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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, JULY 6

"TEACH YOUR CHILDREN WELL"
GUEST SPEAKER, LILLIAN WALDBESER

SUNDAY, JULY 13

"BLESSINGS OF THE ANIMALS"
GUEST SPEAKER, RISA RYDER

SUNDAY, JULY 20

"I DREAMT I WAS FLYING"
GUEST SPEAKER, JAN MILLER

SUNDAY, JULY 27

"BALD AND BOLD"
GUEST SPEAKER, TESS CHERRY

"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.*

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2007 SERVICE AUCTION REMINDERS

For those who auctioned any services, this is a reminder to let your winning bidders know the dates of your planned events. There have been great reviews from already attended events.

Also, to give you a few months planning time, we already have a date for the 2008 Service Auction. This year the event will be held **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8.**

If you've never attended our Service Auctions, plan on attending. This is a great way to earn money for our church, and to bid on special dinners, desserts, services for your home, decorative decor, books, one of a kind jewelry and more. This is a good time to start thinking of what service you would like to donate and give you another way to be creative

FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

DEAR UU CHURCH FRIENDS,

LIFE IS A PROGRESS, AND NOT A STATION.

IF YOU HAVE ALWAYS DONE IT THAT WAY, IT IS PROBABLY WRONG.

THEY SAY THAT TIME CHANGES THINGS, BUT YOU ACTUALLY HAVE TO CHANGE THEM YOURSELF.

IF YOU WANT TO MAKE ENEMIES, TRY TO CHANGE SOMETHING.

IF YOU DON'T LIKE CHANGE, YOU'RE GOING TO LIKE IRRELEVANCE EVEN LESS.

MOST OF THE CHANGE WE THINK WE SEE IN LIFE IS DUE TO TRUTHS BEING IN AND OUT OF FAVOR.

No, these quotations are not mine. But they do reflect a wide variety of perspectives on change and the spectrum of emotions that change often brings.

As we say good-byes to REVEREND FARRINGTON and begin to welcome REVEREND DOUGLAS, we will probably experience many emotions, for there is probably no bigger change for a church community to experience than changing ministers. It's reasonable to assume that both of them are experiencing many of the same feelings that we are. We're all in the same boat!

Since REVEREND DOUGLAS won't begin his ministry with us until August 1, this is one of those odd periods of time when we are without a minister. I have to admit that I don't like it much. It's when they're not around that we realize how much we rely on them!

I hope that our church community will remember REVEREND FARRINGTON and embrace REVEREND DOUGLAS with equal enthusiasm and love!

FROM, KIRK NEWPORT, BOARD PRESIDENT

RECONNECTIONS: YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

GREETINGS FROM THE DRE!

The summer RE class continues to have a great turnout each week in spite of family vacations.

Our class explored several interesting topics this month. On June 8 we talked about expressing feelings and possible ways to handle various situations.

On Father's Day, MARLET DATH led the children in a discussion about different kinds of families. The children also decorated picture frames to give as gifts to important men in their lives.

On June 22, we discussed JUNETEENTH, a celebration of the slaves in Texas being set free. We made corn muffins and talked about what it would be like to make food for the masters and not be allowed to eat it themselves.

On June 29, we talked about the concepts of trust and honesty using team-building activities and games. We discussed which UU principles related to those values.

Our next several lessons will be based on "LEARNING TO GIVE," a curriculum which explores our place in community and the importance of each of us in making our world a better place to live.

FROM,
LAUREN CANTATORE-CAUSEY, DRE

REVEREND FARRINGTON'S FAREWELL BASH

On Friday evening, June 27, we held a farewell party for our departing Acting Minister, REVEREND DAVID FARRINGTON.

It was a great evening with good food, great drinks and lots of camaraderie. A Big thanks should go to BILL AND CHERIE RANDALL for organizing the potluck, decorations, and room setup. Another big thanks goes to the PATES for the yummy Margaritas. And thanks to everyone who brought all the delicious food, definitely with an across-the border flavor.

