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

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11:00 AM ONE SERVICE ONLY
SUNDAY MORNING 11:00 AM CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND NURSERY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 **"COME, LET US MINISTER TOGETHER"**
REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 **FIRST SUNDAY LUNCHEON**
JOIN US AFTER SERVICES FOR A POT LUCK LUNCHEON BY
BRINGING A DISH TO SHARE IN FELLOWSHIP AND WELCOME
REVEREND DOUGLAS AND SUSAN DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10 **REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17 **REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 **REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 **GUEST SPEAKER**

"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.*

SAND AND FOAM

WELL, HELLO!

This is an exciting time of new beginnings for all of us. SUSAN and I arrived a little over a week ago, and we have already been warmly greeted by many members of the church community. We have settled into our apartment and I am in the process of settling into my office at church. We are finding our way around Corpus Christi with the use of maps and Google, although I frequently don't know which direction I am going.

On Sunday, we tried to sneak into the back of the sanctuary to hear TESS CHERRY'S wonderful sermon, but TESS "outed" us. But sharing that worship experience confirmed many of the reasons we were so eager to come to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Corpus Christi. The work you have been doing as a congregation, and the work you have done with the REVEREND DAVID FARRINGTON for the past two years, show that you are a mature and capable community of faith.

Twice already we are reminded that we are not alone in our faith. Thursday of last week the phone rang and it was a congregation from Massachusetts expressing concern for our church in the wake of Dolly. (I assured the caller that we were all right.) And then the terrible news from Knoxville, Tennessee, that the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist church was attacked by a gunman, and that the congregation was targeted because of its liberalism, shocked all of us.

There is so much to learn, so much to do! Summer is usually a quiet time for churches, but it seems like there is already a lot going on. I expect that you will often have to hold my hand and show me how things work, who does what, and how things get done. Please be patient with me.

Let me get to know you. I plan to be at church most mornings, and I am always available by my cell phone 817-456-6404. Call or come by, I would love to visit and get to know your stories.

As your newly called minister, it's an honor to serve you and a thrill to be here.

COME, LET US MINISTER TOGETHER!

WARM REGARDS, PHIL



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST 1	MARLET DATH
AUGUST 5	KELBY DATH
AUGUST 6	EARL HERRICK
AUGUST 14	VALENE BARTLETT
AUGUST 21	CARROLL PATE
AUGUST 15	MATTHEW FUGATE
AUGUST 15	MARION GHOLSTON
AUGUST 17	MAGGIE HARRIS
AUGUST 30	ROBERT ALLEN LUCERO

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

AUGUST 14 JESSICA AND JOHN LATIMER

BELATED ANNIVERSARY WISHES

JUNE 29 MARLET AND KEVIN DATH

☆☆☆☆ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAY'S, ANNIVERSARIES ☆☆☆☆

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



BABY ANNOUNCEMENT

ISAAC DE OJEDA BYRNE was born on July 24, 2008 to HIS PARENTS STEPHEN AND VERONICA BYRNE.

ISAAC weighed 6 pounds at his birth and measured 19 inches in length.

Mom, Dad and baby are happy and healthy.

A HINDU PRAYER

*Lead us from death to life, from lies to truth.
Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.
Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe.
Peace. Peace. Peace.*

— ADAPTED FROM THE UPANISHAD



FLOWERS FOR A SUNDAY

For some of us, probably many of us, the beauty and power of nature are part of our religion. In order to arrange that there is something of nature on the altar table each Sunday, there will be a chart hanging in the kitchen. Please sign up for a Sunday when you will bring something. If the flowers are in memory of someone or a celebration of someone, send an email to BARBARA BRIODY at MSBRIODY@GMAIL.COM by Wednesday and she will put an announcement in the order of service. Otherwise, it's just nice to share what is in your garden or to stop by HEB and get something that will add to our table. Be creative! Interesting weeds? Shells? A pretty plant? Nature has so much of the beauty. Share your favorite. Please sign up for one of the 52 Sundays when we come together!

