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*Building a welcoming and affirming religious community  
To Liberate and Cultivate the Human Spirit*

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

**ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, AT 6:30 PM**

**HARVEST MOON FESTIVAL AND SERVICE AUCTION**



Join us for a Harvest Moon Festival and Silent Auction.  
The cost is \$5.00 per person, and will include Hor' duerves, Wine,  
Beer, and Soft drinks.  
A fun evening with friends to enjoy music, a silent auction with  
spectacular shopping, hor' duerves and beverages!! See you there

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

**POTLUCK LUNCHEON AFTER SERVICES**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

**VETERAN'S DAY SERVICE**

**STEWARDSHIP DATES TO REMEMBER**

**NOVEMBER 11, 2-4 PM,  
NOVEMBER 17, 7-10 PM,  
NOVEMBER 18, 11 AM,**

**GAMES AT THE CHURCH  
DANCE AT THE CHURCH  
CELEBRATION SUNDAY AND CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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## IN THE INTERIM

### DEAR U2C3 FRIENDS,

Want to have some fun? Want to see something new and exciting? Maybe even be a part of it? Circle December 16th on your calendar!

That is the day when the work of several church groups will come together in our first effort to grow church membership through a church-wide organizational effort. The Communication Committee (dubbed CommComm) has researched commercial mailings and address data base availability for our immediate neighborhood. As time passes other existing groups, working in their area of expertise, will make coordinated contributions.

“So what’s the big deal?” you ask. “What’s so new and exciting about that?”

Well, U2C3, like most UU churches, typically operates in the present not the future and rather than coordinating areas of expertise, gathers like-minded folks together and quickly patch together a do-it-yourself event or activity.

The latter approach is made interesting and rewarding because it is creative, intense and most of all, exciting. Much of the excitement comes from responding to the myriad crises of working in the short term and making “surprises” go away.

But the present approach is also interesting, rewarding and exciting. Discussions with a specialist at the UUA led us straight away to the mailing vendor; an early estimate of cost and availability for the address data base was erroneous on both counts. Bad news. But the good news is the “surprise” was not a crisis. By working in the future we are able to anticipate rather than encounter problems. These were not “biggies,” as problems go, but there will almost surely be more as we get closer to the event. The joy, nonetheless, is in avoiding a problem rather than allowing it to change our goal or course.

Now perhaps you will be out of town on December 16th and will miss the big event. Not to worry! It is already becoming a model for other offerings that will take place this winter and early spring.

Planning the future by working today. A new direction. A new method of working together to achieve success. A new way of being Church! This promises to be an exciting and growthful year. The fun is coming your way soon. Prepare for it now!

BLESSINGS,  
DAVE

## DECEMBER 1 VIOLIN AND PIANO RECITAL INVITATION PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FINE MUSIC



ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 1, 2007 AT 7:00 PM, you are invited to hear **RUSSELL ALANIZ**, play Violin accompanied by **ALENE BURCH**, on Piano.

They will perform selections by **HANDEL, BRUCH, AND BACH**. This event will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Corpus Christi.

**TICKET COST IS \$10.00** and will be available at the door or may be purchased in advance by calling **361-882-4120**.

There will be complimentary wine, coffee, non-alcoholic drinks, and refreshments.



### BABY ANNOUNCEMENT

Baby **CHRISTINE LEE BISSELL** was born on Friday, October 19 at 11:27 a.m. and weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

She is born to her proud parents, **KIMBERLY AND PAUL BISSELL** and becomes a very welcome little sister to **WINDSOR**.

### BABY ANNOUNCEMENT



Proud parents **DEANNE AND JOHN**, and big brother **KYLE** announce the birth of **KYRA HELENE PIERCE**, born September 7, 2007, weighing in at 7 pounds, 15 ounces. Mom and baby are doing great, and hope to bring Kyra to church to meet everyone soon.

### LET'S DO LUNCH SIGN

Church members and visitors often “do lunch” after Sunday service. These gatherings are spontaneously planned. If you feel moved to get anything from a duo to a gang together, please do so! Look for the psychedelic poster in the foyer. Mark where you plan to meet, or see where others are going. On any given Sunday there may be one or two groups meeting, or not any.



## FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

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Dear Friends,

My tenure as Board President is fast coming to a close. In these last couple of weeks I have been thinking about the accomplishments that I feel the Board and I have made in these past year and a half.

My foremost goal was to assist in creating a stronger infrastructure for U2C3. I feel very proud about being involved in the creation of the Leadership Council. I think, as we grow, having that decision-making body will be crucial to the planning and coordination of efforts and projects in our church.

The second goal I had was to encourage more publicity. The accomplishment I feel proud of in that area is the creating of the Communication Committee, or as it is affectionately known, the Comm Comm. Although I was the prime mover, Jan Miller is now doing a wonderful job as President of the Comm Comm. As you may know, she is our web master and is overseeing the post card project to promote our church.

Also during my tenure, we weathered a disappointment in not acquiring a settled minister when we expected to, however, I feel very optimistic about where our church is heading and the growth we will see this coming year.

I felt supported by our congregation and hope that you have felt that I moved in the direction you too wanted.

Best wishes to Kirk Newport. I ask that the congregation be as supportive and encouraging to him as you all were to me.

Thank you,  
Pat Hudson, President

## RECONNECTIONS: YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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It may be early for Thanksgiving, but this month's column must be comprised mostly of thank-you's

Day-of-the-Dead Service has many Thank-you's for the work of the many volunteers who contributed to making our DIA DE LOS MUERTOS observances and festivities a success.

