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*BUILDING A WELCOMING AND AFFIRMING RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY
TO LIBERATE AND CULTIVATE THE HUMAN SPIRIT*

MINISTER :

REVEREND PHILIP
DOUGLAS

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 REVEREND PHIL DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 UU AND ME
INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE WITH MUSIC AND STORIES

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE, WITH INPUT FROM SEVERAL SOURCES, HAS
CHANGED THE SUNDAY MORNING ANNOUNCEMENT POLICY.

IF YOU HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT, WRITE IT DOWN ON A 3X5 CARD AND GIVE IT
TO THE MINISTER OR LAY LEADER, SO THAT HE OR SHE CAN EITHER READ IT OR
INVITE YOU UP TO HAVE YOU READ IT.

THIS APPROACH TO ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS SHORTER,
MORE VISITOR-FRIENDLY, AND MORE ORGANIZED.

EVERYBODY'S HELP AND COOPERATION WILL BE REALLY APPRECIATED.

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DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

And a new church year begins!

Have you noticed what a happening place church seems to be? On Mondays from 10 AM until 2 PM, there is a sewing group. I don't really know what goes on down there, but they seem to be having a good time. On Tuesdays, there is a regular meditation from 6 until 7 PM.

On Wednesdays, there is choir practice. There is a Seekers Circle covenant group that meets every Sunday morning at 10 AM and the Crazy Busy covenant group meeting on the second and fourth Sundays after worship service.

And more to come. On the first and third Mondays, starting September 21, the Bible Study group will meet after summer hiatus. We left the people of Israel in Egypt, and we need to get them out of there! And I expect the Humanist Discussion Group will begin meeting on the second and fourth Monday evenings as well.

Oh and also, four of our best and brightest are working on an Adult Religious Education curriculum for Sunday mornings at 10 AM. Child care is available so that all can attend.

On September 12, a Vision's Workshop with Susan Smith was held with great success. Thanks to everyone who attended.

I love all this activity. I think it shows that there is a great appreciation for this community and an underlying need for our witness of faith.

It's a great privilege to be your minister. Take good care of yourselves and see you Sunday!

LOVE AND PEACE AND SWELL THOUGHTS,

PHIL

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RECONNECTIONS: YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

GREETINGS!

Our 2009-2010 program “In Our Hands” began August 30 with our Teacher Dedication and Covenant Ceremony. The children and leader then convened to the class areas where they participated in several getting to know you” activities.

After a meeting with the parents of our adolescents and teens, it was decided that they will collectively work on a quilting project, which SUSAN DOUGLAS has graciously offered to facilitate. The youth will learn to design, select fabric, for assembling the final product. The finished quilt will either be raffled off and the funds donated to a charity or will be on display in the church. As part of the sessions, the youth will have opportunities to ponder and discuss a “question of the day”.

On September 27, our youth will be part of an intergenerational service with music and stories. The children have been invited to sing one of the opening songs, so we hope to see you all then.

We have a wonderful, hard-working group of teachers and you can support our program by signing up to be a class volunteer. You can sign up for one Sunday or several Sundays; this is a great opportunity to share yourself with our children and youth and perhaps learn something from them as well.

**PEACE,
LAUREN**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

**LOOK ON OUR WEBSITE:
HTTP://WWW.UUCORPUS.ORG
FOR SMALL GROUPS
DATES AND TIMES, OR
OTHER CHURCH GROUP
EVENTS**

**ASIAN DINNER,
SEPTEMBER 19, 6:30PM**

**WOMEN'S GROUP,
SEPTEMBER 21**

**CIRCLE 6 SUPPERS
OCTOBER 3**

**MEN'S NOON LUNCH,
AT ICHIBAN
OCTOBER 6,**

**RUMMAGE SALE,
OCTOBER 10,
8:00 AM - NOON**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE A
CALENDAR EVENT ON
THE CHURCH WEBSITE,
FIRST CONTACT JUDY
SYKES AT 853-7992 OR
BOBBI REED,
REEDS77@STX.RR.COM
TO MAKE SURE THERE
ISN'T A CONFLICT OF
OTHER EVENTS.**



ASIAN DINNER, SEPTEMBER 19, 6:30 PM

We are lucky to have a friend of the church who is so appreciative of our efforts in helping to make our larger community a better place. She will be hosting an Asian Dinner as a fundraiser for our U2C3.

