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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, FEBRUARY 7 REVEREND PHIL DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 POT LUCK LUNCHEON - BRING A DISH TO SHARE FOR
OUR AFTER SERVICES LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 REVEREND PHIL DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21 REVEREND PHIL DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28 GUEST SPEAKER

CHOIR SUNDAY'S

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 14, 28 WITH SUNDAY 10:00 AM PRACTICE, WITH A
PRECEDING WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM PRACTICE. NEW VOICES ALWAYS WELCOME

SAND AND FOAM

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DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

A fellow came by the office yesterday on another matter and asked me about Unitarian Universalism, a subject I like to talk about. I'm afraid I gave him more of a sermon than he really wanted. Lucky for me, he was patient. I told him that Unitarian Universalists believe that there are many paths to the holy, and that we come together to create a kind of religious common ground. Because we know we don't all believe alike, and we have come to love and appreciate that about each other, we find a way to all sit down and worship together, which is kind of miraculous to me. That way is a promise we make to each other, each to all, by way of our covenant of mutual respect and love and support.

He asked me if I thought that all religions taught the same things. And I told him that I didn't know, but what are of interest to me lately, at least, are the different things that different religious approaches teach. Islam teaches submission to the will of God. Christianity is about incarnation. Buddhism is about presence. Taoism is about transcendence. Confucianism is about relationship. Humanism is about reason. Each of these approaches to religion can be twisted into an idolatry of fundamentalism. This is a sure indicator when the tools of the approach are set up as an inviolable standard and used to reject other approaches. Then a lot of energy is used to elaborate what they don't believe and can't accept.

But there I'm preaching again.

Speaking of worshipping together, I noticed an interesting thing about our congregation by leading worship at another place. During the prayer and meditation, I announced that we would observe two minutes of silence. But about a minute into the meditative time, the pianist began to play, because being quiet for two whole minutes was a little too much. It made me appreciate the delicious silence we share every week.

Deepening.

This Sunday, February 7, and for the following four Sundays, Don Weiner will teach a class that we are calling "Spirituality for the 21st Century." It will be held in the double classroom from 9:45 until 10:45 Sunday mornings. Childcare will be provided. Don is a spectacular teacher and I hope that many of you take the opportunity to sharpen your approach to the holy and deepen our lives together.

I've said it before, but it bears repeating, I love being your minister. It's a great privilege and only a handful of people ever, have had this honor. And I love this congregation. Take good care of yourselves and see you Sunday!

LOVE, PEACE AND SWELL THOUGHTS, PHIL

RECONNECTIONS: YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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**LAUREN CANTATORE-
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GREETINGS,

As we move toward spring, our elementary children are continuing to gain an appreciation of nature and their role in it. They explored our own park-like habitat, experiencing the different textures of tree bark and clover fields. Last week they made twig weavings with forked tree branches and yarn. Since several of our activities will be taking place outdoors, please remember to have your children wear jackets and appropriate footwear.

The Pre-K group is working on a project called a "Me Ball" which they are discovering what makes them each distinctive and special. The theme of this unit, "The Unique Child" explores the UU principle of affirming and promoting the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

Last Sunday during the Story for All Ages, several children read passages from the book, "A Million Visions of Peace." Thank you all for sharing those visions with the congregation: BRANDON AYALA, GABRIEL RUIZ, WINDSOR BISSELL, ZULIE, CASEY, AND KELBY DATH.

Our RE volunteers are planning to start our own Purple Martins' colony near our meditation area. This would be a wonderful opportunity for our children to experience a very positive relationship between humans and Purple Martins, since Purple Martins actually prefer to be in the vicinity of human activity, and humans prefer that Purple Martins eat biting insects! Also, the whole congregation can hopefully enjoy the unique habits of these lively aerial acrobats. Our RE would like to thank BOB ALLEN AND MARGARET LUCERO for their donation of a Purple Martin house. If you would like to become a member of an informal "Purple Gang" and help establish the colony, please contact MICHAEL CAUSEY AT CAUSEDOG@AOL.COM.

