



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, JULY 3	ALAN BAREKA
SUNDAY, JULY 10	MEGAN DALBY-JONES
SUNDAY, JULY 17	BRIAN FERGUSON
SUNDAY, JULY 24	MARK SKRABACZ
SUNDAY, JULY 31	AMANDA ROBINSON

SAND AND FOAM

Members and Friends,

I spent last week at Charlotte, North Carolina at the annual General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association, our fiftieth GA since merger in 1961. I was inspired by the Service of the Living Tradition, in which ministers, ministers of religious educators, and ministers of music are honored and recognized at the beginnings and at the end of their service. I was awestruck at the Sunday morning worship, with what looked to be an attendance of over five thousand, with great music, with a choir of what must have been over two hundred, singing Unitarian Universalist gospel, with a great sermon by the Reverend Karen Anderson of the First Unitarian Church of Rochester, New York. The annual Ware Lecture, which many famous people have delivered, was given by Karen Anderson, who has written a score of books on religion. This time she spoke about compassion, the subject of her latest book, *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*. I was proud to join many others in the Gay Pride march on Friday. We were on the front page of the Charlotte newspaper (above the fold!). I will ask our faithful administrator, Imelda, to put the article up on the bulletin board. All the people in yellow shirts are UU's.

Speaking of yellow shirts, I was thinking of yellow, Standing on the Side of Love, tee shirts on Friday evening after the march, wondering how I could learn more about the Corpus Christi LGBTQ community, as I perused Facebook back in my room. When out of the blue, the leader of the TAMU-CC Gay/Straight alliance, Paul Rodriguez, facebooked me to ask if I would be the keynote speaker at the Pride parade on September 9. I responded, "Definitely!"

So, speaking of yellow Standing on the Side of Love tee shirts, wouldn't it be great to get a number of us U2C3's in those very shirts, behind a big yellow Standing on the Side of Love banner, and participate in the march? Email me at Philip.Douglas@gmail.com and let's figure out how to do that!

The church allows me to have the month of July off of preaching, so that I can recharge for another busy church year. Susan and I will be in and out, but I am available by email, facebook, and mobile phone if you need me. We have a very nice lineup of guest speakers for the month of July. I might just have to come to the services myself, when we are in town.

May summer bless you gently!

Love and Peace and Swell Thoughts,
PHIL

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Reconnection: Youth Religious Education News

Greetings,

For the summer months we have a modified children's program in place. Children up through age 5 will have supervised play time with our nursery care provider. Our summer program for ages 6 through 11 began last Sunday, June 26. "Spirit of the River" is a series of workshops which helps us explore water from several perspectives. It reminds us that we are charged with caring for this precious gift and has concrete suggestions on how we can accomplish that. Each week, the children will add artwork to a mural of a River Scene, which is displayed in the hallway near our classrooms. Please take time to enjoy their creation. Teens and tweens have the option of staying in the worship service or assisting with the elementary class.

Registration for fall classes will start in late July. We have considerably increased the number of children in our program - a good problem to have! It is really important for us to gather the completed forms as soon as possible so we can make sure we staff our classes adequately.

Be safe on any journeys you take this summer, and don't forget to collect water for our Water Communion Service at the end of August.

Have a great summer!

**Peace,
Lauren**

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**WELCOME OUR JULY 17th GUEST SPEAKER –
BRIAN FERGUSON**

Bio: Brian Ferguson is currently serving as the Consulting Minister to the San Marcos Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Central Texas. Last August, Brian completed a year of chaplaincy training at Seton Family of Hospitals in Austin, Texas. He was honored to serve as the ministerial intern at the Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Church in Cedar Park and the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Austin. After four years of study, he graduated in May 2009 with a Masters of Divinity degree from Starr King School for the Ministry, the Unitarian Universalist seminary in Berkeley, California. Brian's ministry is driven by the desire to explore and improve the human condition in an interdisciplinary and holistic way.

He is a native of Scotland but since 1986 has lived in California prior to moving to Austin in August, 2008. In his previous life, before attending seminary, he earned an Applied Physics degree from the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, Scotland, and worked for 24 years as an Electronic Design engineer and project manager. Brian is joined on life's journey by his partner, Natalie Freeburg, and seven year old daughter, Isla Ferguson.

Sermon Title:

“Immigration –Undocumented, Illegal, or Something Else – A Religious Perspective”

Blurb: The status and rights of immigrants who entered the United States without the appropriate government paperwork, is one of most emotional and divisive issues in our society. While some of the issue seems to fall on typical political divides, many of the issues are much more complicated than simplistic political divisions. Many in our religious movement are struggling to know how to respond to this issue. A fundamental question we should ask ourselves as people and as a country is what rights does any person in this country have who may not an officially approved but is living and usually working here? This and other important religious question regarding the immigration debate will be explored in this worship service.

**WELCOME OUR JULY 31st GUEST SPEAKER –
AMANDA ROBINSON**

Bio: Amanda Robinson is the Coordinator of Texas Interfaith Power & Light, the environmental program of Texas Impact. She is working on her Masters of Theological Studies degree at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, has a background in Unitarian Universalist leadership, and has joyfully found a religious home in the Jewish tradition. Amanda is married with two boys, ages 8 and 11, who make her laugh every day.

Sermon Title:

“Actions Speak Louder than Words”

Blurb: This common expression is often used to highlight disparities between what someone says or teaches and what they actually do. Today, we will consider this expression from another angle, exploring with the wife of the Baal Shem Tov, Hasidic master, how sometimes we are called to act without having perfect understanding or a detailed plan. How do we know when to wait, and when to act?

