur?

No. Some of us are, some of us aren't. A few of us don't drink for personal reasons and some of us are recovering alcoholics. We usually have wine, but if you don't know anything about it, someone else will bring it. We always have water, juice and soda.

Do I have to be a brilliant conversationalist?

No. Some of us are, some of us aren't. Someone will keep the conversation flowing.

Do I have to have a spacious home, fine china, good silver and glasses that match?

No. Some of us do, some don't. We've had circle dinners in formal dining rooms and at the kitchen table. We've eaten off wedding china and off the fine Chinette.

Do I have to help create an atmosphere where people can learn more about each other?

Yes. We may be eating off plastic plates or drinking out of jelly glasses, but we do have our standards. That's the whole idea of circle dinners - to get to know people better.

When is the Next Circle Supper?

Saturday February 12, 2011, at 6 or 6:30 pm (host/ess choice). Signup deadline is Friday February 4 to allow hosts time for planning. Sunday evening, hosts will be notified of their assignments, and in turn will notify their assigned attendees and begin coordinating the menu.

How Do I Sign Up for a Circle Supper?

Sign-up Sheet in the church foyer or contact Lauren Cantatore-Causey at (361) 723-1648, email: causemouse@aol.com

**We hope to see you at:
Coffee House
Saturday, February 5th**

The 28th annual UU&U Coffee House entertainment will commence at 7:00pm on Saturday, February 5th at the Church.

Admission will be \$10 per person, please come early and bring new friends.

There will be candle light and wine (yours). There will be live music and poetry will be read. In addition, home made cakes and savory snacks will be available for purchase. Ice and set-ups will also be available for purchase.

Two poets will read their original work and two bands will play folk and classical music to delight you.

This is a magical evening that can only be found at
UU & U Coffee House (formally The Unihorne)
Mark your calendar and be there!

**For further details, call 853-7992
Colin Sykes**

RUMMAGE SALE

The church will have its Spring Sale on March 12th.

Please save clean and usable household items. Mark your calendar to bring the items to church on March 6th. Jessica Latimer is chair-person for this event, if you can help please call 993-6013 or email: 429paloma@att.net

There will be sign-up sheets for time slots to price and arrange items the week prior to the sale. A lot of help is always needed the day of the sale, and for clean-up as well.

The Women's Group is changing its format to accommodate many things. We are meeting on the 2nd Monday of the month. One month we will have lunch together, and the next month, we will have dinner. Hopefully, this will allow women who work, women who have children, and women who don't drive at nite an opportunity to meet and enjoy the company of other UU women.

Feb. 14th, we will meet at Aka Japanese Restaurant

5301 Everhart at 11:30am

(They have very nice Bento boxes for lunch)

This restaurant is in the same strip as the Sherwin-Williams Paint store, one block south of SPID.

Please let Jessica Latimer know if you can join the group, 993-6013.

Denominational News:

The UUA Bookstore and Skinner House Books are proud to announce that many new and classic titles are available from the Google eBooks store. Selected titles will be available through Amazon soon.

The list of eBook titles will continue to grow, so check back frequently by clicking on the big red eBooks button at www.uua.org/bookstore

For more information contact:

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2nd Annual Crafts Fair/Bake Sale

Many hands make work seem lighter: Come to church between 2 and 4 p.m. on the second Saturday each month this spring to work on your own crafty project or help with something else, in preparation for the SECOND Annual Crafts Fair / Bake Sale scheduled for the first weekend of December.

For more information contact:

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FUNDRAISING

Harvest Moon Auction Events for February: To our hosts and guest, please make note of these upcoming events from you Harvest Moon Auction donations and contributions.

Sunday, February 6 SUPER BOWL PARTY

Hosted by Michael Causey and Lauren Cantatore-Causey.

Guest List: McLaughlin (2), Lucerno (2), Lawrence (2), Newport (2)

Saturday, February 12 JUDY's ENGLISH TEA

Hosted by Judy and Colin Sykes.

Guest List: Kennedy (2), Chastain (1), Vargas (1), Liz Duff (2)

Monday, February 14 VALENTINE's DINNER

Hosted by John and Robin Kennedy.

Guest List: Sykes (2), Hudson-Chaulkley (2), Latimer (2), Grove (2)

Saturday, February 19 7:30 PM THE MELTING POT DINNER

Hosted by Langan and Susan Robbins.

Guest List: McLaughlin (2), Newport (2), Cantatore&Causey (2), Freeman (2)

EVERYONE ENJOY!

And thanks again for your support to U2C3 fundraising!

U2C3 FINANCIAL TAB

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE NOW ON OUR WEB PAGE

The Board of Trustees approved the posting of the Church's operating results on our web site. The operating results for calendar year 2010 and the operating budget for 2011 that was approved at the congregational meeting last November can be found in the **Financial Tab** which is in the section "**About Us**". The operating results will be updated prior to the congregational meetings in May and November. If you have any questions, please contact:

Bill Bodrug - Board Treasurer - 949-6790

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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WELCOME OUR NEW CHURCH MEMBERS!

John Lee

Loree “Svad” Svadlenavt

Allen Mitchell



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 2 nd	Corinne (Clif) Auvinen
February 4 th	LeElla Hewitt
February 10 th	Imelda Elizalde
February 11 th	Marilyn Bodrug
February 17 th	Lois Wrightsman
February 20 th	Margaret Lawrence
February 20 th	Debbie Newport
February 20 th	Amelia Tuller
February 24 th	Tom Bookout



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

None

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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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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.

