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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 AND NURSERY**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10 HUMANIST ENRICHMENT GROUP 7:00 - 8:30 PM**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING 7:00 PM**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 HEALTH NOW PRESENTATION**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 KIRK NEWPORT**  
**THE NATURAL ORDER OF THINGS TODAY - MONEY**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17 WOMEN'S GROUP AT JESSICA LATIMER'S HOME**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER SERVICES**

**"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.*

**TRY NOT TO BECOME A MAN OF SUCCESS BUT A MAN OF VALUE**  
**— ALBERT EINSTEIN**

## SAND AND FOAM

BELOVED COMMUNITY OF MEMORY AND HOPE,

I write this morning with news of the PRESIDENT-ELECT, BARAK OBAMA, resounding from television to radio to newspaper, and all across the internet. My ardent hope for the election was that it would put an end to the culture wars. But, funny thing happened on the way to the peace summit. I found it very hard to lay down my weapons.

I have a spiritual practice when I work out every morning. I have been trying to lose weight by working out at the little exercise facility at the apartment complex where Susan and I live. (It hasn't worked so far.) And, while exercising, I use a line from a hymn as a kind of mantra. Ordinarily, I repeat a phrase from the last verse of "Though I May Speak With Bravest Fire." "Come, Spirit, Come," I say over and over to myself as I climb the stairmaster.

But this morning, I needed to recite to myself the words to a hymn we will sing on Sunday, "Gonna Lay Down My Sword and Shield." Ain't gonna study war no more. I really needed to concentrate on that this morning, because I had been fighting the culture wars myself, it seems, for a dozen years or more. And this morning I realized I wasn't ready to quit. I needed to let go of my anger, bitterness, sarcasm, and invective. And lay it down by the riverside.

In our hymnal there is a reading by LAO-TSE, IF THERE IS TO BE PEACE:

If there is to be peace in the world, there must be peace in the nations.

If there is to be peace in the nations, there must be peace in the cities.

If there is to be peace in the cities, there must be peace between neighbors.

If there is to be peace between neighbors, there must be peace in the home.

If there is to be peace in the home, there must be peace in the heart.

Peace to you all this good day, and may it begin in each of your hearts.

**LOVE AND WARM THOUGHTS, PHIL**

## U2C3 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 23

Our biannual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 23 @ 12:15 PM. Items on the agenda include the following:

1. Presentation of the 2009 Budget
2. Vote to adopt the 2009 Budget
3. Vote to appoint new Board Members
4. Vote to adopt Bylaws revisions

Please plan to attend church this Sunday, as these items require a quorum for passage.

— **MARGARET LAWRENCE, BOARD SECRETARY**

### CONTACTS FOR THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF CORPUS CHRISTI

**MINISTER** 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.

**CHURCH WEBSITE** [HTTP://WWW.UUCORPUS.ORG/](http://www.uucorpus.org/)

**CHURCH PHONE** **986-8855**

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**SOCIAL ACTION COMMUNITY- OUTREACH** COLIN SYKES

### **FOOD HANDLER'S TRAINING AT THE CHURCH**

There will be an opportunity in November to become a qualified Food Handler in the comfort of your own Church. This has been made possible by the generous offer of CARROLL PATE to hold a training session at a time and date to be determined when CARROLL returns from a "low dive" in Fiji, where he is currently vacationing on a SCUBA adventure.

By becoming a Food Handler you will qualify to join one of the four happy bands of "Chefs Extraordinaire" who for one day each month are artists of the kitchen at Timon's Ministry in Flour Bluff, We meet there each Saturday to feed the homeless and the working poor.

Please register your interest in this opportunity with COLIN SYKES 853-7992, and he will make the connection for you with Carroll.

P.S. This is a Social Action and Community Outreach project, and incidentally, Carroll is aware that Colin is volunteering his services while he is out of the country!

— COLIN SYKES, CHAIR SACO

### **WOMEN'S GROUP**

Women's Group will meet this month on **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 7:00 PM IN THE HOME OF JESSICA LATIMER AT 429 PALOMA**. Please bring a dish to share, with the meat dish being provided. Please contact **JESSICA LATIMER AT 993-6013** to let her know you are coming. The Women's Group is an informal gathering once a month to share and to get to know each other better. Please carpool!

### **DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS INFORMATION**

Want to know more about our denomination? There's info on the church web site, but you can easily look further, by using the links to the South-west District: [SWUUC.ORG](http://SWUUC.ORG) and the continental organization: [UUA.ORG](http://UUA.ORG). There's an interesting history of the district on the SWUUC web site, along with a calendar of coming events and more. Every pledging member of the church should be receiving the denominational magazine, The World, but are you aware that there's also updated news and articles on the Web? Check out [UUWORLD.ORG](http://UUWORLD.ORG) to see what's new.

