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*Building a welcoming and affirming religious community
To Liberate and Cultivate the Human Spirit*

SUNDAYS 10 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE 11:30 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND NURSERY

SUNDAY, MARCH 4 WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU MIX FREE-THINKERS AND FOOD?

You'll find out this coming Sunday, March 4, if you'll stay after our **single 10:00 AM service** for the First Sunday Lunch at 11:30. The Humanist Enrichment Group will be serving hot dogs, soy dogs and polish sausage with all the usual add-ons. In addition, there will be baked beans, cole slaw, coffee, soda, home-brewed beer, tea, lemonade, cake, cookies, and brownies. For your lunch donation, you'll receive good food and fellowship to help you start off March with a bang!

POETRY REFLECTIONS

DEAR MARCH, COME IN!

How glad I am!

I looked for you before.

Put down your hat—

You must have walked—

How out of breath you are!

Dear March, how are you?

And the rest?

Did you leave Nature well?

Oh, March, come right upstairs with me,

I have so much to tell!

I got your letter, and the bird's;

The maples never knew

That you were coming,—I declare,

How red their faces grew!

But, March, forgive me—

And all those hills You left for me to hue;

There was no purple suitable,

You took it all with you.

Who knocks? That April!

Lock the door!

I will not be pursued!

He stayed away a year, to call

When I am occupied.

But trifles look so trivial

As soon as you have come,

That blame is just as dear as praise

And praise as mere as blame.

— EMILY DICKINSON (1830–86)



JUST MARRIED

Because you've shared in their lives by your friendship and love, we are very proud to share the happy news.

On February 10, **MARY MESSER AND BOB BENNETT** were married in Las Vegas. Let us UU's be the first of many to congratulate and bless **MR. AND MRS. BENNETT** on their marriage.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

MARCH 1

MARCH 2

MARCH 11

MARCH 14

MARCH 17

MARCH 18

MARCH 30

MARCH 31

MARBETH MUNN

STEPHANIE RUIZ

ANNA FUGATE

ALENE BURCH

KATE CHERRY

PEG BRASWELL

BOB LLOYD

TESS CHERRY



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH 18

MARCH 30

DEBBIE AND KIRK NEWPORT

PETE AND PEG BRASWELL



WOMEN'S GROUP MARCH 19

The next meeting of the Women's Group will be held March 19 at 7:00 pm. No location has been decided at this time. If you know of a restaurant or would like to host the meeting in your home, please call **JESSICA LATIMER AT 993-6013**. Look forward to seeing everyone. Our group would like to thank **SONIA McLAUGHLIN** for hosting the February meeting. Everyone looked great, and all enjoyed the Mardi Gras theme.

DEADLINE MOVED BACK FOR WUURLD'S 2007 ALASKA PROGRAMS

Five Alaskan UU fellowships invite you to eco-cultural programs in "The Great Land" in June right after the Portland UUA General Assembly and in July 2007. The leader's **REVEREND DICK AND MARY WESTON-JONES** have announced that because of the delay in getting information to UU congregations and since this is the final year of the program that started in 1994, the deadline for reservations has been moved back to **MARCH 31**. The innovative eco-cultural programs include home stays and parties with UUs in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Seward, Juneau and Sitka, and travel throughout Alaska to see wildlife, the magnificent country and meet Alaska Native groups. For more info check the website: WWW.WUURLD.ORG E-MAIL ALASKA@WUURLD.ORG OR PHONE TOLL-FREE 1-888, 998-8753 FOR A BROCHURE.

POETRY REFLECTIONS

*Today is the day when bold kites fly,
When cumulus clouds roar across the sky.
When robins return, when children cheer,
When light rain beckons spring to appear.
Today is the day when daffodils bloom,
Which children pick to fill the room,
Today is the day when grasses green,
When leaves burst forth for spring to be seen.*

- ROBERT McCracken, SPRING

RECONNECTIONS: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

CHURCH PALS:

We had 100% participation in our church pals Valentine's/identity-revelation party February 11. **DORA WILBURN** planned and executed the whole thing with the help of **MARLET DATH**. There were lots of goodies and treats along with beautiful handmade party favors. Look for photos on the bulletin board in the sanctuary!

FEBRUARY THANK-YOU'S WE HAD SOME WONDERFUL SPECIAL PROGRAMS IN FEBRUARY:

LILLIAN WALDBESER AND SONIA McLAUGHLIN celebrated Chinese New Year with all our kid's in RE classes K-12.