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

At our spring meeting JOHN KENNEDY replaced DEANNE PIERCE as our third member by joining SKIP DOUDEN and ED GROVE, chair. DEANNE had completed her three-year term. We decided to create a plaque honoring those who donated at least \$1000 to the Endowment Fund. SKIP volunteered to design it and have it made. It is now complete and displayed in the church hallway next to the kitchen serving window.

We are also proud to have three new names as \$1000 donors: MONICA VAUGHAN, SKID DOUDEN AND ED GROVE. Adding that \$3000 to the spring balance from the UUA General Investment Fund brings our total to \$18,067.53. If you are considering donating to Endowment Fund, please see ED GROVE or one of the other members.

— SUBMITTED BY ED GROVE, CHAIR

WOMEN'S GRO UP

Last month the women had a delightful time by picnicking indoors at NANCY CARLTON'S condo. As a group we collected \$15.00 for the Smile Train Charities.

Join us for the next meeting on **AUGUST 18, 6:15 PM**, at **MONICA VAUGHANS, LOCATED AT 522 HANCOCK #437**. We'll have a view of her new apartment with drinks at 6:15, then go to the community room for barbeque from Rudy's at 7:15. **MONICA will provide dinner, and in order to have enough food for all, PLEASE RSVP AT 882-4120 OR EMAIL AT MONICA.VAUGHAN@GMAIL.COM**

FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

DEAR UU CHURCH FRIENDS,

This is a bittersweet time to be writing a message to our church.

On a happy note, let us all welcome REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS! Like most of you, my somewhat limited introduction to REVEREND DOUGLAS came during the adrenaline-filled, whirlwind experience of Candidating Week. Now that I've had the opportunity to meet and talk with REVEREND DOUGLAS under more normal circumstances, I'm even more excited that he's here.

We have every reason to look forward to our new shared ministry.

On a tragic and completely senseless issue, we are also coping with the events from the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee. I don't know what there is to say at this point. Unfortunately, I probably have to confess that I've become somewhat immune to religiously motivated violence when it's in some other part of the world. Now that it's here, in our own denomination, it's not so academic anymore.

Religious freedom is a gift we should express, cherish and never take for granted. As we begin this new ministry, I hope that we will always keep the big picture in mind.

RESPECTFULLY,
KIRK NEWPORT
BOARD PRESIDENT

GREETINGS FROM THE DRE!

DEAR FRIENDS,

Well here we are almost to August. School is right around the corner, which for us mean the start of the new Religious Education year. We will be kicking off our program in early September and have an interesting and fun curriculum planned! The Reverend Phil Douglas and I are working together to plan several intergenerational services that will strengthen the bond between our adults and children in worship.

For July, we've had several fun activities. On July 6, we made star wavers out of red, white & blue paper, and ribbons. We had red, white & blue cookies for our treat too. We also talked about the Bill of Rights, especially guarantee of religious freedom.

On July 13, we joined the adults in a Time For All Ages with a special story related to the Blessing of the Animals, and then shared our pictures and pets with each other.

For the rest of the summer we are continuing our "Learning to give" series, examining the world from a perspective of empathy and caring. We played a game called "Phil's Aunt Throws Peas" and came up with ideas for philanthropy right in our own neighborhood.

I will shortly be mailing out annual registration forms to parents. Please take the time to fill them out for each child and return them as soon as possible so that we may have an accurate count of children for the coming year. As always, feel free to provide input on what you consider important in your child's church class.

PEACE,

LAUREN

Thanks to all who offered prayers or good thoughts for me after my recent diagnosis of breast cancer, which was discovered on a routine Mammogram. The surgery was originally scheduled for July 7, but delayed by finding I was anemic. Surgeons removed the initial cancer on Monday, July 21, and additional cancer was removed Friday the 25, because lab tests showed that not all malignant cells were excised.

I will undergo internal radiation over the next couple weeks, which the usual schedule is twice a day for five days. Then the doctors wait to see if additional treatment will be necessary. Thanks for all the offers of driving and meals. I may be taking you up on some of those, depending on how I feel. I am honored and humbled by the outpouring of support. My E-mail address is MSBRIODY@GMAIL.COM which is my preferred method of communication, since I have my laptop connection close by, and is easier than getting up to answer the phone.

— **BARBARA BRIODY**

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