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**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF CORPUS
6901 HOLLY ROAD
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*“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, SEPTEMBER 5 MR. KIRK NEWPORT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 REVEREND PHIL DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

TEACHER DEDICATION AND COVENANT CEREMONY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 REVEREND PHIL DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 GUEST SPEAKER

SAND AND FOAM

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DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

Welcome to a new church year. We had a great returning worship with wonderful music from the choir and the band and heartfelt participation in the annual water sharing ritual that we all seem to enjoy. We have been scattered near and far all summer; and now we begin another year of growth and transformation.

Your Board of Trustees, your governing board of this church, conducted a planning retreat earlier in August, ably facilitated by Bobbi Reed, and settled on three goals on which to focus as a Board this church year. They are:

- Helping us all as a congregation, as a religious people, to more clearly articulate who we are and what we are about, to each other and to the community outside these walls;
- Making our committees more functional
- Developing a clear vision for the future of the church.

I'm guessing that you can see how well these goals fit with the Mission Statement we adopted at last May's congregational meeting. 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 will need to embark on this work in covenant, in right relations, for the work to nurture the transforming spirit in us and among us. But, how can we do the vital religious work of welcoming without being as clear as we can be about whom we are and what we are about and where we are going? And, the work of our church is done with and through and in committees. How can we go out in the world and embody our values without making sure that our committees are functioning as well as we can fashion them?

I love these goals. They help to direct our feet along the path of our mission. They show us where our work is. They fit the mode of our congregational motto: we learn, we lead, we love. Prepare to hear more about them.

I'm excited about the new year. I hope you are too. From hymn #118, "Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine! Let it shine! Let it shine! Let it shine!"

LOVE, PEACE AND SWELL THOUGHTS,

PHIL



***THE TEACHER WHO IS
INDEED WISE DOES NOT BID
YOU TO ENTER THE HOUSE
OF HIS WISDOM BUT
RATHER LEADS YOU TO THE
THRESHOLD OF YOUR
MIND.***

~ KAHLIL GIBRAN



**RUMMAGE SALE SEPTEMBER 11, 8:00 AM TO NOON,
\$5.00 WINE AND PRESALE RUMMAGE GALA SEPTEMBER 10, 6 - 8:00 PM**

Clean out your closets, attics and garages! Bring unneeded treasures to our church sale. We can sell anything and everything! Sale is Saturday September 11, from 8:00 am to Noon. You may begin bringing your items on Sunday, September 5, after the Sunday Potluck luncheon including plants!!! You may also bring items during the week from 9:00 to noon. If you have large items OR you won't be around the week of the sale, we have rented a storage unit for your convenience.

CALL DIANA MASTERS 991-2746 OR BILL BODRUG 949-6790 if you have any questions or need access to the storage unit. Let's beat the \$2500 highest return for this FUNdraising event! Sign up sheet for help in organizing this event and working on the day of the sale is on the hall table. All help appreciated!

Join us for a Wine and Presale Rummage Gala on Friday, September 10, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Entrance fee of \$5.00 will let you preview and buy Rummage Sale items, plus the \$5.00 fee will let you enjoy a glass of wine while shopping.



SEPTEMBER FEST SEPTEMBER 25, 5 p.m.

The men's group will sponsor this event with beer as our own brew master Carroll Pate can do it! We will also serve bratwursts hot from the grill with all the trimmings including German potato salad. For dessert there will be homemade ice cream. Plus homemade root beer for root beer floats.

There will also be music, singing, entertainment and kids' games as well as good fellowship. All proceeds will go to UUCCC so buy your tickets now and save! Adults \$15, children under 12 \$5 and families \$35. See anyone from the men's group for tickets, At door adults will be \$18, children \$6 and families \$40.

For questions and more information see ED GROVE OR CARROLL PATE.