We are happy to inform everyone that we have exceeded her challenge of selling 80 tickets by 20 tickets, and the event is sold out. See everyone who helped make this possible, on Saturday, September 19, 6:30 pm.

CIRCLE 6 SUPPERS ON OCTOBER 3

The best way to become better acquainted with the friends you didn't know you have is by attending a "CIRCLE 6 SUPPER" on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3.**

Your host will call you to ask you to bring an item to complete the meal. That's all you have to do! These intimate gatherings at someone's home have a proven track record of friendships formed while you enjoy a great meal. If you cannot attend a SUPPER because of a scheduling conflict, perhaps you would like to be included in the "DESSERT & COFFEE" party. So don't miss out on these strictly social, fun activities. Sign up by calling **NANCY CARLTON AT 884-7077** or look for the sign up sheet at church.

NANCY WILL NEED A RSVP OF ATTENDING BY SEPTEMBER 29.

**IF YOU ARE A RECENT NEW MEMBER (or considering membership)
YOUR COMPANY IS ESPECIALLY DESIRED!**



RUMMAGE SALE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

OUR RUMMAGE SALE WILL BE ON OCTOBER 10, FROM 8:00 AM TO NOON.

Now is the time to clean closets, garages, attics, and the proverbial basements!!!! The church has a storage unit on Rodd Field Rd, which can be used to store large items. If you have a large item to store, you can call **MARILYN BREMSER, 949-2993, OR JESSICA LATIMER, 993-6013,** and they will arrange a time to meet you at the storage unit. After church on October 4, the committee will accept clothing and small boxed items. The Rummage Sale Committee would like your help during the week of October 5. The committee will need help of pricing and sorting Rummage Sale items. They will need additional help on Saturday, October 10, the day of the sale. Please volunteer time as your schedule permits. It takes about 100 hours to prepare for a rummage sale, and about 30 hours the day of the sale.

HOW MANY HOURS DO YOU HAVE?

WOMEN'S GROUP, SEPTEMBER 21, 6:00 PM

Women's Group will meet for dinner September 21, 6:00 pm, in the Green Papaya Restaurant located at 4455 SPID. We welcome all women of the church. If you are new to U2C3, this gives you a chance to meet other women in a casual setting. Please call **DEBBIE NEWPORT, 887-7569** to let her know in order to set up a reservation for enough seating.

**WISDOM, COMPASSION,
AND COURAGE ARE THE
THREE UNIVERSALLY
RECOGNIZED MORAL
QUALITIES OF MEN.
--- CONFUCIUS**

**TODAY, MORE THAN EVER
BEFORE, LIFE MUST BE
CHARACTERIZED BY A SENSE
OF UNIVERSAL
RESPONSIBILITY, NOT ONLY
NATION TO NATION AND
HUMAN TO HUMAN, BUT
ALSO HUMAN TO OTHER
FORMS OF LIFE.
--- DALAI LAMA**

HOSPITALITY

September is the 'beginning of the year' for parents, teachers, and everyone whose lives revolve around the school year. Now, it's the church schedule, too! We need to have a few good people sign up for hospitality teams. Can you commit to arriving at church at 10:30 a.m. **ONE SUNDAY A MONTH** for six months? Can you fill the coffee pot and greet people at the door with an order of service? Can you stay until 12:45 to wash the mugs? Truly, really, that is all it takes on one Sunday a month. We need YOU! **MARILYN BREMSER** will organize the four teams, be the 'cookie nag' and see that there is a coffee and lemonade supply, but she needs HELP! Please call or email her: (361) 949-6790, MBREMSER@STX.RR.COM ...Or sign up on clipboard at church.

GPS FOR THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY BY DON WEINER, PH.D.