On February 26-27, we will have an overnight Youth Lock-in for our middle and high school youth. A flyer and registration materials will be sent out next week to parents. This is a great opportunity for our tweens and teens to have fun play games and share their talents with each other.

PEACE, LAUREN

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

**FEBRUARY 7 TO MARCH 7
SPIRITUALITY FOR THE
21ST CENTURY**

**FEBRUARY 15
WOMEN'S GROUP:
MEETING PLACE TO BE
ANNOUNCED**

**MARCH 6
COFFEE HOUSE**

**MARCH 13, 8 AM TO NOON
RUMMAGE SALE**

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

CLEAN TEAMS THANKS

SHARON PURCELL AND ED GROVE would like to thank all the members of our five Clean Teams for their care and concern to keep our church looking good every Sunday. The other three team leaders are JUDY PATE, BILL RANDALL AND LAURA CANTATORE-CAUSEY, WITH THEIR TEAMS TO INCLUDE MARILYN BODRUG, DIANA MASTERS, CARROLL PATE, LOIS WRIGHTMAN, SUSAN DOUGLAS, SUSAN BOOZER, LARISA FORD, HARLEY DOERFLER, ALLISON LOGAN, CHESA YEARWOOD AND SUELLEN ABAJAIN.

They really are a bunch of sweethearts to do their job week after week and since February is Valentine's month, maybe you could give them a pat on the back for a job well done. We always can use more volunteers and alternates so if you're new to the church, here's a good way to get to know a few folks and give something back to the church. --ED GROVE

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| FEBRUARY 2 | CORINNE (CLIF) AUVINEN |
| FEBRUARY 4 | LUELLA HEWITT |
| FEBRUARY 11 | MARILYN BODRUG |
| FEBRUARY 17 | LOIS WRIGHTSMAN |
| FEBRUARY 20 | MARGARET LAWRENCE |
| FEBRUARY 20 | DEBBIE NEWPORT |
| FEBRUARY 20 | AMELIA TULLER |
| FEBRUARY 24 | KEVIN DATH |

★ ★ ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS, 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

HOSPITALITY HELP NEEDED

If you ever wonder who makes the coffee and lemonade and washes up the cups after our coffee hour, it is the Hospitality Teams! Once a month these great people volunteer to get to church a little early, make the coffee and lemonade, fold the orders of service, greet people at the door, and after the coffee hour see that the kitchen is clean. The Cookies are brought by other volunteers. It's a nice way to make friends within our church membership but also wonderful to make our many visitors feel welcome when they join us for Sunday service. Can you volunteer one Sunday a month?

TALK TO MARILYN OR CALL HER AT (361) 949-6790 OR EMAIL:
MBREMSER@STX.RR.COM

CARD OF THANKS

ROBIN CARTER would like to make sure that everyone knows how much she appreciated the cards - it is a lift to the spirits to know there are friends out there. Robin wanted to thank our church members for their cards and letters that arrived so quickly and sweetly. Robin is doing quite well thanks to many blessings.

— ROBIN CARTER

*IF YOU WALK IN FRONT OF
ME, I MAY NOT FOLLOW.
IF YOU WALK BEHIND ME, I
MAY NOT LEAD.
IF YOU WALK BESIDE ME, I
WILL BE YOUR FRIEND.
— ALBERT CAMUS*

*"LOVE DOESN'T MAKE THE
WORLD GO ROUND,
LOVE IS WHAT MAKES THE
RIDE WORTHWHILE."
— ELIZABETH BROWNING*



COFFEE HOUSE, SATURDAY MARCH 6, 2010

On March 6, we invite you to come to our 27th annual Coffee House, for a relaxing evening of music and poetry, which will be held in a candlelight setting. This will be the 27th anniversary of this ever popular event. Invite a friend or two. They will thank you for the experience.
COLIN SYKES, 853-7992



WOMEN'S GROUP, FEBRUARY 15, 6:00 PM

The Women's Group meeting will be on PRESIDENTS DAY, FEBRUARY 15, 6:00 PM, (place to be announced)

If you have a suggestion for a restaurant or would like to host the Women's Group in your Home, email DEBBIE AT KNDCCTEX@YAHOO.COM OR PHONE AT 887-7569.

