



Sounds of the Sea Newsletter



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CHURCH OF CORPUS CHRISTI,

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REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS

“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, MAY 1	LAY LEADERS – ARTICULATING OUR FAITH
SUNDAY, MAY 8	REVEREND PHIL DOUGLAS
SUNDAY, MAY 15	REVEREND PHIL DOUGLAS
SUNDAY, MAY 22	ELIZA GALLAHER
SUNDAY, MAY 29	REVEREND PHIL DOUGLAS

SAND AND FOAM

Members and Friends,

The church's annual congregational meeting is coming up on May 15. And so it is a good time to look back at the church year and assess how we have been doing. Last August, your Board of Trustees set three goals for the church year. They were 1) to revitalize the committees that run the church, 2) to learn how to tell people about our UU identity, and to practice that, and 3) to do long-term planning.

All year long, the members of the Nomination and Engagement Committee and the Leadership Council have been working to make our committees more effective. I'm very glad to see many of our committees more active and new leaders emerging. That will make our church stronger as an institution, improve programs, and make us more attractive to the many visitors who seek us out.

I was especially involved in goal #2. I preached four sermons about articulating our Unitarian Universalist identity. I also had a class called "Articulating Your UU Identity" and members of that class are giving the sermon on May 1.

The Long-Range Planning Committee has been meeting for several months now, and should have a presentation for the congregation on May 15.

Like good gardeners, we need always to be cultivating the ground. We cannot cause growth, but we can be prepared for the possibilities. As the benediction reading #693 by Emil Gudmundson in our hymnal says:

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.

We have been given a beautiful church, a free religious tradition, and a blossoming institution that makes a difference in this city. Let us pass this gift stronger and more effective than when we received it.

Love and Peace and Swell Thoughts,

PHIL

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Reconnection: Youth Religious Education News

Greetings,

April was a very busy month for our program. On April 8th and 9th, Dora Wilburn and I took our middle-schoolers to the CongrUUity Conference at the First UU church in San Antonio, where we joined with youth from three other UU churches. The theme for this year's conference was anti-bullying. It was a wonderful opportunity for our youth to connect with others in our faith. Everyone had such a great time, we are making plans to attend next year.

On Easter Sunday it was wonderful to see everyone dressed in their holiday best. In our Children's Chapel we explored the two Easter stories: the Christian Resurrection and the pagan Easter celebration of spring. The children were very inquisitive and had a wonderful discussion. After worship service, instead of our traditional Egg Hunt the children hunted for canned food that the teens had cleverly hidden. The collected food was then exchanged for goodie bags. It was very gratifying to see the generosity of our congregation. We are able to donate over 200 cans of food to Timons Ministry for their food pantry. Many thanks to Dora Wilburn for all her help with this event.

We are winding up our Sunday school year. The last day of regular classes will be June 5. Our summer program is called Gather the Spirit, a workshop series focusing on the responsible care of our global water resources. The children and youth will explore the spiritual, environmental and political aspects of water through art, song, meditations and hands-on activities. If you would like to share your experiences with our youth for this program, we would love to help you! The RE program provides a curriculum, class assistants and supplies. All you need to do is bring your passion and knowledge to the classroom.

Camps for children and youth at U-Bar-U

SWUUC will offer summer camps for ages 8-19 at three separate camps again in July 2011. For more information and registration, visit the SWUUC website at www.swuuc.org or contact me.

SWUUC Primary Camp

July 3-9 - U Bar U

rising 3-6 graders

SWUUC Junior Camp

July 10-16 - U Bar U

rising 7-9 graders

SWUUC Senior Camp

July 17 – 23 - U Bar U

rising 9-12 graders, 19 year olds who've just graduated

Have a great summer!

Peace,
Lauren

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WOMEN'S GROUP

Women's Group will have dinner together May 9th, 6:00pm
at the Salt Water Grill
located at 2401 Cimarron Blvd #101
The restaurant is between Holly Road and Woolridge and faces Cimarron.

The Women's Group welcomes all women. 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.

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

MOTHER'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**All you can eat from the Men's Group
Sunday, May 8th
8:30am to 10:30pm**

Fresh and hot off the grill using Uncle Carroll's special recipe.

Regular or Blueberry Pancakes
Lots of Butter and Hot Syrup
Sausage and Bacon
Orange Juice, Coffee, and Milk

**MOMS EAT FREE ~ MEN SAY THANKS!
Men: \$10.00, Children: \$3.00, Families: \$15.00**

For tickets contact: Ed Grove 885-7907 or Carroll Pate 387-9386.

ENDOWMENT FUND

As of March 31, 2011 our UUCCC Endowment Fund
(invested in the Unitarian Universalist Common Endowment Fund)
totalled \$40, 550.23, an increase of over \$1,350 since the first of the year.

Our Endowment Fund Committee Members for the new year will be Deanne Pierce,
Richard McLaughlin and Judy Pate.