WOMEN'S GROUP

Women's Group will have lunch together July 11th, 11:30am
at Sugar Bakers (old Citgo's)
located at 2766 Santa Fe

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.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The Grounds Committee is looking for volunteers for the upcoming year. Help is needed for any amount or combination of mowing, trimming or watering. Even if you can only come out once or twice over the year, it would be a big help.

If you can help, contact Kirk Newport: 876-6033.

NOMINATION AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE – HELP WANTED:

Carroll Pate and Barbara Briody have the responsibility of recommending to the Board names of people to fill various vacancies in the church governing body. One seat on the Board [Trustee] will become vacant this summer, and another as chair of the Clean Teams.

We are asking for suggestions / recommendations of names of people who might fill either of these slots, or others that may come available in the coming year.

Please e-mail your suggestion(s) to either or both of them:
Cpate@stx.rr.com and MsBriody@gmail.com

Don't be shy about putting your own name in the hat, either, and include reasons why you think the person(s) you suggest would be the best fit. If you'd prefer to remain anonymous, we won't necessarily reveal who made the suggestion when contacting them to see if they are willing to serve.

CRAFT FAIR AND BAKE SALE

Volunteers are needed to help pull together the Craft Fair and Bake Sale scheduled for the first Saturday of December.

Barbara Briody will be heading this up, and she needs folks skilled in organizing, contacting possible vendors, etc.

Send her a note if you are interested MsBriody@gmail.com, or speak with her at church.

Crafters and bakers will also be needed.

Are you working on something to sell, or have some favorite recipes you'd like to make?

If so, contact Barbara MsBriody@gmail.com.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING AND COMMITTEE ON MINISTRIES MEETING

Will be canceled for the month of July.

CANVASS COMMITTEE

To respond to the Treasurer's report from the May Congregational Meeting, a number of us have formed the Canvass Committee for the 2012 canvass.

Volunteering for the committee are Bobbi and Mike Reed, Judy and Carroll Pate and Ellie McCoin and Ed Grove.

We are planning to meet through the summer so that we can have a strong result for our church. We are hoping to recruit more and newer church members in order to develop leadership roles for the 2013 canvass. We will be happy to show you what we have learned so that you can adapt our work to your ideas and enthusiasm as next year's leaders. And it be fun and rewarding, too!

U2C3 exists because of our support.

Help us to make this year's canvass a success for the church and all it serves.

--Ed Grove

FROM YOUR NEW PRESIDENT:

Hello, U2C3 members and friends!

As the new President of the Board, I just wanted to let you know what is happening over the summer with your Board of Trustees.

Our Board members:

Carrie Alexander, President

Deanne Pierce, Vice President

Jean Chastain, Secretary

Bill Bodrug, Treasurer

Margaret Lawrence, At Large

Richard McLaughlin, At Large

Diana Masters, At Large

Bill Randall, Ex Officio Past President

Phil Douglas, Ex Officio, Minister

Lauren Cantatore-Causey, Ex Officio, Religious Education Director

Regular board meetings occur the third Monday of each month at 6:30pm. If you would like to present an idea or comment to the board, please let one of us know ahead of time so that we can add it to the Board agenda.

Plans for the 2011 Pledge Canvass are underway, and we have a wonderful team with lots of energy. Thank you to Ed Grove, Ellie McCain, Carroll Pate, Judy Pate, Bobbi Reed, and Mike Reed!

The Board will be having a retreat in August to solidify our top priorities based on the Long Range Goals approved at the May Congregational Meeting. One of the upcoming and more pressing goals will be to formulate a plan for the Religious Education space—we are busting at the seams! This is a good problem to have, and we will work diligently to develop a workable plan.

We are governed by membership, and we cherish your energy, ideas, and assistance. Here are the opportunities for volunteering that are most needed:

Membership Committee -

Help to welcome visitors and new members into our midst.

Fundraising Committee -

A fun and creative group could use a little bit of your time to help with our upcoming Rummage Sale in August.

Replacement At Large Board Member -

A great way to help us reach our goals, but we are sad to have Diana Masters leaving the area.

Clean Teams Chair -

Help with keeping our space livable and clean.

Canvass Volunteers -

A great way to get to know your fellow U2C3 members.

I hope your summer is fun and relaxing, and your outlook sunny! I know our outlook is hopeful, and we are looking forward to a fruitful and rewarding year!.

Carrie Alexander

Board of Trustees President

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Cynthia Anderson

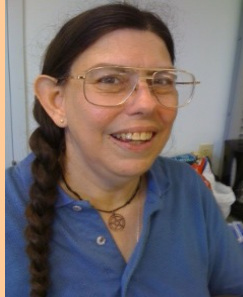


Paul R. Meyer & Leigh Craft



Paul is a rhetorician, currently working in Administration at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. Leigh is an educator, currently working in the home raising Courtney and Monique. Leigh also volunteers at Driscoll Children's Hospital and the girls' school.

Amy P. Reed



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 27th at 2:30pm



JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 5 th	Gail Goo
July 18 th	Fernando Figueroa
July 19 th	Sonia McLaughlin
July 27 th	Gerald Kipp
July 29 th	Barbara Briody



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

No listings for July.

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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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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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GROUNDS KIRK NEWPORT

LAY MINISTRY AGNES MAIER

ENDOWMENT JUDY PATE, DEANNE PIERCE AND RICHARD McLAUGHLIN

MEMBERSHIP REV. PHILIP DOUGLAS AND MARILYN 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.

