



Sounds of the Sea Newsletter



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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, JANUARY 1	AGNES MAIER
SUNDAY, JANUARY 8	REV. PHIL DOUGLAS
SUNDAY, JANUARY 15	REV. PHIL DOUGLAS
SUNDAY, JANUARY 22	KIRK NEWPORT
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29	REV. PHIL DOUGLAS

SAND AND FOAM

Beloved Community of Memory and Hope,

Welcome to the new year!

This past November, our Board of Trustees met with the staff to build teamwork, understand each other better, and set goals for the new year. Bobbi Reed facilitated and she did a superb job. We set three goals for 2012. Here they are:

- Increased RE Space (responsible party: Carrie Alexander).
- Collect and centralize church and legal documents (responsible party: Margaret Lawrence).
- Improve effectiveness of committees and increase volunteerism (responsible party: Debbie Canatella).

I really like these goals, for a number of reasons. First, they show a realistic resolve to face the challenges we are confronting. These are some of our most important growing edges. Doing well at these will make us more able to achieve our mission as a church.

Second, they are practical. We can deal with each one of these in practical everyday terms.

Third, they are accountable. Did you notice that one of the Board members volunteered to be responsible for that goal during 2012? That allows us (requires us) to keep the goal in front of us and assess progress all through the year.

But fourth, and most important to me, these goals are spiritual. Spiritual? Yes! What is more spiritual than the careful creation of space for our children, young people, and adults to learn about our faith, each other, and the world, not just for our immediate needs, but for future generations? What is more spiritual than to honor and treasure (by using it!) the wisdom of all the people who brought us here? And what is more spiritual than thoughtfully and systematically inviting all of our members and friends to find their ministries within and outside the walls of our church?

We have a wonderful Board of Trustees who are taking on the work of the church with a sense of enthusiasm, resolve, and fun. Let us all join in their holy work; the fields are white for the harvest.

Love and Peace and Swell Thoughts,
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Reconnection: Youth Religious Education News

Greetings,

December, as usual was a busy month. Our elementary classes continued with “Timeless Themes”. The New Testament was introduced with the theme of refugees, telling the story of Mary and Joseph fleeing to Egypt with their infant. We welcomed a guest, Shara Haghjoo, who shared her childhood experience as a refugee from Iran. The youth classes continue to explore ethical issues with their guides, Cynthia Anderson, Sue Roark-Calnek and Michael Vargas. I’m pleased to welcome Glen Kiely to the youth guide team.

On Friday Dec. 16, we shared an evening of Christmas caroling in the neighborhood around the church. We ended with refreshments and tree-trimming in the sanctuary. Our carolers enjoyed themselves and the neighbors were delighted!

On Sunday, Dec. 18, the RE program presented an intergenerational Living Nativity Pageant. As the Nativity story unfolded, people from the congregation were asked to volunteer for some of the parts. With help of our stage crew, each person was costumed and took their place in the Nativity scene. Our reenactment of the birth of Jesus was a wonderful experience. Thanks to everyone who volunteered. I am especially grateful to Debbie Cannatella, Stage Manager; Tess Cherry, Narrator, and the wonderful voices of our choir.

There is a saying that “Charity begins at home”. The elementary children put that into action by baking and decorating cookies that were delivered to the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission on Christmas Eve. The cookies were gratefully received by the mission, which provides services for homeless people in Corpus Christi.

Here’s hoping your New Year is peaceful and prosperous.

Lauren

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COFFEE PATIO UPDATE

I am happy to announce that we have met our goal of raising \$6000 for the Coffee Patio before Christmas. Any additional donations will be used for the seating and trellis shading that must be added to the poured concrete slab. Thank you for your generosity!

--Ed Grove

WOMEN'S GROUP

Women's Group will have luncheon together January 9th, 11:30am
at Sugar Bakers on Santa Fe.

The luncheon is open to all women and is a nice time to get to know the members of the church. Please join us.

Call Jessica Latimer (563-6008) by Sunday, Jan. 8th and let her know if you will join the women for lunch, 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

Our Guest at Your Table program will wrap up on Sunday, Jan. 8th. Please make sure to turn your boxes in by then. You can either bring the coins and bills you collected or count it up and write a check to UUSC, *not the church*. There will be a collection box at the RE table in the hallway. Thanks for your support of this valuable program.

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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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:
JANUARY 21ST AT 2:30PM



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 1 st	Jim Fugate
January 1 st	Abby Rodriguez
January 5 th	Robert Garcia
January 7 th	Bob Murry
January 13 th	Milton Clasen
January 17 th	Isabella Ruiz



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

January 1 st	Gail Goo and Jim Fugate
January 24 th	Judy and Carroll Pate

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If you have an announcement for the newsletter, or would like your birthday date and/or an anniversary listed,
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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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“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.

