



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, NOVEMBER 6

REV. PHIL DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

REV. PHIL DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

REV. PHIL DOUGLAS – INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

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SAND AND FOAM

Beloved Community of Memory and Hope,

This month of November we take up in worship and in our Religious Education programs the themes of democracy and gratitude. As the liturgical year rolls round, these themes are inspired by the third of the seven principles of Unitarian Universalism, acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations, and the fifth, the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.

Thus, we will look at the democratic process in society at large (Occupy Corpus Christi?). And also, there is an election on November 8, with ballot initiatives concerning the Texas Constitution. And on November 20, we will vote on the church budget for 2012 in the annual congregational meeting.

There is no statement of a church's priorities quite as definitive as its budget.

And we take up the theme of gratitude once more. A couple of months back, I invited you all to join me in the daily meditation offered by the All Soul's Unitarian Universalist Church of New York City. The senior minister there, the Reverend Galen Guengerich, offers, by way of e-mail or the internet, a daily reading (from the uncommon lectionary) and a simple meditation in which we feel gratitude about the circumstances of our lives and consciousness that arise out of the daily reading. I have been faithful (mostly) to the daily reading and meditation, and I have heard from some of you that you are following that discipline as well. Reverend Guengerich believes that this discipline of gratitude is a uniquely Unitarian Universalist approach to faith. I don't know what that worship service will be like, yet. But I am looking forward to exploring gratitude with you.

Last summer at Ministry Days, one of the worship leaders went through a litany of the many things being a Unitarian Universalist minister made him grateful for. I jotted down some of them that resonated with me. Among many others, they included:

- I get paid to read poetry.
- I get paid to write.
- I get paid to think about things that nobody else thinks about.
- I get paid to say things that nobody else would say.

Nice work if you can get it. Being your minister is a great privilege.

I wonder what your list would look like.

Love and Peace and Swell Thoughts,

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Reconnection: Youth Religious Education News

Greetings,

St. John Chrysostom wrote "They whom we love and lose are no longer where they were before. They are now wherever we are."

During Religious Education classes recently the children learned about the meaning and traditions in preparation for our Dia de los Muertos service to be held Sunday, Oct.30. They enjoyed several crafts, including jewelry-making, paper marigold construction and decorating plastic skulls. This holiday is a great time to talk with children about relatives they may have never known. It focuses on the celebration of deceased friends and relatives, remembering them with compassion and warmth, laughter and tears.

For Sunday, Oct. 30: Please bring a memento of a loved one to church. The sanctuary will be decorated for our annual worship service, giving people the opportunity to share memories of their loved ones. There is a traditionally decorated altar or ofrenda on which to place your memento. Mementos are often photos, but more traditionally something that the loved one enjoyed. A golf ball could represent someone who loved golf, for instance. This is a time for good memories and playful takes on the circle of life and death.

Our teens and tweens are meeting for the second annual Pumpkin-carving Party on Friday evening before Halloween. Michael Causey and Margaret Lawrence are the adults in charge. All participants are provided with a pumpkin to carve. Last year everyone had a great time and we had some VERY creative Jack-O-Lanterns.

.....and Reflections:

As I discussed in the September newsletter, each month we explore a different theological topic in depth. Our theme for November is Gratitude. As I was preparing to write this article, I came across a catalog for Heifer International. This organization develops programs that alleviate hunger and poverty in developing countries. The idea is to provide a gift of an animal and training for a family, allowing them to become self-sustaining as they build a herd or flock. As I thumbed through the catalog I looked at the smiles of gratitude from the recipients of these gifts. As we approach the holiday season, I don't expect that our children should be grateful for getting a cow as a present, but what can we do to help our children understand the meaning of gratitude? As adults, children look at us to model positive behavior. We teach our children to say "thank you", but how do we develop and cultivate a sense of gratitude in our everyday lives? We can look to each day and truly be thankful for what we have and to not be regretful over things that are not "quite right". Questions you might ask yourself include..What is it that I take for granted? Who have been my teachers, my mentors, my role models? And, how can I express gratitude in my everyday life?

