



# Sounds of the Sea



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**BUILDING A WELCOMING AND AFFIRMING RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY**

**TO LIBERATE AND CULTIVATE THE HUMAN SPIRIT**

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF CORPUS CHRISTI**

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**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11:00 AM ONE SERVICE**

**SUNDAY MORNING 11:00 AM CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND NURSERY**

## UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 5</b>	<b>REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS</b>
<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 5</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY POTLUCK LUNCHEON</b>
<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 12</b>	<b>REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS</b>
<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 19</b>	<b>REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS</b>
<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 26</b>	<b>GUEST SPEAKER, MICHAEL CAUSEY</b>

### **"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

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**MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,**

**First of all, let me take some of this space to thank the people who worked so hard to make the service of installation, and the celebration after, such an overwhelming success. I will list names at the risk of leaving a name out. To start, I begin with DIANA MASTERS, BARBARA BRIODY, CARROLL PATE, ED GROVE, PAT HUDSON, AND MARILYN BREMSER, who planned everything, worked on the food and drinks for the party, coordinated the transportation and home hospitality for the visiting ministers, and thought of every conceivable detail. Next are JOHN LATIMER, BILL RANDALL, KIP FOSS, AND BILL BODRUG who worked so hard to make to building and grounds look spectacular. For the music, KIM BISSELL, ALENE BURCH, AND THE CHOIR who performed so beautifully. A big thanks to LINDA FOSS, JESSICA LATIMER, VALENE BARTLETT, and a host of workers in the kitchen, set up and clean up. I know I am forgetting some people who worked hard and deserve credit, so for everyone who lent a hand, planned, prepared, sang, cleaned up, and donated money, time, thought, work, sweat, patience, and inspiration: Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! The church looked dazzling and sounded beautiful! All my colleagues were impressed with what we are doing here. It's a great beginning to our shared ministries.**

**Oh! And it's April and in springtime a congregation's fancy, lightly turns to thoughts of the interconnected web of life of which we are a part. This month, worship will emphasize the Seventh Principle as well as the Sixth Source of the Unitarian Universalist Association. So we will explore the meaning of those words and that intention in song and sermon and ritual. We will also formally covenant with new members on Easter Sunday.**

**Let us take these opportunities to be together as the rich gifts they are to deepen our commitment to each other and this saving faith we share, so that, that faith will bless and transform the face of the earth.**

**See you in church! If you need me, I'm available.**

**LOVE AND PEACE AND SWELL THOUGHTS, PHIL**

## RECONNECTIONS: YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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### GREETINGS!

I'm pleased to announce that effective immediately we will have nursery care available starting at 10:00 AM. This change will allow more people to participate in adult RE classes before services!

On April 5, Palm Sunday, the Preschool and Elementary groups will have fun with a spring craft following the Story for All Ages. Youth aged 10 and above will stay in the adult worship service. The Teen RE service project activity will be from 10:00 – 11:00 AM.

On April 12, Easter Sunday, the Preschool and Elementary groups will participate in a Youth Worship program following the Story for All Ages. Youth aged 10 and above will stay in the adult worship service.

We're very excited about our summer program, "UU World Travelers", for children 5-10. Our "Bon Voyage" party will be in June, when each child will receive a passport in which they can record the places they have "visited." The children will tour a different country each week with their special tour guides, learning about the culture, foods, and crafts. Several members have already offered to act as tour guides. If you are willing to share your interest in a specific country with our youth, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the RE bulletin board.

We need volunteers to join us for the fall Youth RE program. Leaders are needed for all age groups. If you would like to volunteer, but can't make a long-term commitment, please consider being a substitute or assistant. Our fall curriculum is "In Our Hands", a peace and social justice program. The children and youth will be involved in several community outreach programs in addition to classroom activities. If you would like to provide spiritual guidance and nurturing to our children and teens, please contact me at church.

PEACE,  
LAUREN

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### FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

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DEAR UU CHURCH FRIENDS,

The only thing I can think of to say is that there have been few events in the life of our community that have been as moving and inspirational as last Sunday's Installation Ceremony of REVEREND DOUGLAS. We have a wonderful new Minister with the depth and range of skills that we have always hoped for, supported by an impressive array of UUA clergy and an excited congregation looking optimistically into the future.

I'm tempted to say that it doesn't get much better than this, but I bet it can. This is just a wonderful time for the Unitarian Universalist Church of Corpus Christi!

A special thanks needs to be extended to everyone that participated in the organization and operation of the Installation Ceremony, especially DIANA MASTERS, MARILYN BREMSER AND BARBARA BRIODY. Also, thanks to everyone that provided home hospitality for our guests. It just couldn't have been any nicer.

Welcome REVEREND DOUGLAS!