OCTOBER 25 THROUGH NOVEMBER 22 ON SUNDAYS AT 10:00 A.M.

This five-week class will incorporate many findings from contemporary science (quantum physics, cosmology, chaos theory, consciousness research, and subtle energy research) and it will cover the following topics:

Why pursue a spiritual path? What is your motivation? What is your goal? Who travels on the spiritual path? Your ego? Your personality? Your body? Your soul? Where do you go on this journey? Through time? Through space? Where is your destination? What happens to you in this process of journeying? Who is doing what to whom? Is this a linear, continuous process? Who or what is transformed on the journey? What are signs of change on the journey? What are landmarks of progress? What are the temporary and more permanent stages? Exoteric vs. esoteric aspects of religion. Are you pursuing a "generic" path "off the shelf spirituality" or someone else's path or system? Better one's own dharma no matter how imperfectly pursued than the dharma of another, no matter how perfectly pursued. How can your journey be customized and revised along the way? What are tools for the journey? What is the relationship between our inner and outer life? What is our life trying to tell us and what opportunities does it offer us for growth? How can we make our journey experientially rather than conceptually based? Dualistic vs. non-dualistic spirituality. Our view of reality colors the way we think of and experience religion and spirituality. Science offers compelling evidence that we live in an interconnected and non-dualistic universe, in which everything affects everything else and time does not just flow from past to present to future. Retro causality has been demonstrated in quantum physics. What does it mean to awaken? How can we learn to function from a much fuller state of being?

*THE MOST BEAUTIFUL THINGS
IN THE WORLD CANNOT BE SEEN
OR TOUCHED, BUT ARE FELT IN
THE HEART.*

~ANONYMOUS

*"RAIN, RAIN, WELCOME BACK,
WE'VE MISSED YOUR SONG,
YOUR SPLATTER AND SMACK
ON OUR DUSTY BROWN CLAY,
DRY SO LONG.
SINCE LAST MAY WE'VE NOT
HAD A DROP,
FROM GREY-BLACK CLOUDS
SWIRLING BY,
OR SMELLED WET EARTH, OR
STEPPED IN MUDDY SLOP,
OR LISTENED TO THUNDER
FROM THE SKY."
- MICHAEL P. GAROFALO,
VALLEY"*

*BY ALL THESE LOVELY TOKENS
SEPTEMBER DAYS ARE HERE
WITH SUMMER'S BEST OF
WEATHER AND AUTUMN'S BEST
OF CHEER."
- AUTHOR UNKNOWN SPIRIT
JOURNAL, 2004*



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER 1	BILL RANDALL
SEPTEMBER 3	ZULIE DATH
SEPTEMBER 8	KIRK NEWPORT
SEPTEMBER 14	ROBERTO ALANIZ
SEPTEMBER 17	LYNN JONES
SEPTEMBER 17	JENNIFER MARTIN
SEPTEMBER 22	NANCY CARLTON
SEPTEMBER 25	REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS
SEPTEMBER 25	DON WEINER
SEPTEMBER 26	MARGARET LUCERO
SEPTEMBER 28	J.B. CUDD
SEPTEMBER 29	RICHARD McLAUGHLIN



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER 10	DONNA AND LOYD OAKES
SEPTEMBER 29	JENNIFER AND KEVIN MARTIN

★ ★ ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAY'S, ANNIVERSARIES ★ ★

IF YOU HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE NEWSLETTER, OR WOULD LIKE YOUR BIRTHDAY DATE AND AN ANNIVERSARY LISTED, PLEASE EMAIL **DEBBIE NEWPORT** AT KNDCCCTEX@YAHOO.COM

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT ONLY YAHOO GROUP

THE CHURCH HAS A NEW CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT ONLY COMMUNICATION AVAILABLE AT THIS WEBSITE:

[HTTP://GROUPS.YAHOO.COM/GROUP/U2C3CHURCHANNOUNCEMENTSONLY](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/U2C3CHURCHANNOUNCEMENTSONLY)

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