GLEN KIELY made dream catchers and discussed their spiritual meaning with the elementary and middle school classes.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

The nominating committee, consisting of **JEFF McVEY, MARGARET LAWRENCE, ELLEN MURRY, AND SYLVIA SAMANIEGO**, has been charged with nominating two new members of the religious education committee. If you would be interested in helping shape the direction of our program, please contact one of these people. A job description for the religious education committee is available from **SHERI PHILLABAUM BY EMAIL AT RELLZEY@STX.RR.COM OR PHONE AT 992-8048**

HELP WANTED:

Speaking of shaping our program, a more direct way to do it is by working directly with our youth. We currently have openings for one high school and one preschool teacher. Requirements are as follows:

1. Having participated in Church life here or in another congregation for at least 1 year
2. 2-3 Solid personal or professional references from outside the church
3. A desire to pass our liberal religious values onto the next generation

Notice that teaching experience or special knowledge of subject matter NOT one the requirements. If interested, please contact **SHERI**. The commitment is for about one Sunday a month!

MARCH 4:

Don't forget that the first Sunday of the month, March 4, there will be no second service and therefore no second-service RE. Children and youth will begin in the service for "Time for all Ages," then go to their regular first-service curriculum classrooms.

MINISTERIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

This is an exciting time for your search committee. We have had face-to-face interviews with two prospective ministers and have traveled to neutral pulpits to see them in action. We will meet with a third prospect soon. We expect that by the end of March we will be able to announce our candidate for your new minister. In April or early May we will all enjoy "candidating week," for a 9-day and two weekends visit to Corpus Christi by the candidate. This will be an opportunity for the candidate to see that you are the wonderful group we have claimed, and for you to learn more about the candidate and participate in services led by him/her. This will culminate in a congregational vote to extend our call and the acceptance by the minister. We all envision having a minister with experience and our initial reaction is to think of this as time in the pulpit. We have come to realize that this is a very limited view. UU ministers do not typically follow a straight path from infancy to the pulpit. Most have other careers before they make the commitment to go to a seminary, and their lives are richer for it. Their church leadership experience may include years in lay positions. We are meeting prospects who have impressive life experience, but who have been out of the seminary only a few years. We think you'll be similarly impressed with the background of our candidate.

HATCHER CHALKLEY, MSC SECRETARY

WORDS OF THANKS

A heartfelt thank-you to REVEREND FARRINGTON and members of Unitarian Universalist Church from the Board of The Center for Progressive Studies and Culture for your hospitality and generosity you've displayed by hosting the first ever Coastal Bend Social Forum. We appreciate very much your kindness in allowing 150 members of this community to meet in your facility to engage in a real learning experience. Your church stands as a beacon for social justice in the Coastal Bend.

BLESSINGS,

**CENTER FOR PROGRESSIVE STUDIES AND CULTURE, DR. LORRAINE STEHN--PRESIDENT,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR--SYLVIA SAMANIEGO, BOARD MEMBERS--ABEL CAVADA, GEORGE CLOWER
AND JOY MILLER-CAVADA**

FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

DEAR FRIENDS,

First, a reminder that this Sunday, March 4 is the first Sunday lunch which means that there is single service at 10:00 a.m. and lunch at 11:30 a.m. Since we are switching each first Sunday between the band and the choir, this Sunday will be a choir Sunday. The Humanist Group has graciously agreed to prepare the lunch.

If you have nominations for the thank-you mug, please let me know at 904-0408 or email at PATUU@PATANDHATCH.ORG so I can mug them.

The next couple of weeks seem like the lull before a busy time in late March and April with some time in those two months being our meeting the candidate that the Search Committee has selected and the end of March will be a fund-raiser by the choir.

Thanks to SYLVIA SAMANIEGO for having us provide space for the Social Forum. I personally attended and benefitted from it. I hope it attracts more people to our church as clearly the attendees had values similar to the UU values.

Plans are moving along for a memorial structure to be built in the next month or so. This was started by a generous donation.

Speaking of generous donations, a special thanks to AGNES MAIER AND THE SCIENCE OF THE MIND group for donating the keyboard that is used in the contemporary service.

Things seem to be functioning fairly smoothly. It feels to me like our beloved community is doing well. Thanks for all each of you is doing to keep our community functioning.

BEST WISHES,

PAT HUDSON