KIRK NEWPORT, BOARD PRESIDENT

### **CONDENSED CALENDAR REMINDERS FROM CHURCH WEBSITE**

**APRIL 5 FIRST SUNDAY POTLUCK LUNCHEON**

The Potluck Lunch will be sponsored this month by the Religious Education Committee. Please remember to bring a food dish to share. In order to be a Green kitchen, we are asking for everyone to bring a place setting for each member of your family, including silverware. Disposable products will be available for those who forget. The kitchen volunteers will be available to help scrape and ready your dishes for transport back to your home for cleaning. Thank you for helping reduce the workload of our Kitchen Volunteers

**APRIL 7, 6:00 – 7:00 PM SEDER DINNER**

Dinner is at the church, contact AGNES MAIER 949-2810 for RSVP and information

**APRIL 7, 7:00 – 8:00 PM LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING**

**APRIL 18, 10:00 AM CONGREGATIONAL LIFE CLASS**

**APRIL 20, 7:00 PM WOMEN'S GROUP, see separate article for location**

**MAY 17, CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

At this time, the only items on the agenda will be the appointments of new Board members.

### **LIVING TRADITION THANK YOU**

Thanks to the touching words and challenge of REVEREND AARON WHITE, Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Marcos, our Church proved to be generous in giving to the Service of the Living Tradition. REVEREND WHITE reminded us that the offering helps ministers in financial distress helps repay student loans which can be \$50,000 of average loan for ministers, and helps retirees who have served our UU churches across the nation.

Our love offering to the Service of the Living Tradition was \$829.00.

### **MONDAY, APRIL 20, 7:00 PM WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING**

Women's Group will meet at THE TORCH RESTAURANT BAR AND GRILL, 4425 SOUTH ALAMEDA. Please join the women of U2C3 for dinner 7:00 pm. Call JESSICA LATIMER 993-6013 and let her know how many reservations will needed.

### **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE CLASS**

REVEREND DOUGLAS and the Membership Committee would like to offer a Congregational Life class on April 18, 10:00 AM at the church. This class is offered to anyone who is interested in membership, or getting to know more about our church, or spending time with the minister, and asking questions that may not be answered on any given Sunday morning.

Please call CARRIE ALEXANDER, 443-4477, and let her know that you will join us.

### 3RD ANNUAL "ADOPT DOWNTOWN 2009"

The Social Action & Community Outreach Committee has been requested to help out on Saturday April 18, with a Downtown clean up in preparation for the 3rd annual Boat Show

This is an opportunity for our Church to have some community exposure, in keeping with our principles to make a portion of the world a better place.

The event starts with breakfast downtown in Artesian Park, located at Twigg Street and North Chaparral. There will be coffee and donuts from 7:30 - 8:00 am, then lunch and live entertainment at 12 noon.

Please register your interest by signing the form in the Church Lobby or call Colin at 853-7992 for more details.   ~~COLIN SYKES SACO CHAIRPERSON



### APRIL BIRTHDAYS



APRIL 5       MIKE REED                      APRIL 13   PATRICK O'HANLIN  
APRIL 13       STEVE BRIODY                     APRIL 23   ROBIN CARTER  
MARCH 1   TOM BROWN   BELATED WISHES    MARCH 16   JOHN KENNEDY   BELATED WISHES  
MARCH 31   VINCE MUSCARELLO   BELATED WISHES



### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL 14    CHERI AND BILL RANDALL                      APRIL 6    SHERI AND DENNIS NOBLE

If you would like to include your birthday and anniversary dates in the Newsletter, please email DEBBIE NEWPORT, [KNDCCTEX@YAHOO.COM](mailto:KNDCCTEX@YAHOO.COM) with your name, month and day or call at 887-7569.

### POETRY REFLECTIONS

*For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.*

~~~SONG OF SOLOMON

*Winter's done, and April's in the skies, Earth, look up with laughter in your eyes!*

~~~CHARLES G.D. ROBERTS, AN APRIL ADORATION, 1896

*And fairy month of waking mirth, From whom our joys ensue, Thou early gladder of the earth,  
Thrice welcome here anew, With thee the bud unfolds to leaves, The grass greens on the lea,  
And flowers their tender boon receives, To bloom and smile with thee*

~~~JOHN CLARE, SPRING

### CHURCH AND CONGREGATION THANK YOU

We visited your church several Sundays in February and so appreciated your warmth, welcome and hospitality. We were staying in Port Aransas for 6 weeks. We were grateful to be there on the Sunday Charles Darwin was "honored" and the next Sunday also when your own pastor spoke. We wish the best to your congregation in C.C. Keep welcoming and speaking with your guests. Your congregation feels like a place for searchers and those yearning to honor and learn from the sacred in all people!   ~~~DON AND CORRINE SLAUGHTER

## **CONTACTS FOR THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF CORPUS CHRISTI**

**PASTOR**                      **REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS**

IF YOU NEED TO REACH THE MINISTER, THE BEST WAY IS TO CALL **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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**FIRST SUNDAY LUNCHEONS**      **POSITION OPEN**      **HOSPITALITY**      **POSITION OPEN**