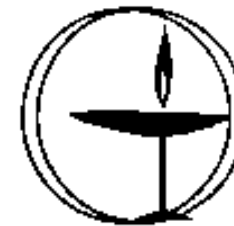


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SUNDAYS 11:00 AM SUMMER SCHEDULE ONE SERVICE ONLY
CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND NURSERY

SUNDAY, JULY 8, 11:00 AM

GUEST SPEAKER
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POETRY REFLECTIONS

*Live well dear friends, In all you do,
Tho' paths be old, Or paths be new,
But to yourself, Be ever true, Live well!*

*Laugh often friends, Tho' passing years
Bring, sometimes, smiles, And, sometimes, tears,
For mirth forever, Warms and cheers, Laugh often!*

*Love much dear friends, For love will bring
The healing joy, And hope of Spring,
Where pain and fear may never dwell
Nor anguish touch....*

*And so Live well, Laugh often too,
And more, dear friends, Love much!*

IN THE INTERIM

DEAR U2C3 FRIENDS,

The June 24th vote to not extend my service in Corpus Christi beyond the 2007-2008 church year was at once both disappointing and affirming. Disappointing, because the results fell short of the 80% needed, and yet affirming because 70% support is an amazing response for one who has already been in service for a year. And even more affirming were the many calls, cards, e-mails and personal contacts expressing disappointment at the outcome and concern for my well being.

In my message on the 24th I noted that in discussion and voting you were “called to speak your truth in love” and that a “bad” church is not one that has a serious disagreement but one that polarizes around such a disagreement. So far you have remained the “good” church I have always known and I have every confidence that will continue. We simply stand reminded that, for some, change can be quite challenging.

I look forward to returning to my New England home for a respite and later vacationing in Newfoundland. Some of my time will be spent organizing my thoughts and activities for next year -- another joy-filled year of growth and change.

Have a great summer!

BLESSINGS,

REVEREND DAVID FARRINGTON



BABY ANNOUNCEMENT

MARK SHEAR AND KRISTEN HOLLAND-SHEAR are pleased to welcome SAVENA ELIZABETH SHEAR into their lives. SAVENA was born Tuesday, June 26, at Medical City Dallas, weighing 6 lbs. 14 oz, and was 19.5" long.

SAVENA'S PROUD GRANDPARENTS ARE CLAIRE AND CHRIS ONUF, WHO RECENTLY RELOCATED TO NEW MEXICO. BLESSINGS TO ALL.

EVENT OF INTEREST, NOT ASSOCIATED WITH UU CHURCH

Unity By the Sea will be hosting a matinee screening of The Secret Behind “The Secret” on Sunday, July 22, 1:30 - 5:00 p.m. The admission is Free. There will be a Raffle, Prizes, and Refreshments. The film features in-depth interviews with Jerry and Esther Hicks and Abraham, whom Esther calls “infinite intelligence” and Jerry refers to as “the purest form of love I’ve ever encountered.” The Hicks with Abraham are authors of the book’s Ask and it is Given and The Law of Attraction. For those who enjoyed and learned from the film “The Secret,” this film deepens the spiritual context of its abundance-prosperity thought. Responding to questions, Abraham discusses The Law of Attraction, The Art of Allowing, and our Emotional Guidance System. Self-described, the spiritual group entity Abrahams explain that, “life is supposed to be fun,” “the purpose of life is joy,” “there’s no such thing as death,” and “you can be, do, or have anything you want.” More information is available at WWW.ABRAHAM-HICKS.COM For more information about the screening call Unity by the Sea Church, 882-8263

JULY BIRTHDAYS

JULY 5	JOHN LLOYD-REILLEY
JULY 5	GAIL GOO
JULY 14	CLAIRE ONUF
JULY 27	GERALD KIPP
JULY 29	BARBARA BRIODY

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

JULY 9	DORA AND MICHAEL WILBURN
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FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

DEAR FRIENDS,

First, I personally want to thank REVEREND DAVID FARRINGTON for his graciousness in handling the results of the vote on June 24. I give thanks to BOBBI REED for facilitating the discussions involved and to KIRK NEWPORT for managing the work of the vote. For those of us who are disappointed in the results remember that DAVID is with us for one more year and maybe more, since 20% of UU Churches have not found a settled minister this year.

