



Sounds of the Sea Newsletter



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CHURCH PASTOR:
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“Our mission is to nurture the spirit within us and among us, to welcome all who share our covenant, and to embody our values of love, justice, peace, and respect for the earth, in order to transform the world. We learn, we lead, we love.”

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11:00 AM (ONE SERVICE ONLY)

SUNDAY MORNING 11:00 AM CHILDREN’S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & NURSERY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

REV. PHIL DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

REV. PHIL DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

REV. PHIL DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

DONNA HARRISON

SAND AND FOAM

Beloved Community of Memory and Hope,

Every week from the U2C3 pulpit, I remind everybody that we are a congregation whose members live in covenant with one another: we gather not because we all believe the same way, but because we promise to treat each other with mutual love and respect. When we assemble, we are aware of our diversities, and we embrace them.

As a member congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association, our congregation is also in covenant with all the other congregations in the Association. Indeed, the prelude to the seven principles begins with the following words:

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote.

One of the problems with being here on the Coastal Bend of Texas is that we can become isolated. It is hard to imagine our congregation being in relationship with another church. I participate as a member of a UU ministerial cluster, but the meetings are either in San Antonio or Austin. The next closest cluster is in Houston. Our Director of Religious Education has the same problem. Still, it is important for your religious professionals to stay connected and so we make the effort to meet with colleagues regularly.

One symptom of our isolation was our decision to be a less than fair share participant in the UUA's Annual Program Fund. In order for us to think about how we can move into closer relationship with our sister churches, I have invited Donna Harrison, the UUA Trustee from the Southwest District, to come and speak to us on February 26. She can tell us about the UU universe far beyond our home.

There is a lot going on in the Southwest District. In February alone, the Winter Conference (featuring Peter Mayer) will be held in Dallas on February 10-12, the Allies for Racial Equality Conference will be held in Fort Worth on February 17-19, and the Southwest UU Women's Conference (featuring my colleague the Reverend Meg Barnhouse) will be held in Houston on February 24-26. So far, eight members of U2C3 will be attending that!

We can be a better congregation in a number of ways. We will try to be more active participants in the wider movement, making ourselves aware of events in the district and beyond. We can also be example and inspiration to the smaller societies closest to us in Victoria, Hidalgo County, and Brownsville.

Just think about what an attractive church we are. We have inspiring worship with great music, a wonderful choir and the best band in the district. We have a dynamic religious education program. We have a beautiful building and grounds. We are active and visible in the larger community. We have dedicated and talented leaders. We have a lot to offer the movement.

Let's make the effort to be in right relations with the other congregations in the association. We can accomplish so much together.

Love and Peace and Swell Thoughts,
PHIL

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Reconnection: Youth Religious Education News

Greetings,

February is the month when we think of love. And there is so much to love about our church RE program. The children, of course; radiant children who every week amaze me with their perception and awareness. I love our selfless teachers who are willing to give up their Sunday morning (and more) to share their wisdom and creativity with their students. Did you know that out of fourteen RE teachers, only eight have children in our program? I love our caring assistants who make sure our classes run smoothly and safely. I love the parents who bring their children to class. I love the RE Committee, Board of Trustees, and especially Reverend Douglas, who offer their support to me. And let's not forget our Youth Advisor, who is dedicated to building a stimulating and inspiring Youth Group (and as my husband, does a lot of behind-scenes assistance!)

Speaking of love, on Sunday Feb. 5, children in the elementary classes will make Valentines which will be delivered to a local senior center or nursing facility on Valentine's Day. Through activities like this we teach our children the tradition of expressing love and caring in all of its forms. As this is my Valentine's letter to those who are important to me and our RE program, I encourage all of you to express your love to the people whose contributions to your lives make it worth living. Happy February!

**Peace,
Lauren**

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SoulCollage® WORKSHOP

Saturday Feb. 11th 12:00 noon - 4:00 pm at the church

Debbie Cannatella will be sharing the art of SoulCollage®, a unique process developed by therapist Seena Frost over twenty-five years ago which takes symbols, images, spiritual practices and reflection on archetypes to create small artistic collages that illustrates one's story. Each card is very personal and represents portions of one's journey and personal mythology.

There is no fee for this class, whis is open to the public, but a \$5 materials fee will be collected. No need to bring any supplies!

29TH ANNUAL COFFEE HOUSE

Established in 1983, and still going strong
Come to the UU & U Coffee House
Saturday, February 11th 2012, at 7:00pm.

Music, Poetry and Wine (BYO) - In a candle-light setting
Jazz, Classical and Contemporary Music
Two Poets read original poetry

General admission \$10.00, Students \$5.00

Cake, pastries and savories for purchase.

For information call: 853-7992.

WOMEN'S GROUP

The Women's Group will meet for dinner this month on February 13th, 6:00pm
at the Torch Restaurant on Alameda next to Gill's nursery.

We had a huge group at the January luncheon, so hope to see new faces as well as the regulars. This is a time to meet and get to know some of the women of U2C3. Our time together is open to all visitors, winter Texans, and new comers.