As the Holidays approach, the annual Guest at Your Table program kicks off. This program is an annual tradition in which congregation members take home a special box featuring people the UUSC (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee) has worked with recently. These people are your 'guests', and you are asked to share your blessings with them – coins, dollars, checks.... (this is a wonderful activity for children to participate in) You can learn about your guests by reading the *Stories of Hope* booklet provided with the box. By celebrating Guest at Your Table you are helping nurture a spirit of gratitude and justice, equity, and compassion in human relations. Boxes should be turned into the church by December 31. **If possible, please turn your coins into checks before handing them in.**

**Peace,
Lauren**

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**U2C3'S HARVEST MOON AUCTION
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5
6:00 to 9:00 PM**

DON'T MISS THIS EVENT!!

OVER 60 FABULOUS ITEMS AVAILABLE IN ALL
PRICE RANGES (MANY UNDER \$10)

***TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER CHURCH 10/30 and
AT THE CHURCH OFFICE DURING
IMELDA'S OFFICE HOURS
(Mon. and Wed. 12:30-4:00p and Fri. 9:00a-noon)***

\$15 TICKET PRICE INCLUDES
A GLASS OF WINE,
CATERED "HEAVY" HORS D'OEUVRES,
RAFFLE TICKET, LIVE MUSIC, FREE CHILD CARE,
AND A FUN-FILLED EVENING SUPPORTING
OUR WONDERFUL CHURCH

CIRCLE SUPPERS

The next circle suppers will be Saturday, November 12th.

This is a great way for new friends and members to visit with others. Past participants will get an email inviting them to participate again.

If you would like to be added to the circle suppers list, please contact Margaret Lucero at 906-0599 or chinhouse8002@gmail.com.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual congregational meeting will be held after church on November 13th to review and vote on the next year's budget.

WOMEN'S GROUP

Women's Group will have lunch together November 14th, 11:30am at Macaroni Grill, located at 5133 S.P.I.D.

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.

CRAFTERS MEETING INFO

Let's get those projects finished!

There is only two more meetings before the sale.
November 12th and November 26th from 2:00-4:00pm.

Everyone is invited to come and lend a hand. Hope to see you there!

For more information contact: Barbara at msbriody@gmail.com

MEDITAION CLASS

The Four Dimensions of Meditation

Come one, come all to a series of meditation classes designed to securely place you on a path of transformation fully grounded in your own life. I am offering this sixteen week class, starting Oct 11th, especially for those who have come to some (or all) of the previous Tuesday night classes I have offered, and want to see the teachings integrated into one program. Newcomers are welcome also.

The four sections of the series will be:

- 1) turning within, a healing methodology,
- 2) the cosmic dimension, gaining experiential access to a more global consciousness
- 3) transcendence, the experience of samadhi or bliss, and
- 4) awakening in life, bringing your awakened consciousness solidly into the midst of life.

All these practices will be based on Sufi teachings. (I am an advanced teacher in the Sufi Order International.) There is no charge for the classes.

You may attend part or all of the series as you choose.
They will be offered at the regular 6 pm -6:45 pm time on Tuesdays.

Thank you, Diane Weiner

CRAFT SALE

Calling all the bakers at U2C3!!

We will be having a bake sale during the craft sale on Dec. 3rd.

Last year, we had so many of you respond to this, and as a result made a lot of money from your great baked goods. Cookies, candy, cinnamon rolls, cakes, jams, pies, danish, whatever you like to bake for the holidays, make extra for the church bake sale.

We will need the items delivered to the church on Friday from 10:00a-12:00p, or early Sat. morning.

We will send out other reminders, this one is just to get you thinking about what you would like to bake.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: JESSICA LATIMER AT 993-6013.

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:
NOVEMBER 12TH AT 2:30PM



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 8 th	Dora Wilburn
November 13 th	Jessica Ruiz
November 14 th	Mikaela Murry
November 17 th	Jessica Latimer
November 19 th	Kimberly Bissell
November 26 th	Robert Murry
November 29 th	Windsor Bissell
November 29 th	Max Pierce



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

I don't have any on my list.

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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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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.