WELCOME OUR CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

REVEREND DOUGLAS announces the hiring of FELICE GARCIA as our Church administrator. She will work at the church on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Her office is located next to the minister's office. FELICE'S services are available to all church committees and, indeed, to all Church members. If you are at the church during her office hours please introduce yourself or feel free to call her at the church number, 986-8855

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DIRECTOR

LAUREN CANTATORE-CAUSEY

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RECONNECTIONS: YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

GREETINGS,

Welcome to another great year! Our summer program, UU World Travelers was well attended. The children really enjoyed the opportunity to explore many cultures. Thanks to the following "Tour Guides" for sharing their time: DORA WILBURN: MEXICO; DEBBIE AND KIRK NEWPORT: FRANCE; DEANNE PIERCE: ITALY; HARLEY DOERFLER: USA; MATT RANDALL: GERMANY; ED GROVE: BOTSWANA; SHANNON AND ROGER TULLER: CHILE; AND HEATHER MORETZSOHN: HAWAII.

Our 2010-2011 programs are gearing up. Registration is an annual process for all children and youth in U2C3. Please see me for registration forms. On September 12 our program will begin in the Sanctuary with our Teacher Dedication and Covenant Ceremony. The children and leaders will then join in several "getting to know you" activities in the class areas.

Here is a preview of the curriculum for this year:

For our Pre-K children (3-5 years), "Celebrating Me and My World" allows them to celebrate their own wondrous qualities, and expands outward to celebrate the people and things around them.

The primary grades (K – 5th grade) will be learning "Timeless Themes", which builds upon the richness of our Judeo-Christian heritage, using stories from the Bible to teach the timeless lessons of faith, freedom, responsibility, respect, forgiveness and love.

"How Can I Know What to Believe" will help the tweens and teens explore, formulate, and articulate their attitudes and beliefs about people in the Bible, God, death, and Unitarian Universalism.

We have a wonderful, hard-working group of teachers and you can support our program by signing up to be a class volunteer assistant. You can sign up for one Sunday or several Sundays; this is a great opportunity to share yourself with our children and youth and perhaps learn something from them as well.

Please join the RE Committee for a family potluck on Sunday, September 19 right after coffee hour. We will have an opportunity for community and sharing. Hope to see you there!

**PEACE,
LAUREN**

*ALONG WITH SUCCESS
COMES A REPUTATION FOR
WISDOM.*

EURIPIDES



CLEAN TEAM KUDOS AND QUARTERLY MEETING OCTOBER 7, 5:30 PM

Clean Teams #3, #4, #5, were honored during the month of August for their efforts to keep U2C3 sparkling and clean.

If you see Team #3, LAUREN CANTATORE-CAUSEY, DORA WILBURN, OR SUSAN DOUGLAS, please give them a generous "Thank you".

Team #4, BILL RANDALL, LARISA FORD, AND HARLEY DOERFLER and Team #5, ED GROVE, ALLISON LOGAN, AND CHESA YEARWOOD, deserve pats on the back for their generous efforts. All these folks contribute at least four hours a month and sometimes more, with their "elbow grease" to give our church a shining, polished presence.

Next month Team #1 THE QUEENS OF CLEAN and Team #2 THE CLEAN BEES will be honored. If you are interested in helping with this effort and can spare a few hours a month, please contact SHARON PURCELL, 882-8375 OR ED GROVE, 885-7907.

All Teams and anyone interested in joining our teams are invited to the quarterly meeting at BJ'S PIZZA ON SPID, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7 AT 5:30 PM.

SHARE YOUR RECIPES WITH THE UPCOMING "CHURCH COOKBOOK"

What is your favorite hot weather or last minute supper recipe to rescue your family from another take out meal? Salad? Cold soup? To Share the easiest emergency meal possible when it's too hot to think, much less cook!

Send your recipes to BARBARA BRIODY, MSBRIODY@GMAIL.COM OR ROBIN KENNEDY, SEMETE@SWBELL.NET for the Church Cookbook, please. We Need entries desperately!

HUMANIST ENRICHMENT GROUP INFORMATION

After the usual summer hiatus, the Humanist Enrichment Group will resume its biweekly discussion meetings on Monday, September 13. These sessions began in 2002 as a forum for people both in the church and from without, to explore a wide variety of subjects that interest us. Our common viewpoint is perhaps best expressed in the words of the American Humanist Association: "Humanism is a progressive philosophy of life that, without theism and other supernatural beliefs, affirms our ability and responsibility to lead ethical lives of personal fulfillment that aspire to the greater good of humanity."

