



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, MARCH 6 REVEREND PHIL DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, MARCH 13 REVEREND PHIL DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, MARCH 20 REVEREND PHIL DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, MARCH 27 KIRK NEWPORT

SAND AND FOAM

Members and Friends,

Our District Executive, the Reverend Susan Smith, likes to retell the parable of the Sower from the New Testament. It appears in the first three Gospels. Here is how Mark tells it, Jesus says to his disciples:

‘Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. ⁶And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. ⁸Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.’ ⁹And he said, ‘Let anyone with ears to hear listen!’

Then Susan says something like, Some people want to be the Sower, and if you do, by all means sow and be a good sower. And some people want to be the seed, and if you do, by all means, be the best seed you can be. But I say unto you, be the soil. Prepare yourselves for the growth that is to come.

At least, that’s the way I remember her telling it.

I mention that now, as we approach the season of growth, because of the growth we are seeing in our congregation. And by growth, I mean growth in depth and growth in our outreach to the larger community. Surely this is due to our cultivation of our soil, the work being done in the Children’s Religious Education classes, and the Adult Religious Education classes, the Humanist Discussion Group, the Tuesday Meditation, the Evensong Covenant Group. All of that helps us deepen our understanding of our faith and, most importantly, how we reinterpret that faith into our everyday lives.

A colleague asks, How do I keep the Holy at the center of my life? A depth question.

Soon will be the time of spring flowers. Bluebonnet time and wildflower time in Texas. Let us continue to cultivate the soil for the growth to come.

Here is reading #693 by V. Emil Gudmundson from our hymnal:

And now, may we have faith in life to do wise planting that the generations to come may reap even more abundantly than we. May we be bold in bringing to fruition the golden dreams of human kinship and justice. This we ask that the fields of promise become fields of reality.

Let anyone with ears to hear, listen!

Love and Peace and Swell Thoughts,

PHIL

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Reconnection: Youth Religious Education News

Greetings,

I read a story last Sunday entitled “The Big Question” by Betsy Williams. What big questions are our children asking? What big questions are we asking our children? In our elementary classes, our children are learning about “Timeless Themes” such as jealousy, obedience, and persecution. As we present stories from the Bible, it’s interesting to hear their perspective on the stories. When they ask, “Is it true?” we respond with “What do you think?” Our children, even at this young age, are able to express their thoughts and question what they hear.

Our tweens and teens are continuing to explore their curriculum, “How Can I Know What to Believe?” The current unit, “...About Our Religion”, poses questions such as “How did our UU religion begin?” and “What does my religion ask of me?”

Even as adults, we often have trouble explaining what we believe as Unitarian Universalists. Through our Religious Education classes, we provide a foundation for our children and youth to answer the Big Question: “*So what do you believe?*”

Teens and Tweens: Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 5. We are having a Game Night from 7 p.m. to midnight at the church. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Those of you who came to our Lock-in last year remember how much fun we had!

For middle-schoolers, there is a 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 and would like to have a good presence at the conference.

We have good news! Our classes are growing to the point of needing additional assistants in the Pre-K and Elementary classes. You don’t need to be a parent in our program to volunteer on a Sunday morning. You might discover wonderful new things about yourself as you interact with our children!

Peace,

Lauren

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WOMEN'S GROUP

Women's Group will have dinner together March 14th, 6pm
at Longhorn Steak and Ale
4307 Avelon St.

This restaurant is across from Alameda HEB at Roberts. It is on a little street that Y's into Alameda.

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

RUMMAGE SALE

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

Please mark you calendar to bring your items to the church March 6th for the Rummage Sale.

The church has some items stored at different peoples' houses for the sale. We need someone with a pick-up, who can go and get those items and bring them to the church for the sale.

Please call me if you can help with that.

We will have sign up sheets for people to work the Rummage Sale.
As always we need lots of help.

We will also have baked goods for sale that morning, so if you like to bake, we need your help.

Please call Jessica Latimer and let her know what days you can help.

993-6013 or email: 429paloma@att.net

WORKSHOP

Two part workshop being offered at UU

Friday evening, March 4th , 6:30pm-8:30pm
"Love and Detachment"

and Saturday March 5th , 9:30pm-12:30pm
"Spiritual Psychology of Letting Go"

Presenter: Jacquelyn Zoe de Bray, PhD

Current Director and Resident Lama for a Tibetan Buddhist organization in Crestone, Colorado.

Cost: March 4th - \$25.00
March 5th - \$35.00
To Attend Both - \$50.00

If interested call Janet Neely: 361-881-5123 or 361-876-6679

CIRCLE SIX SUPPERS

Join us for Circle Six Suppers on **April 9th**!

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, April 9, 2011, at 6:00pm or 6:30 pm (host/ess choice).

How Do I Sign Up for a Circle Supper?

Contact Lauren Cantatore-Causey at (361) 723-1648 or email: causemouse@aol.com

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!

Mary Beth Davis



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 1 st	Tom Brown
March 1 st	Marbeth Munn
March 2 nd	Stephanie Ruiz
March 11 th	Anna Fugate
March 14 th	Alene Burch
March 17 th	Kate Cherry
March 18 th	Peg Braswell
March 19 th	Diana Masters
March 31 st	Tess Cherry



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

March 17 th	David and Valerie Bartlett
March 18 th	Debbie and Kirk Newport
March 20 th	Diana and Quentin Masters
March 30 th	Pete and Peg Braswell

☆☆☆☆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.

DIRECTOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LAUREN CANTATORE-CAUSEY

**CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR/NEWSLETTER, CALENDAR,
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BOARD MEMBER ROB ALLEN (YOUTH REP)

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CANVASS JUDY PATE

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GROUNDS KIRK NEWPORT

LAY MINISTRY AGNES MAIER

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.