First of all, thanks to the cast of our play "THE THREE WITCHES" adapted from a story out of

HARRY POTTER:

NARRATOR: MARY PHILLIPS

ANTIOCH: ZULEMA DATH

CADMUS: TESS CHERRY

IGNOTUS: LILY PHILLIPS

DEATH: DAVID FARRINGTON

VICTIM WIZARD: SARAH WILBURN

THIEF WIZARD: CLIFTON ELLZEY

DARLING: ROB ALLEN

SON: KELBY DATH

Also, thanks to the DATH FAMILY for their role in our Day of the Dead ritual of the Ofrendas.

A tremendous thank-you also to everyone who helped with the evening celebration, truly too many names to list in the space here.

Another thank-you goes to every person who contributed to Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF and to the children who did the trick-or-treating. We collected over \$70.00!

In November we will resume regular religious education classes!

Finally, your church pals assignments will appear in the red church pals mailbox this Sunday, November 4!

— DR. SHERI PHILLABAUM — DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
AVAILABLE 7 AM -10 PM ALL WEEK AT 947-0863

## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

You all should have received a letter from the Stewardship Committee detailing the activities we have planned for our Celebration Month of November. I hope you will all set aside the time and join us for all the activities.

On November 11, we will be having a Games Afternoon at the church. We encourage everyone to bring their favorite Veteran for a couple of hours of board game fun. We are currently looking for "Game Table Sponsors." Reserve a table for your favorite board game. REVEREND FARRINGTON has already reserved a Backgammon table. Other ideas include the games Monopoly, Risk, Cribbage, Chess and Clue. Of course, there are countless others. There will be a table of games for the younger crowd with Candyland, Hungry Hippo, and other choices. Please call **NANCY CHRISTENSEN AT 850-7448 OR EMAIL AT NANCYCHRISTENSEN@SBCGLOBAL.NET** ASAP with your game reservation. We scheduled this event at 2:00 pm so there would be time for you to catch some lunch and then come back for some fun. This should be a great Intergenerational event.

On the evening of November 17, we invite you to be our guest for a Celebration Dance at the church. We will have a DJ playing dance music and GEORGE CLOWER providing the set-up for karaoke. There will be hors d'oeuvres and drinks provided. If you didn't get an RSVP postcard, please call or email NANCY by November 10 so we can provide adequate food and drink. There will be a separate party with a movie and babysitting for children through grade 6. Please RSVP if you're planning to attend and also if you need childcare by calling **NANCY AT 850-7448 OR BY EMAIL AT NANCYCHRISTENSEN@SBCGLOBAL.NET**.

On Sunday, November 18, we will be collecting your pledge card as part of the Celebration Sunday service. As this is such an important part of our church's functioning, we hope all will attend. The service will be followed by a congregational meeting to approve next year's budget. It is an important part of membership in our community for you to be a part of these events. Our yearly Stewardship campaign is a very important part of the working of our church. It's a great time to celebrate your commitment to the church and our beloved community. We hope you will join us for all the events.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

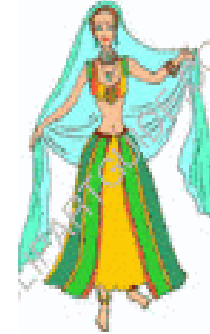
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— **NANCY CHRISTENSEN, CHAIR**

## BELLY DANCE RECITAL INVITATION



HOURGLASS BELLYDANCE will hold a Recital featuring the WOMEN OF HOURGLASS BELLYDANCE on November 9, at 7:30 pm.

On November 10, at 7:30 pm, join the BELLY DANCERS OF THE COASTAL BEND FOR A TEXAS COASTAL BEND BELLY DANCE BASH.

These family events will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Corpus Christi, TX. Doors open at 7:00pm. Serving drinks and appetizers. There will be a Fund drive during intermission to benefit Timon's Ministries and Feeding the Homeless

The Admission is Free.

Call **LORRIE PIERCE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT 361-946-4052.**

## POETRY REFLECTIONS

*In the other gardens  
And all up the vale,  
From the autumn bonfires  
See the smoke trail!*

*Pleasant summer over  
And all the summer flowers,  
The red fire blazes,  
the grey smoke towers.*

*Sing a song of seasons!  
Something bright in all,  
Flowers in the summer  
Fires in the fall!*

— **ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON, AUTUMN FIRES**

## POETRY REFLECTIONS

*This is the treacherous month when autumn days  
With summer's voice come bearing summer's gifts.  
Beguiled, the pale down-trodden aster lifts  
Her head and blooms again. The soft, warm haze  
Makes moist once more the sere and dusty ways,  
And, creeping through where dead leaves lie in drifts,  
The violet returns. Snow noiseless sifts  
Ere night, an icy shroud, which morning's rays  
Willidly shine upon and slowly melt,  
Too late to bid the violet live again.  
The treachery, at last, too late, is plain;  
Bare are the places where the sweet flowers dwelt.  
What joy sufficient hath November felt?  
What profit from the violet's day of pain?*

— HELEN HUNT JACKSON, AUTUMN SONNET

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



NOVEMBER 8  
NOVEMBER 10  
NOVEMBER 13  
NOVEMBER 14  
NOVEMBER 17  
NOVEMBER 19  
NOVEMBER 26  
NOVEMBER 29  
NOVEMBER 29

DORA WILBURN  
SKIP DOUDEN  
JESSICA RUIZ  
MIKAELA MURRY  
JESSICA LATIMER  
KIMBERLY BISSELL  
ROBERT MURRY  
WINDSOR BISSELL  
MAX PIERCE