U2C3 women get together once a month to dine and get to know each other better. Please join us



RUMMAGE SALE

The date is set for a fund-raising Rummage Sale on March 13, from 8 am to Noon. We will take your items starting on Sunday, March 7. Start saving your junk for the church Rummage Sale. We need IT all as long as IT is clean. We will have only 1 sale this year, so please mark your calendar to help us to make this fund-raiser a success.

CONTACT DIANA MASTERS AT MASTERS.DIANA@GMAIL.COM, OR JESSICA LATIMER AT 429PALOMA@ATT.NET WITH YOUR FABULOUS ITEMS

ANY ONE INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A UU TABLE ??

MIA FARROW, award-winning activist and actress, is coming to Corpus Christi to speak at a luncheon sponsored by the Coastal Bend Women Lawyers Association on Wednesday, March 24. She will be speaking about her work as UN Goodwill Ambassador for UNICEF and her experiences in Darfur, the Central African Republic, and Haiti, among other things. Seats are \$65 if purchased in the month of February. They are \$75 after the early-bird deadline. A table of 10 goes for \$750 if you want to be sure to sit together.

Do we have enough interest for a UU table?

FOR MORE INFO: DEBORAH SUNDERMANN, 290-9004.

SPIRITUALITY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

February 7 - March 7; 9:45 to 10:45 AM led by DON WEINER, PhD
To be held in the Double Re-Classroom

What does it mean to develop a spiritual path which is unique for each person? How can we incorporate a perception of reality not based on a dualistic vantage point? How many systems aim toward us merging with transcendent oneness, and/ or try to dissolve personal identity? How can we unfold spiritually and preserve our uniqueness, while contributing to the enfoldment of the whole? Contemporary discoveries from science show everything to be part of an interconnected reality. Life is self-organizing and continually emerging with new possibilities that cannot be understood from a cause-and-effect model of the universe. This five-week class will present ways of expanding our usual vantage point so that spirituality becomes more than a vertical relationship with a transcendent reality. As we awaken to our potentialities, we can more fully participate in the ongoing evolution of the one reality that we are each part of. Experiential tools from various sacred traditions will be integrated with findings from modern science including quantum physics, systems theory, research on subtle energy, and process ecology. Come and learn tools to help you experience and understand more deeply the spirituality of the sacred in your life.

PLANNING A U2C3 COOKBOOK

DIANA MASTERS AND MARILYN BREMSER BODRUG want to enlist the help of the entire congregation to assemble a new cookbook that is a little bit different than the ones that have been done in the past. The people making up our congregation lead interesting lives. They have traveled, moved, and arrived into our midst from many different backgrounds. Let's tell a little about ourselves while sharing a favorite recipe from your travels, your family origins, or simply the reasons behind a favorite recipe (s) in which you choose to submit. Besides being a source for interesting food, it will become a type of time capsule for who we are in 2010.

We are open to suggestions and ideas. Our basic plan is to divide it into chapters once we have all the recipes submitted. We definitely need vegetarian dishes, background of the wonderful breads that several members produce, best casseroles that appear for the potluck lunches, recipes from special dinners that members host and so on.

There is so much creativity in our midst. Let's put our story-recipes into a book!

BARBARA BRIODY has agreed to help with the typing chore.

We'd like to have it ready to sell in time for our service auction this fall so please submit copy to DIANA, MASTERS.DIANA@GMAIL.COM OR 991-2746, OR MARILYN, MBREMSER@STX.RR.COM or 949-6790 in the next couple of months. For any questions, email or call either Diana or Marilyn.

*IF YOU LIVE TO
BE A HUNDRED,
I WANT TO LIVE
TO BE A HUNDRED MINUS
ONE DAY,
SO I NEVER HAVE TO LIVE
WITHOUT YOU.
— WINNIE THE POOH*

*GREATER LOVE HAS
NO MAN THAN THIS:
THAT A MAN LAY DOWN
HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS.
— JESUS*

*ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE.
— JOHN LENNON*

CONTACTS FOR THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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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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"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.





