



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, OCTOBER 2

REV. PHIL DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

REV. PHIL DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

REV. PHIL DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

MARISOL CABALLERO

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

REV. PHIL DOUGLAS – INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE

SAND AND FOAM

Beloved Community of Memory and Hope,

A few thoughts on the subject of forgiveness.

Reading # 461, We Must Be Saved by Reinhold Niebuhr, in the back of our hymnal has long been one of my favorites.

Nothing worth doing is completed in our lifetime;
Therefore, we are saved by hope.

Nothing true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history;
Therefore, we are saved by faith.

Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone;
Therefore we are saved by love.

No virtuous act is quite as virtuous from the standpoint of our friend or foe as from our own;
Therefore, we are saved by the final form of love which is forgiveness.

As I write this, Rosh Hashanan, the Jewish celebration of the New Year, began last night at sundown. It is traditionally a time of serious reflection about needing to offer and to accept forgiveness.

Our theme for October is Forgiveness. We will explore forgiveness in worship, ritual, and story.

One of the founders of our faith in America, Emerson, wrote about human beings as having an innate moral sense, an internal compass of decency and integrity. This is the time of year that we set aside to listen to that still, small voice, that we too often and to our detriment ignore. We take stock of ourselves, honestly look at those times we could have done better, ask forgiveness for our acts of weakness, selfishness, and ignorance. And at the same time, we offer forgiveness for the harms others have done to us.

As my mom used to say, "Well, it hurt. But the place has healed up and haired over, and I'm over it now."

Let's begin again in love.

Love and Peace and Swell Thoughts,
PHIL

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Reconnection: Youth Religious Education News

Greetings,

Although our weather is still summery, Fall is officially upon us and with it the official start-up of our Religious Education year. On Sunday Sept. 25 the congregation participated in the Teacher Dedication and Covenant Ceremony. The children and leaders then adjourned to the class areas for “getting to know you” activities.

Since the number of children and youth in our program has gotten so large, we have divided the Elementary class into two smaller groups. Our teachers for this year’s Sunday classes are: Stephanie Ruiz and Serena Thorn for Pre-K &K; Jim Fugate, Matt Oakes Randall, Chisa Yearwood, Angela Leach, Christy Stockman for Elementary; Michael Vargas, Sue Roark-Calnek and Cynthia Anderson for Middle and High School. We still need one Pre-K teacher, and one Elementary teacher. Please consider this opportunity to work with our youth!

I would also like to announce that we will be offering an OWL (Our Whole Lives) class for youth in grades 7-9 this fall. We have two trained facilitators, George Clower and Druzy Casper, who will be presenting this wonderful human sexuality program. OWL helps participants clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional, and social aspects of sexuality. The Middle School program is 26 weeks long.

The Religious Education Committee meets once a month and would love to have input from parents and others about programming ideas. Committee members are myself, Margaret Lawrence (Chair), Pastor Phil, Jim Fugate, Christy Stockman, Serena Thorn, Waymon Toolles and our newly appointed Youth Advisor, Michael Causey.

Some upcoming activities planned for October are:

Friday, October 28 – Pumpkin Carving Party for Tweens and Teens from 7 – 9 p.m. Tools, pumpkins and snacks provided. Written permission is required. Please see me for permission slips.

Sunday, October 30 - we will all participate in our annual Day of the Dead intergenerational service in which we honor our ancestors.

The teachers are wonderful, hard-working group and you can support our program by signing up to be a class volunteer. To meet our church safety policy, each class needs two adult supervisors. You can sign up for one Sunday or several Sundays. **NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY!** Please share your gifts with our children and youth and provide a helping hand to our teachers.

Peace,

Lauren

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WOMEN'S GROUP

Women's Group will have dinner together October 10th, 6:00pm
at Russo's,
located at 6418 South Staples, on the corner of S.Staples and Saratoga in the same
shopping center as Kohl's.

*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.

YOU CAN...

help the church realize thousands of \$\$\$ without giving a dime from your own pocket. All you have to do is come to the worship service on October 16th.