Over the years we have tackled such topics as justice, euthanasia, current politics, racism and prejudice, fundamentalism, neurophysiology and the religious impulse, philanthropy, the "altruism gene," aspects of evolution, creationism and "intelligent design," drug legalization, separation of church and state, environmental responsibility, happiness, torture, hypocrisy, skepticism, superstition, faith and rationality, atheism and agnosticism, and so on.

Our humanist discussions are informal, friendly sessions where we expound, question, debate, and laugh. Everyone is welcome, and all have a chance to contribute or simply to listen. If you're curious, give us a try.

We meet at the church on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, from 7 p.m. to 8:30. For more information, call MIKE REED AT 857-8631.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- SEPTEMBER 1 BILL RANDALL
- SEPTEMBER 8 KIRK NEWPORT
- SEPTEMBER 9 SUSAN DOUGLAS
- SEPTEMBER 14 ROBERTO ALANIZ
- SEPTEMBER 17 LYNN JONES
- SEPTEMBER 17 JENNIFER MARTIN
- SEPTEMBER 19 JENNIFER SMITH-ENGLE
- SEPTEMBER 22 NANCY CARLTON
- SEPTEMBER 25 REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS
- SEPTEMBER 25 DR. DON WEINER
- SEPTEMBER 26 MARGARET LUCERO
- SEPTEMBER 29 RICHARD MCLAUGHLIN



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER 29 JENNIFER AND KEVIN MARTIN

★★★ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES★★★

If you have an announcement for the newsletter, or would like your birthday date and an anniversary listed, please email DEBBIE NEWPORT AT KNDCCTEX@YAHOO.COM



HEB CARDS ~ BOBBI REED, HEB HAT LADY

Have you joined the club, yet? It's a wonderful club that anyone can join and it really benefits our church! I'm talking about the Weekly Purchase of HEB Gift Cards Club. No, you're not a member?

Well here's all you have to do to belong: Come to church every Sunday and at the end of the service, you will find the HEB lady wearing a blue HEB hat and setting up shop out in the foyer. She will be happy to sell you an HEB gift card in the amount of \$100, \$50, or \$25. You can use the cards for anything you buy at HEB such as groceries, prescriptions, and gas. For every \$25,000 worth of cards that we sell, HEB gives us back \$1,000, so it is a great fundraiser. We are at the point now, where we make about \$3,500 a year, and we would really love to push that over to \$4,000 or \$5,000. That's a pretty easy goal, too, if some new folks join the club. We are fortunate already to have some steady-Eddie members who line up every week to buy their HEB cards—and they feel awful if they miss a Sunday and have to use a check or cash at HEB instead of the card. If you are new to the program, ask the HEB lady to explain it to you—it is very simple and easy to do! And thank you very much to all those who participate in the HEB gift card program

SINCE LAST MAY WE'VE NOT HAD A DROP,

FROM GREY-BLACK CLOUDS SWRILING BY,

OR SMELLED WET EARTH, OR STEPPED IN MUDDY SLOP,

OR LISTENED TO THUNDER FROM THE SKY."

- MICHAEL P. GAROFALO





CLEAN TEAM NEEDS NEW VOLUNTEERS

We all want a church we can be proud of. What that means, is when you walk in you'll see clean floors, empty wastebaskets, clean towels and paper goods in the restroom. We need to make a good first impression to our guests and ourselves, letting them and us want come back again to a clean environment.

That's the reason we started Clean Teams almost eighteen months ago. A team of three people do light cleaning of the church alternating every five weeks. Teams generally finish in 90 minutes or less. Sharon Purcell and Ed Grove try to make it fun with parties and with recognition once-in-awhile at First Sunday Luncheons and in the Newsletter.

Best of all, Clean Teams are saving the church money for light housekeeping, which can be better spent on more important needs and expenses.

We need to recruit some new volunteers to join the teams as substitutes and gradually help fill in as regular members. It's a good way for new members to get involved, get to know team members and get a different impression than just on Sunday. Please see us, SHARON PURCELL OR ED GROVE for sign up of the Clean Team sheet. Thanks!

*"BY ALL THESE LOVELY
TOKENS*

SEPTEMBER DAYS ARE HERE,

*WITH SUMMER'S BEST OF
WEATHER*

*AND AUTUMN'S BEST OF
CHEER."*

- HELEN HUNT JACKSON



"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.