While in California, an idea came to me from talking to my son, Nick Hexum, the lead singer of 311Band. I told him that he was a UU and didn't know it, to which he agreed. I said, "So tell me what a UU is." He said, "It is an 'all good' faith. Instead of listening to the same old album over and over again you get to have the greatest hits of all religions." So I propose that we do some "greatest hits of religion" for the fall. We already have several small groups started, with Early Christianities', the Humanist's, and the Simplicity Group, all which are doing very well, thanks to committed leaders. I hope this Fall we could find members interested in a Buddhist Study, UU Studies, Meditation, Science of the Mind, Paganism, and whatever other Greatest Hits of Religion of interest. The groups formed should have six or more meeting regularly. Eight group members are considered an ideal number. Ideally, these groups would meet either weekly or every other week, as the groups dictate, starting the week of September 17. Then on December 8, we could have a Greatest Hits Winter Solstice party, to share our experiences. I'd be willing to offer my house for the party. That would give the groups five or ten meetings, skipping Thanksgiving Week. Contact me at PATUU@PATANDHATCH.ORG. "Don't make me come and get you!" I personally would like to find other Buddhist enthusiasts to study with, but have been busy with my presidency. Spiritual enthusiasm, study, great people to talk with, was what drew me to our church. We need people who do not have a church home or are new to our UU church and are looking for a way to increase their connection to our community in the same quest I had. As we grow, small groups will continue to give us the more personal connections most of us find satisfying. We need to build to promote growth and at the same time retain a positive, family-feeling of connection with each other. Personally I feel that religion should be something that satisfies our personal longings for feeling connected to a bigger purpose of our lives and a place to act on that purpose through social action. Small groups, including committees, are the places to bring about that fulfillment of UU faith. So far I have focused my presidency, which ends at the Congregational Meeting in November, on building infrastructure, starting the Leadership Council and creating and supporting groups to get the work of the church accomplished in maintaining itself. For our beloved community, I'd like to end with a reminder, that to grow the beloved community in a less practical way and more of a spiritual way, analysts' Jung and Adler talked about the task of the first half of life being to prove you can be an adult and, in the second half of life, you work on your meaning. In the past year we've proved we can be grownups who can keep things organized, although we can always use more organized adults to keep that going. Now we can increase our search for meaning and emphasize social/environmental actions that are generated

from that meaning. I look forward to returning July 8 for a short visit and the Board Meeting. I also remind those members wishing to be on the new Search Committee, to apply.

BEST WISHES,

PAT HUDSON, PRESIDENT

MINISTERIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE APPLICATIONS

DEAR FRIENDS,

It's time to begin the formation of a new Ministerial Search Committee. This committee will proceed with UUA procedures to seek out and select a full time settled minister for our church. As a member of a prior search committee, I think it's fair to say that being on a search committee can be one of the most stimulating and fulfilling activities a church member can ever participate in. Yes, the time commitment is significant. But it lasts for a relatively short period of time and the rewards are worthwhile.

Make your voice and vision for the future of our church be heard! We would like the committee to consist of 6 people that represent a cross section of the church. Younger, older, theists, atheists, agnostics, pagans, humanists, men, women, longtime members and new members are encouraged to apply.

If you are considering being a member, but have questions before making the commitment, please contact any member of the Board.

Application forms will be in the church entrance area.

THANKS,

KIRK NEWPORT, VICE PRESIDENT

WOMEN'S GROUP JULY 16

"Summertime and the living is easy" will be July Women's Group theme. We will meet on Monday, July 16, at 7 pm, at Jessica Latimer's home, 429 Paloma. We will share a pot luck dinner, "think salad's, or something cool." This group is welcome to all women in the church. Please join us and call JESSICA LATIMER to let her know you are coming **993-6013**.



SUNDAY MUSIC INVITATION

LORRIE PIERCE has volunteered to provide, as needed, music for most non-choir Sundays. She hopes to bring an eclectic mix of quality music to the congregation and invites interested musicians to join her. If you sing, or play an instrument, and would like to share your talents with the church, please contact LORRIE at 946-4052 or email at LORRIE@HOURGLASSBELLYDANCE.COM.

SUNDAY ORDER OF SERVICES

While BARBARA BRIODY is on vacation, DAVE BAKKER will be producing the orders of service. Please continue to email your notices to MSBRIODY@INTERCONNECT.NET as shown in the orders of service and church directory. DAVID will retrieve the emails or phone messages. BARBARA'S home phone is 853-2951. **DAVID IS HANDLING THE OOS FOR JULY 8, 15, AND 29.**

— THANKS, BARBARA BRIODY

POPCORN THEOLOGY NIGHT, "DHARMA RIVER" FRIDAY, JULY 6, 2007, 7:00 PM

"DHARMA RIVER" is the first film in THE YATRA TRILOGY from director JOHN BUSH. The series explores the great cultural and religious treasures of SE Asia, journeying to ancient temples, mystical landscapes and wondrous shrines -- many of them UNESCO world heritage sites. DHARMA RIVER, was shot entirely on location in Thailand, Laos, and Burma. This film feature intimate footage of festivals and rituals, along with an original harmonic chant score from renowned composer DAVID HYKES, as well as rarely heard field recordings of southeast Asian music.

Cost is free. Child care available. Small donations accepted to help defray cost of child care.

RECONNECTIONS: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Every individual matters. Every individual has a role to play. Every individual makes a difference. — JANE GOODALL

WE HAVE HAD SOME GREAT CLASSES FOR KIDS SO FAR THIS SUMMER:

SONIA MCLAUGHLIN led the children in two weeks of salsa dancing. RACHEL PAYNE helped them explore their creativity through music. And there have been other joyful living activities. On Father's Day kids made gifts for dad and served "Sunday Sundaes" for the entire congregation. Finally, this past Sunday, July 1, kids discussed the fifth principle, which is "The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large," before celebrating the Fourth of July with games and the making of red, white, and blue parfaits.

COMING UP:

A Harry Potter-based lesson taught by SHERI PHILLABAUM and two musical weeks presented by MONICA VAUGHN.