**To complete our original Endowment Donor Board, we need two more names.
Would anyone to help our cause?**

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Ed Grove

POETRY CLUB

Calling all Poets...

Come recite your poetry or your favorite poem in my home.

Hosted By: Dora Wilburn
4314 Cottage
Corpus Christi, TX 78415

Every Wednesday – Starting May 4
10:30 am to 12:00 pm

~ Become a Mystical Sunflower ~



For more information contact:
Dora Wilburn at 687-5763

The pleasure of your company is requested at

The Butterfly Ball

A Formal Dance at UUCCC
Saturday, May 21, 2011, 7:30 p.m.
Featuring "the band"

Refreshments Provided.
Beer and Wine will be available.

FMI or to join the committee contact:
Deborah Sundermann dsundermann@grandecom.net
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SWUUSI

Looking for a family vacation for this summer? Have you considered going to church camp? Did you know that Summer Institute brochure info is available on-line now, as is the registration form. The main page with various links is <http://swuuc.org/pages/services/camps/swuusi.php> and the form for actual on-line registration can be found at <http://fd8.formdesk.com/swuuc1/swuusi11>.

What's Summer Institute? The full name is **SouthWest Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute** [usually shortened to SWUUSI], and is a long-running [over 50 years] program of the SouthWest Unitarian Universalist District [the geographical section of the UUA of which we are a part]. There are programs for adults and children of all ages; some intergenerational activities, and it's held at a location with lots of other activities to pursue. The location has changed over the years; in the 1970s it was held at Lake Murray State Park, near Ardmore, OK. When the number of participants grew too large for that site, we moved to Lake Texoma State Park, near Durant, OK [both locations a couple hours north of Dallas / Fort Worth]. In the past few years, after both those locations were sold by the state of Oklahoma, SWUUSI has been held at another location, at Western Hills State Park near Wagoner, OK [5 or 6 hours north of Dallas]. Don't let the "State Park" designation throw you off; there are hotel style rooms in the lodge, various sizes of cabins, dorm-style housing for young adults, as well as campground facilities if that's your preference.

The Briody family heard about SWUUSI soon after they joined this congregation, from others who had participated, and first attended in 1970, and some of them have continued to do most years since then. In the beginning it was possible to make the drive in a single day; now it's split with stops in Austin and Dallas. At one time the possibility of members of Dallas First U-U offering home hospitality to travelers to SWUUSI was mentioned, and might be worth pursuing.

Other members of this congregation have attended in the past; it would be nice to have a large enough group that we could plan a Corpus Christi potluck supper one day of the week. Take a look at the web site for brochure information, and then go to the on-line registration.

There are other events coming up; find the full list at <http://swuuc.org/> [link also available on our web site <http://uucorpus.org/>] - just scroll down to the "U-U Links" section on the left.

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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REMEMBER OUR FRIEND

We said goodbye to a old friend last Sunday-- Skip Douden

Those of you who knew Skip also know that he was an amazing guy with the unusual combination of artistic talent and successful business skills. That combination made his display company a leader in its field and when he moved to Corpus Christi, we profited from the experience. He was deeply involved in the enlargement and updating of the Art Center downtown. He and his wife Hertie created a new city park on Padre Island near their home and he was involved in many other interests right at Trinity Towers including president of the owners association.

As a member of the Unitarian-Universalist Church in Pittsburg, he started an Endowment Fund for his local church which grew to a million dollars. And after he moved to Corpus, he started another one here. That's where I got to know him so well—working with him on the Endowment Fund Committee.

Skip also designed and paid for a corner sign that identified our new church on Holly and later on he provided the cutout letters of our name attached to the building. And in honor of his wife Hertie, he provided the illuminated marquee sign on Holly. He was very proud of his son, Dave and he loved his granddaughters.

A few weeks ago, I asked him to draw up a patio project that we're planning behind the church and he did a great job as well as renaming it "Celebration Circle". Skip and I got together for lunch whenever he would get away from Trinity Towers. We drove out to the island for lunch Wednesday before he died and he showed me Douden Park and the mural he'd painted on the boat dock's concrete wall beside his old home. He had retouched it before but he thought that might a good project for him to do again this spring.

Thanks, Skip—you always did a good job on anything you touched and we're better off for it—we'll miss you very much!—Ed Grove

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Lee and Donna Huddleston



MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 8 th	Judy Pate
May 11 th	Lauren Cantatore-Causey
May 18 th	Rob Allen
May 19 th	Michael Causey
May 22 nd	Judy Sykes
May 24 th	Bill Bodrug
May 25 th	Quentin Masters
May 28 th	Katelyn Martin
May 30 th	Lorrie Pierce
May 31 st	George Clower



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

May 1 st	Stephanie and Victor Ruiz
May 17 th	Ellen and Bob Murry
May 21 st	Fernando Figueroa and Debbie Cannatella
May 22 nd	Susan and Philip Douglas
May 30 th	Evelyn and Tom Bookout

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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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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.

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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.

