



## 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, SEPTEMBER 4

REV. PHIL DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

REV. PHIL DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

REV. PHIL DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

DEBBIE CANNATELLA

## SAND AND FOAM

Beloved Community of Memory and Hope,

I have been meeting with a group of religious leaders—Jewish, Muslim, and Christian—about an interfaith commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks. I have been referring to them as the Gang of Eight. To my mind, they represent the congregations who are most committed to service in this city. And I've got to tell you, it's pretty inspiring and humbling to be a part of that group.

There has been an annual commemoration of the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks by churches in Corpus Christi every year, but this is the first year that the effort has been interfaith. Due to the efforts of Dr. Bora Karayaka, of the Raindrop Center, Reverend Greg Hackett of First United Methodist Church, Reverend Bruce Wilson of The Church of the Reconciliation, and Rabbi Ken Roseman of Congregation Beth Israel, and others, there will be an interfaith service at First United Methodist Church on Ocean Drive at 6PM on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

I will be privileged to lead the prayer in the interfaith service.

Each of us has committed to lead a worship service at our home congregations on the weekend of September 11<sup>th</sup> commemorating the event and lighting a candle in solidarity with the other participating congregations. We will carry our candles to the 6PM interfaith service and place them on the altar there.

Leading up to the worship service, there are a number of opportunities for you, as members of one the participating congregations, to serve the community and dedicate your service to greater understanding among the faiths of this city. They are:

On September 1, there will be a presentation on the state of interfaith dialogue by Dr. Robert Hunt, one of my seminary professors from Perkins School of Theology. He is an expert on Muslim-Christian relations, has written and lectured extensively on the subject, and has lived a number of years in Malaysia. The lecture will be at 6:30 PM at Texas A&M Corpus Christi in room 105 of Bay Hall. It is free and open to the public. I am planning on going and I hope that a number of you can, too.

On September 2, there is a volunteer opportunity to help at the Corpus Christi Food Bank, with a number of interfaith volunteers, from 1 to 4PM. Susan and I are planning on being there.

On September 7, Rabbi Roseman needs a number of volunteers to help assemble bags of items for the Good Samaritan Homeless Shelter.

On September 10, volunteers are needed for the Hillcrest cleanup, one of the mayor's projects.

On September 11 at 4:30PM, volunteers are needed to help assemble care boxes for active military personnel serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

And then there is the interfaith worship service at 6PM on September 11. I hope you can take part in the service and the worship. Your efforts, combined with the efforts and good will of these other good people, will transform this city.

**Love and Peace and Swell Thoughts,**

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## **Reconnection: Youth Religious Education News**

Greetings,

Our children finished the summer program, “Spirit of the River”, by making people-powered boats for their mural. This eight-week workshop series explored water from many perspectives, including spiritual practices, environmental issues, and equal access to clean, safe water. Every week they added to the river mural in the hallway. I invite everyone to view their special project! Additionally, by the time you read this, we will have had our Welcome Home intergenerational water ceremony, in which the congregation shares their summer journeys.

Fall registration is in progress – remember that registration is an annual process for our Religious Education program, so we have current information for your children. Please see me if you have any questions. Also, because we have an abundance of elementary-aged children – a great problem to have – we will separate into two groups. Of course, this means we need more teachers and class assistants. Please consider this worthwhile ministry.

As we move into the new church year, our church will begin practicing Theme-based ministry, which is a worship and learning practice designed to give us a deeper and richer experience of our faith and practice as Unitarian Universalists. Each month we will explore a different theological topic in depth. By sharing these themes across generations, Theme-based ministry assists families in discussing religious questions with their children.

Our theme for September is “Truth”. Our fourth principle talks about “A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.” How do we explain what this means to our children? An article from “UU Kids”, Church of the Larger Fellowship describes one way of understanding is that “. . . we are all on a kind of religious quest. You’ve probably read lots of books where the characters are on a quest. Dorothy goes on a quest through Oz to find the wizard, and her way back home to Kansas. Frodo goes on a quest through Middle Earth to destroy the Ring of Power. Harry Potter completes a variety of quests, from finding the Sorcerer’s Stone to locating horcruxes, in his ongoing quest to defeat Lord Voldemort. Those of us who don’t live in fictional worlds may not have quests filled with talking scarecrows and elves and giants, but we are still on a life-long journey to discover what we most truly believe and how we can live lives that make a positive difference in the world. You don’t have to face trolls and goblins to go on a hero’s journey -- you just have to keep following the clues about how to be your best and truest self.”

We can continue to help our children on this journey by encouraging them to question, question, and question. We need to be prepared and willing to listen and discuss those questions. As Jeanne Harrison Nieuwejaar writes in *The Gift of Faith*, “Whether we wish it so or not, our children are religious, spiritual beings. . . . We cannot choose whether they will be religious, but we can choose how and to what extent we will support, guide, and celebrate this dimension of their nature.”

