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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 & NURSERY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10 REVEREND PHIL DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17 REVEREND PHIL DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24 REVEREND PHIL DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 GUEST SPEAKER

CHOIR SUNDAY'S

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 24, 31 WITH SUNDAY 10:00 AM PRACTICE AND PRECEDING
WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM PRACTICE. NEW VOICES ALWAYS WELCOME**

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DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

Merry New Year and Happy 2010!

The star wheel and the calendar page have both turned, and we need to accommodate a new date as we write checks and fill in forms.

And now 'tis the season for renewal and reassessment and resolution.

In time of daffodils (who know the goal of living is to grow) forgetting why, remember how, wrote e e cummings.

We learned from the Bottisatva that vows give us direction. Here are some of my resolutions (vows!) for the coming year.

- **Use every opportunity to make our public worship a welcoming and deepening experience for visitor and member alike.**
- **Use every opportunity I have to express our faith in the public square and to do so affirmatively and with as much eloquence and humor as I can muster, so that every person who is touched by our message gets a taste of what it is like to be here.**
Encourage every member to find his or her ministry.
- **Empower small groups to lead important ministries in the congregation.**
- **Continue and deepen my spiritual practice.**
- **Take time to meet with, listen to, and be with wise colleagues.**
- **Always, always have time to listen to people.**

I hope you all are able to greet the new year with enthusiasm.

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

LOVE, PEACE AND SWELL THOUGHTS, PHIL

RECONNECTIONS: YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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GREETINGS!

Wow – another year has passed! How did that happen so quickly? As usual, December was filled with activity. Our Winter Solstice intergenerational program brought us a sense of a spiritual connectedness and of reverence for the earth's cycles.

The children took their responsibility of retrieving the light very seriously. The RE classes have many to thank who helped: Rachel Payne for guiding us through the service, BILL DAVID AND GLEN KIELY from the CUUPS group (Covenant of UU Pagans), REVEREND PHIL DOUGLAS for arranging the sanctuary, our choir and pianist for their inspirational music, and MICHAEL CAUSEY, for helping construct the Sacred Spiral.

There is a saying that "Charity begins at home," and the children put that into action by decorating special church gift envelopes for our Christmas tree. Our congregation was very generous during this holiday, not only giving gifts to the church, but helping the homeless with basic needs and a needy family with food, clothing, toys and money. The family was surprised and very grateful.

We started off the New Year with a cleansing ritual. Each youth wrote or dictated onto tissue paper, their one regret from last year with washable markers. Some regrets were: "mean to my sister," and "didn't pick up toys." When they were finished, they each put their paper in a clear communal bowl filled with water. As we talked about our hopes for the New Year the words washed away and tissue fell apart. We talked about starting anew and toasted in the year with sparkling cider.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SUMMER CAMPS

This will be the third year that SWUUC is offering Summer Camps for children and youth. Three camps will be held in July at U-Bar-U, the Unitarian Universalist Camp and Retreat center in the Texas hill country, about two hours' West of Austin.

* The elementary camp (for children entering 3rd-6th grade) will be July 4-10

* The junior camp (for children entering 7th-9th grade) will be July 11-17

* The senior camp (for children entering 9th grade to 2010 High School graduates) will be July 18-24

Cost for each will likely be around \$400/child which includes food, room and activities. Partial scholarships may be available – contact Lauren for more information. This is a wonderful bonding activity.

I look forward to another great year!

**PEACE,
LAUREN**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

LOOK ON OUR WEBSITE:
[HTTP://WWW.UUCORPUS.ORG](http://www.uucorpus.org)
FOR SMALL GROUPS
DATES AND TIMES, OR
OTHER CHURCH GROUPS

JANUARY 18,
WOMEN'S GROUP

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.