A number of our members contributed to the gifts but were unable to make it to the dinner and see the presentations, so we thought you'd like to know what we got him. On behalf of the congregation, BOARD PRESIDENT KIRK NEWPORT presented him with a tan, leather soft-sided briefcase, and a Canon Sure Shot digital camera with camera bag and extra memory card, with pre-loaded with pictures of the party, too. He also received a carload of travellin' money, well okay, it was a toy car but filled with enough moolah to send him on his journeys — \$322 to be exact. Then, also on behalf of the congregation, SKIP DOUDEN presented him with a personalized, framed painting of the church, done by SKIP, which even had DAVE'S car parked in front of the church! The RANDALLS' presented him with a Texas-style, framed picture of the church wayside pulpit sign and several other photos of the church so that he can switch around with what he wants in the frame.

All-in-all, a typical U2C3 sendoff to the REVEREND! We wish him all the best!

— BOBBI REED

WOMEN'S GROUP JULY 21, 7:00 PM

THE 3RD ANNUAL WOMEN'S GROUP INDOOR PICNIC will be held on Monday, July 21, 7:00 PM.

We will meet in the party room of NANCY CARLTON'S CONDO, THE CLIFF HOUSE, LOCATED AT 715 S. UPPER BROADWAY.

Each person will bring a complete picnic supper for one, in an attractive or creative picnic basket. Then we will choose our suppers by drawing numbers. The drinks will be provided by our hostess NANCY CARLTON.

This is a fun event, with no beach sand, bugs or weather to deal with. So put on your picnic clothes and come and join the women of U2C3.

PLEASE CALL NANCY AT 884-7077 to let her know you can attend or more details.

FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY SERVICES



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.

What you bring doesn't have to be a memorial, as MARILYN BREMSERS' was. If you want it to be in memory of someone or a celebration of someone, then send BARBARA BRIODY an email at

MSBRIODY@GMAIL.COM by Wednesday and she will put a little 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.

JULY SERMON SCHEDULE RATED XX (AS IN CHROMOSOMES)

Throughout the month of July we will have an interesting, although definitely biased host of guest speakers. They're all women!

JULY 6 LILLIAN WALDBESER

JULY 13 RISA RYDER

JULY 20 JAN MILLER

JULY 27 TESS CHERRY

I've heard it said that public speaking is somewhere near the top of human fears, but obviously not for LILLIAN, RISA, JAN AND TESS. If you're in town, guys especially, please come to hear and support them!

Along these lines, there is always an ongoing need for guest speakers to fill the pulpit when the minister is out of the pulpit. This is a great opportunity to hear new voices that can be a source of spiritual enrichment for our community. We've heard many of these in the past and I'm absolutely certain that there are more out there. Please consider the possibility of your own sermon in the future.

— **THANKS, KIRK NEWPORT**

POETRY REFLECTIONS

*"KIND WORDS CAN BE SHORT AND EASY TO SPEAK, BUT THEIR ECHOES ARE TRULY
ENDLESS."*

— **MOTHER TERESA**

"A WORLD WITHOUT TOMATOES IS LIKE A STRING QUARTET WITHOUT VIOLINS."

— **LAURIE COLWIN**

★□★□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** kndcctex@yahoo.com

JULY HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES



JULY 5	JOHN LLOYD-REILLEY
JULY 5	GAIL GOO
JULY 6	CHARLIE PHILLIPS
JULY 19	SONIA MC LAUGHLIN
JULY 27	GERALD KIPP
JULY 29	BARBARA BRIODY

JULY AND BELATED JUNE ANNIVERSARIES



JULY 9	DORA AND MICHAEL WILBURN
JUNE	SONIA AND RICHARD MC LAUGHLIN

POETRY REFLECTIONS

*TO LIVE AND LET LIVE, WITHOUT CLAMOUR FOR DISTINCTION OR RECOGNITION; . . .
TO WRITE TRUTH FIRST ON THE TABLET OF ONE'S OWN HEART --
THIS IS THE SANITY AND PERFECTION OF LIVING, AND MY HUMAN IDEAL.*
— MARY BAKER EDDY

*EVERY TIME YOU TRY TO ENCOURAGE SOMEONE ELSE, YOUR OWN SOUL WILL BE
FLOODED WITH A LIGHT AND GLOW OF PEACE AND GOOD CHEER.*
— SUSA YOUNG GATES