**Peace,**

**Lauren**

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## **LABOR DAY BRAT 'N' BEER FEST**

**Monday, Sept 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm  
held at UUCCC**

Don't miss out on the men's group salute to the old-fashioned Bavarian Beer Garden!  
Hot from the grill Bratwursts with all the trimmings, tasty Bavarian style beer as only our brew master can brew it. Plus German potato salad, home-made ice cream, Hot dogs and home-made root beer for the kids!

Plus singing, kids' games, music and lots of good fellowship. And don't forget to have your photo taken at the authentic Bavarian bar courtesy of Mike Reed.

Adults - \$10.00  
Children under 12 - \$5.00  
Families - \$28.00

**Get your tickets from Ed Grove or Carroll Pate.**

*\*Volunteers are needed for singing, kids' games and music. For more information, ask the men's group.*

## **WOMEN'S GROUP**

Women's Group will have lunch together September 12th, 11:30am  
at **Cheddars**,  
located at 5855 SPID, between Staples and Airline

*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.**

## **FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:**

Our August Board meeting was full of details and actions: the marquee sign repair was repaired, rental agreements are being prepared for a Healthy Cooking Class at our church and for possible Corpus Christi Independent School District Teacher Inservices. We also set a date for a special congregational meeting to approve the selling of a property we were given, and we began to discuss the Canvass goals and process. We will be having a Board retreat on Sept. 10 to incorporate our new members, and come together on goal-setting, board covenant review, and communication and leadership styles.

We are looking forward to a successful fall, and hope to see you at the Beer and Brats event--always a great time!

Carrie Alexander - **Board of Trustees President**

## **CANVASS IS COMING**

Our annual Canvass Campaign is on the horizon, and so is your chance to set your goal for supporting our church during 2012.

The kick-off events will be a series of parties and get-togethers during the Canvass period of October 2 through the 15.

Beginning September 11, you will have the opportunity to sign up for your choice of time, place, and event. These will be hosted by various members, each at a different time and location, so you can fit one into your own schedule.

**Watch for the party list the week after Labor Day, and join us for a fun beginning for this year's Canvass.**

**-- Mike Reed**

## **CIRCLE SUPPERS!**

The first circle suppers of the year will be on **Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

A circle supper is a small group that meets for supper in a host's home. The host(s) provides the entrée and everyone else brings something to go with the entrée. After you sign up the host(s) will contact their attendees for details. This is a great way to get to know other members and friends. You can choose to attend a family circle or an all adult circle.

We are also still looking for volunteer hosts.

**For more information or to sign-up please contact:  
Margaret Lucero at 906-0599 or at [chinhouse8002@gmail.com](mailto:chinhouse8002@gmail.com)**

## **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:  
**September 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm**

## REMEMBER OUR FRIEND

Members and Friends,

I received this message from Pego Rice:

My mother, Ann Rice recently passed away and I am hoping you could post the date and contact for her wake, which we plan to have Sept 17th, after her cremation. It has been about 19 years since she moved to Houston and then to Springfield, MO, but her spiritual home was with you from the beginning years the Fellowship enjoyed at the synagogue until our many years at Horne rd. If anyone remains who knew her and us from our time with you, I would very much love to see or to hear from them. Her number is 361-205-7232. My number is 281-770-7732.

My sister, Fredia Hester, 220 Olympic dr, Rockport, will be making the arrangements around the wake. Eventually, this fall, we will be spreading her ashes in Springfield, where her long-time lover (and also a former Horne rd congregant) Merle Gehrig still resides.

[http://www.aransaspasprogress.com/obituaries/article\\_a4e7699a-c450-11e0-896a-001cc4c03286.html](http://www.aransaspasprogress.com/obituaries/article_a4e7699a-c450-11e0-896a-001cc4c03286.html)

Meredith Ann Rice, 89, passed away Thursday, August 11, 2011 in Rockport, TX. She was a long time resident of Springfield, Missouri. Meredith was a registered nurse and a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church.

She is survived by four daughters, Rima Rice, Robbie Gries and David Bailey of Lakewood, Colorado and Fredia and Robert Hester of Rockport and Pego Rice with partner Rose Wall, both of Missouri City, Texas and by one son, Warren Van Lue and Svetlana Rice of Aurora, Colorado; 9 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.



## **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

September 1 <sup>st</sup>	Bill Randall
September 8 <sup>th</sup>	Kirk Newport
September 9 <sup>th</sup>	Susan Douglas
September 14 <sup>th</sup>	Roberto Alaniz
September 17 <sup>th</sup>	Lynn Jones
September 17 <sup>th</sup>	Jennifer Martin
September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Jennifer Smith-Engle
September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Nancy Carlton
September 24 <sup>th</sup>	Monique Craft-Meyer
September 25 <sup>th</sup>	Reverend Philip Douglas
September 25 <sup>th</sup>	Don Weiner
September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret Lucero
September 29 <sup>th</sup>	Richard McLaughlin



## **SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

September 29 <sup>th</sup>	Jennifer and Kevin Martin
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### ☆☆☆☆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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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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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.