FOR ORDER OF SERVICE
ANNOUNCEMENTS, SEND
TO BARBARA BRIODY AT
MSBRIODY@GMAIL.COM

*"The leafless trees sway-
A warm and windy
Winter's day -
grackles chattering."*



WOMEN'S GROUP, JANUARY 18

The January Women's Group meeting will be on January 18. We have not decided where to meet. If you have a suggestion email JESSICA LATIMER, 429PALOMA@ATT.NET
AN ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE AT SUNDAY SERVICES.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY 1	JIM FUGATE
JANUARY 7	BOB MURRY
JANUARY 13	MILTON CLASEN
JANUARY 17	ISABELLA RUIZ



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY 1	GAIL GOO AND JIM FUGATE
JANUARY 24	JUDY AND CARROLL PATE

★ ★ 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 KNDCCTEX@YAHOO.COM

*LIKE A GREAT POET, NATURE KNOWS HOW TO PRODUCE
THE GREATEST EFFECTS WITH THE MOST LIMITED MEANS.
- HEINRICH HEINE*

*BESIDES THE NOBLE ART OF GETTING THINGS DONE,
THERE IS THE NOBLE ART OF LEAVING THINGS UNDONE.
THE WISDOM OF LIFE CONSISTS IN THE ELIMINATION OF NONESSENTIALS.
- LIN YU TANG*

**WE MEET TODAY
TO THANK THEE
FOR THE ERA DONE,
AND THEE FOR THE
OPENING ONE."
- JOHN GREENLEAF
WHITTIER**

***It is tenderness
for the past,
courage for
the present,
and hope for the future.
It is a fervent wish that
every cup may overflow
with blessings
rich and eternal,
and that every path
may lead to peace***

THE GROUNDS COMMITTEE IS MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR!

If you enjoy working outside, we'll need volunteers to help with mowing, trimming and other chores on a semi-regular basis throughout the season. Even if you can only come and help for a short period of time, it helps out.

The mower we purchased last year is easy to operate and you'll get plenty of training.

We also want to solicit ideas about how we might continue to develop the outside property in general, particularly along the lines of a "natural area." This would be consistent with our principles and less labor intensive as well.

There are already ideas floating around that include things like a wild flower area, bird houses, bat houses, meditation trail, new trees and foliage around the church building. If you have other ideas, please join in!

Contact KIRK NEWPORT, 887-7569 if you'd like to contribute. There will be an informal meeting soon to discuss ideas and planning.

We are fortunate enough to have a beautiful piece of property and with the help of the community, it could be really special.

CARDS OF CARE AND CONCERN FOR PAST CONGREGATION MEMBERS

JUDY AND COLIN SYKES have received word from PAT AND LEE HOLT that they have moved to Atlanta Georgia. They will be living with Pat's daughter until further notice. Lee is receiving Hospice care. Pat wrote to say that he would love to hear from his church friends.

Their mailing address is, PAT & LEE HOLT, C/O ALBERT & GERRY HALL, 2180 SANDOWN COURT, LAWRENCEVILLE, GA 30043-4093
ANOTHER CONTACT INFORMATION IS PAT'S CELL PHONE 678-763-4305 AND
E-MAIL PATLEEHOULT@YAHOO.COM

MARGARET LAWRENCE HAS HAD INFORMATION ABOUT PAT HIRSBRUNNER

MARGARET LAWRENCE just found out yesterday that about 6 weeks ago PAT fell and broke her arm badly. Because of that, she has been mostly unable to do rehab. Since she is not able to live alone, she has been moved to a nursing home, where she will probably stay. Anyone who knows PAT knows that this is not something that would be easy for her to accept.
PAT HIRSBRUNNER % SUNDANCE INN HEALTH CENTER
2218 SUNDANCE PARKWAY NEW BRAUNFELS, TX 78130

*TO READ A POEM IN
JANUARY IS AS LOVELY AS
TO GO FOR A WALK IN JUNE*

CONTACTS FOR THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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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 STEPHANIE RUIZ

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WE'RE ON THE WEB! CHECK THE CALENDAR FOR SMALL GROUP GATHERING DATES
[HTTP://WWW.UUCORPUS.ORG](http://www.uucorpus.org)

"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.