So what's the story? The church has received a generous gift of land from the Estate of Robert R. Mullen, III, a former member of the church. It consists of 2.5 acres in Alice which are suitable for industrial use. Bill and Marilyn Bodrug, who both have extensive real estate experience, have examined the property and researched its value. The taxes on the property will cost the church about \$500 per year and the Board has determined it would not be suitable for any church related activities. There is also no known prospect for substantial increase in value for the foreseeable future. Therefore, the Board of Trustees recommends that it be sold at the earliest opportunity.

Marilyn Bodrug has found a good realtor willing to sell the property for a flat \$2,500 commission less a referral fee to her (a licensed broker) of \$500 which she plans to give back to the church. The realtor's name is Mike Blankenship, with Century 21.

The Board of Trustees would like to bring the sale of this real estate to the congregation for approval. A special meeting for this purpose will require the presence of 2/3 of the voting members. Approval of the sale will require 80% of the voting members present and absentee votes. That's where you come in. If at all possible, **please plan to attend the special meeting October 16th.**

The Board wants to answer any and all questions well before the scheduled vote. So if you would like to review further information about the property, it will be posted on the website (www.uucorpus.org) and on the bulletin board. Bill and Marilyn Bodrug will also be available should you have further questions about the property and its proposed sale.

The motion will be that the church engage a realtor for a flat \$2,500 fee to sell the 2.5 acres in Alice, Texas.

We UUs pride ourselves in being well informed before making decisions, which leads to healthy debate on any decision. But it is quite an undertaking to get 2/3 of us in the same place at the same time and get 80% of those to vote the same way!

So please take the time now to raise any issues you may have so that there will be no reason you are unready to vote "YES" or "NO" on October 16th.

 **END CORPORATE RULE. LEGALIZE DEMOCRACY.**

MOVE TO AMEND



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THE NATIONAL MOVE TO AMEND SPOKESMAN COMES TO TEXAS

Corpus Christi Texas –The Walden Series “ Speakers of Excellence” will host a community forum on “Creating Democracy and Challenging Corporate Rule” with guest speaker David Cobb of the Move to Amend campaign. Part history lesson and part heart-felt call to action, the event will be held at the

Unitarian Universalist Church, 6901 Holly Road, Monday October 10 at 7:00p.m. to 9:p.m.

For information call: 853-7992 or 949-2810

The event is free, and open to the public, donations are welcomed

Refreshments will be served.

The recent U.S. Supreme Court’s ruling in *Citizens United v. FEC* opened the floodgates to unlimited corporate spending on elections. Cobb, an attorney and organizer for the Move to Amend coalition, will help local residents understand the history behind the recent decision and how they can work to abolish "Corporate Personhood" and reestablish a government of, by, and for the people.

Move to Amend is a long-term effort to make the U.S. Constitution more democratic.”

Over 133,000 people have signed an online petition supporting a constitutional amendment at www.MoveToAmend.org. Join us on Monday October 10, and add your signature.



SAVE THE DATE!! SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Our annual Harvest Moon Auction, the church's biggest yearly fundraiser, is Saturday, November 5.

WE NEED YOU TO MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS!

What will you donate this year??
How will you help with the event??
What fabulous items will you buy??

Donation forms will be available beginning this Sunday, October 2.

There will be a meeting after church on October 9 for all who are interested in helping with the auction. Contact Pam Donnelly (949-3448) for information and to sign up.

DON'T BE LEFT OUT!! Let's make this the best auction yet.

ADMINISTRATOR WORK SCHEDULE

Monday ~ 12:00pm-3:30pm
Thursday ~ 12:00pm-3:30pm
Friday ~ 9:00am-12:00pm

Please email me anytime and I will address your message during my work hours.

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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:
OCTOBER 15TH AT 2:30PM



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 1 st	David Bartlett
October 2 nd	Jean Douden
October 11 th	Courtney Craft-Meyer
October 14 th	John Latimer
October 15 th	Pat Hudson
October 15 th	Mary V. Gleason
October 17 th	Jerry Jones
October 18 th	Elizabeth Vought-Juranek
October 25 th	Ellen Murry



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

October 5 th	Margaret Lucero and Robert Allen
October 16 th	Imelda and Michael Elizalde
October 23 rd	Kim and Paul Bissell
October 28 th	Lauren Cantatore-Causey and Michael Causey

☆☆☆☆ 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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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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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

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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.