CONTACTS FOR THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF CORPUS CHRISTI

MINISTER

REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS

IF YOU NEED TO REACH THE MINISTER, THE BEST WAY IS TO CALL
1-817-456-6404.

THE REGULAR OFFICE HOURS ARE MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY MORNINGS
WITH FRIDAY BEING THE MINISTERS DAY OFF.

REVEREND DOUGLAS IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE FOR AN EMERGENCY

CHURCH WEBSITE [HTTP://WWW.UUCORPUS.ORG/](http://www.uucorpus.org/)

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GROUNDS KIRK NEWPORT

LAY MINISTRY AGNES MAIER

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WE'RE ON THE WEB!

CHECK THE CALENDAR FOR SMALL GROUP GATHERING DATES

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*WHEN WE FEEL LOVE AND
KINDNESS TOWARD OTHERS,
IT NOT ONLY MAKES OTHERS
FEEL LOVED AND CARED
FOR, BUT IT HELPS US ALSO
TO DEVELOP INNER
HAPPINESS AND PEACE.*

*- TENZIN GYATSO, 14TH
DALAI LAMA*



*EACH FRIEND REPRESENTS A
WORLD IN US, A WORLD
POSSIBLY NOT BORN UNTIL
THEY ARRIVE, AND IT IS ONLY
BY THIS MEETING THAT A
NEW WORLD IS BORN.*

AN AIS NIN



**DATES TO REMEMBER: LOOK ON OUR WEBSITE: [HTTP://WWW.UUCORPUS.ORG](http://www.uucorpus.org)
FOR SMALL GROUPS DATES AND TIMES, OR OTHER CHURCH GROUPS**

- SEPTEMBER 5 CRAFTS ORGANIZATION MEETING, AFTER CHURCH
- SEPTEMBER 7 6-6:45 PM MEDITATION WITH DIANE WEINER QUEST FOR MASTERY
- SEPTEMBER 10 \$5.00 WINE AND PREVIEW SALE RUMMAGE GALA
- SEPTEMBER 11 RUMMAGE SALE 8:00 TO 12:00
- SEPTEMBER 13 HUMANIST GROUP MEETING AT CHURCH 7 – 8:30 PM
- SEPTEMBER 14 6-6:45 PM MEDITATION, DIANE WEINER RESOURCEFULNESS
OF YOU BEING
- SEPTEMBER 19 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAMILY POTLUCK LUNCH
WE WILL MEET FOR LUNCH AFTER COFFEE HOUR
- SEPTEMBER 20 6:00 PM BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
- SEPTEMBER 21 6-6:45 PM MEDITATION WITH DIANE WEINER, QUALITIES
- SEPTEMBER 25 5:00 PM SEPTEMBER FEST. CARROL PATE'S FAMOUS BREW, BRATS,
ICE CREAM, ROOT BEER, AND MUSIC. UUCC FUNRAISER BY MEN'S GROUP
- SEPTEMBER 28 6-6:45 PM MEDITATION, DIANE WEINER, SIGNATURE TUNES
- OCTOBER 2 PLEDGE DRIVE MONTH KICKOFF PARTY; CELEBRATION DATE TBD
- OCTOBER 6 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING AT CHURCH
- OCTOBER 7 5:30 PM CLEAN TEAM QUARTERLY MEETING AT BJ'S PIZZA ON SPID
- OCTOBER 18 6:00 PM BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
- NOVEMBER 6 ANNUAL SERVICE AUCTION. WATCH FOR NEWS OF THIS EVENT! IT
WILL BE NEW LOOK, NEW TIME, ORGANIZED BY SUSAN ROBBINS AND HER COMMITTEE.
- DECEMBER 4 CRAFT AND BAKE SALE. START WORKING ON YOUR CRAFTS.
WE KNOW THERE ARE A LOT OF TALENTED PEOPLE OUT THERE

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE A CALENDAR EVENT ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE, CONTACT
THESE LADIES TO MAKE SURE THERE ISN'T A CONFLICT OF ANOTHER EVENT**

JUDY SYKES AT 853-7992 OR BOBBI REED, REEDS77@STX.RR.COM

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