Call Jessica Latimer (563-6008) and let her know if you will join the women for dinner, so she can in turn let the restaurant know how many to set up for.

We meet the second Monday of the month, and one month we meet for lunch and the next we meet for dinner, to accommodate different life-styles.

GUEST AT YOUR TABLE

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Guest At Your Table program.
Through your generosity, we collected \$576.00 in donations for the
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.

TEXAS WINE, TEXAS STARS

A FUNDRAISER FOR U-BAR-U

Join UU friends for a weekend of fellowship and relaxation
at our beautiful, welcoming retreat center in the Texas Hill Country

FEBRUARY 11-12

SATURDAY EVENING

Texas wine tasting, gourmet dinner, music & stargazing

SUNDAY MORNING

Breakfast & outdoor worship

\$130 per person, if bought by Saturday, January 14,
or \$150 per person afterward, through Tuesday, January 31*
(includes \$75 tax-deductible contribution to U-Bar-U Retreat & Conference Center,
and covers meals, wine and overnight stay at U-Bar-U)

Also, special rates available to stay in Kerrville at Inn of the Hills

FOR TICKETS, CONTACT MARK KILPATRICK 512-917-8423 or texanmkk17@aol.com

* Nonrefundable after Tuesday, January 31

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

We will have a Youth Lock-in for our High Schoolers.

Friday, Feb. 17th - Saturday, Feb. 18th

All teens in 9th -12th grades are invited to attend.

The lock-in will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and end 9:00am Saturday morning.

This is a great opportunity for our teens to socialize, play games and share their talents with each other. A flyer and registration materials will be sent out next week to parents.

Give Yourself a Valentine:

Addiction and Freedom

The next series of classes during the Tuesday Meditation Group focuses on addictions of all kinds, including alcohol, drugs, food excesses and even addiction to a limiting self-image, those things concerning which we may have made our New Years resolutions. Therapies limited to the physical processes do not address the psychological motivations behind the craving. Some forms of meditation may provide relief but substitute an escapism of another sort. In the next four weeks we, with the aid of the Sufi Pir Vilayat's book Life is A Pilgrimage, will explore the effectiveness of a spiritual path which focuses on an emotional high based on awakening in life rather than beyond life.

Join us for one or all of the next four weeks (Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28) on Tuesday nights from 6-6:45 at church. Call Diane at 850-8638 for more information.

SALE OF ALICE PROPERTY

Most of you know that last summer the Church was bequeathed 2.5 acres of industrial property in Alice, Texas by the estate of Robert Mullen III. Bob Mullen was a banker who lived in Alice and San Antonio. The Board of Trustees decided to put the property up for sale immediately and last October we listed it with the Alice office of Century 21 with a realtor from the Corpus Christi office of Century 21 acting as the Seller's agent. The listing price was \$25,000.

In mid November we received an offer of \$22,000 for the property which we accepted. On Thursday, January 19 we closed on the property and received a check, after closing fees, survey costs and real estate commission in the amount of \$18,093. While it is unlikely that this property will be developed for oil or gas we did retain a 75% interest in any revenues that may come from the mineral rights.

The funds will be deposited in the Church's building account.

We owe a great vote of thanks to Deanne Pierce who guided us through the legal aspects of the transaction.

U2C3 CHURCH NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ARTICLES

Please submit your announcements/articles for the upcoming newsletter the week before the 1st of the month. This allows me enough time to organize and complete the newsletter and to have the information available to our web site viewers. If you have any questions or would like to be placed on my "Newsletter Announcement/Article Reminder list," please contact me:

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U2C3 CHURCH DIRECTORY

Please check your Church Directory Listing on the website to ensure all information is correct. It is updated monthly. If you have missing info, not listed, moved or don't want specific information included in the directory, please contact me:

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PATH TO MEMBERSHIP

If you're interested in becoming a Church Member of the
Unitarian Universalist Church of Corpus Christi
please come by and visit us or join us for our monthly
Path to Membership Meeting.

Our Next Meeting is:
FEBRUARY 18TH AT 2:30PM



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 1 st	Druzy Casper
February 4 th	LuElla Hewitt
February 10 th	Imelda Elizalde
February 11 th	Marilyn Bodrug
February 17 th	Lois Wrightsman
February 20 th	Margaret Lawrence
February 20 th	Debbie Newport
February 20 th	Amelia Tuller
February 24 th	Tom Bookout
February 26 th	Leigh Craft



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

I don't have any on my list.

☆☆☆☆ ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES ☆☆☆☆

If you have an announcement for the newsletter, or would like your birthday date and/or an anniversary listed,
please contact me:

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IF YOU NEED TO REACH THE MINISTER, THE BEST WAY IS TO CALL 1-817-456-6404.

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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ENDOWMENT JUDY PATE, DEANNE PIERCE AND RICHARD McLAUGHLIN

MEMBERSHIP REV. PHILIP DOUGLAS AND MARGARET LUCERO

SOCIAL ACTION COMMUNITY- OUTREACH DAVID BARTLETT



“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.