— **B.R. BRIODY, DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN THE BEAUTY OF THEIR DREAMS.**

— **ELEANOR ROOSEVELT**

### **FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT**

**DEAR UU CHURCH FRIENDS,**

I'm not recommending that you watch it, but I remember an old Murphy Brown TV sitcom episode where two teams were thrust into a "lifeboat" scenario where difficult decisions forced members to act creatively or perish. It was the Canadians versus the newsroom crew. The joke was that for the Murphy Brown crew, each time a decision had to be made, someone got "sacrificed for the greater good." Eventually, the team of 6 ended up as a sole survivor.

This came to mind because our church seems to be much more like the Canadians. It's impressive how much work can be accomplished when everyone pulls together. I would like to thank the following groups and individuals for keeping things afloat.

- \* The Canvass Committee for a successful drive, especially under the current economic conditions. We were able to exceed last year's totals!
- \* HATCHER CHALKLEY AND JOE PIERCE for a terrific job repairing and re-installing the AV projector after it was damaged by water condensation.
- \* The Nomination and Engagement Committee headed by ELLEN MURRY for their recent work to identify new interest groups and recruit new committee members.
- \* ROB ALLEN for coming out with his own riding lawnmower after the loss of "Big Red."
- \* The revived Worship Committee is planning Sunday services months in advance.
- \* The Bylaws Committee reconvened for an additional look at the Bylaws.

I'm probably forgetting someone, but a lot of people have really pulled together to get a lot of work done. It seems like there's always something that needs to get done, but it's not much of a challenge when the entire congregation takes it on.

It's great to be a part of the U2C3!

**KIRK NEWPORT, BOARD PRESIDENT**

## RECONNECTIONS: YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### GREETINGS!

Our Religious Education program continues to evolve, with new faces showing up almost every week. I'm also pleased to announce that CHRISTY STOCKMAN AND STEPHANIE RUIZ have joined our volunteer group of teachers! CHRISTY will be teaching the 5-9 year olds and STEPHANIE will work with the Preschoolers. We only need one more teacher to complete our staff. Please consider this worthwhile endeavor.

The children and teens continue to explore our Tapestry of Faith curriculum. The younger kids are focusing on making value-based choices with such activities as stories, games and projects. The teens are discovering how to photograph and interview subjects, and are mapping their own family genealogy charts.

Our intergenerational service for EL DIA DE LOS MUERTOS began with the children singing "LA CALABERA" LED BY MARLET DATH. The service was a wonderful cultural experience filled with laughter and tears.

The holiday season is fast approaching! We have several special events and services planned in the upcoming weeks. Information will be posted on the U2C3 Calendar.

PEACE,  
LAUREN

### HEALTHCARE-NOW, NOVEMBER 12, 6:30 PM

A presentation and Forum on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at the Church from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Please support and attend your local chapter of a Coastal Bend Coalition to promote a single payer health care solution to our national health care problems. A panel of three local Physicians will discuss health care reform. Please support this independent effort by individual church members and become informed on the problems and possibilities presented by this important social concern.

COLIN SYKES, CHAIR SOCIAL ACTION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE, 853-7992



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS			
NOVEMBER 10	SKIP DOUDEN	NOVEMBER 13	JESSICA RUIZ
NOVEMBER 14	MIKAELA MURRY	NOVEMBER 17	JESSICA LATIMER
NOVEMBER 19	KIMBERLY BISSELL	NOVEMBER 26	ROBERT MURRY
NOVEMBER 29	WINDSOR BISSELL	NOVEMBER 29	MAX PIERCE

### ☆☆☆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**

**THE RUMMAGE TEAM OF BOOKOUT, EVANS, LATIMER** would like to thank everyone who helped our fund raiser in October. We were tired after the event, but made some new friends, and sang our way through the week, listening to a fifties-style record player and radio that had been donated. Our efforts raised almost \$3000 for the church. We still have a very nice desk that is for sale one more week. It goes to anyone offering more than \$75. **PLEASE BRING AN OFFER TO JESSICA LATIMER 993-6013!!!!** One suggestion was that we keep it for the administrator that our church so desperately needs. It was a nice thought, but the desk needs a home immediately.

### FINAL TALLY ON T-SHIRT AND JEWELRY FUND RAISERS

Thanks to everyone for their interest in the T-Shirts and Chalice Jewelry! The final results are in. We raised \$636.00 through the t-shirts. We also raised \$255.00 through the jewelry. We have only one silver chalice pendant charm and one shell-and-flame tie tac that will go back into the safe until someone expresses an interest. — **D R SUNDERMANN**

### THE BAND IS LOOKING FOR MUSICIANS

If you would like to join our church band, they are looking for musicians who'd like to perform with them. Please contact **JOE BY EMAIL AT JPIERCE@STX.RR.COM OR PHONE AT 361-985-9980, OR KEVIN BY EMAIL AT MAKEZUCAKE@GRANDECOM.NET OR PHONE AT 334-6970.**

### THANKSGIVING DINNER ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 ANYONE?

You may already have plans for Thursday, the "official" Thanksgiving Day, but how about extending the feasting season and joining together at the church on the previous Sunday, November 23, evening? We've had co-operative dinners in the past on the Day, but as folks made other plans attendance shrunk. Let's see what interest there is to have an earlier gathering; look for the sign-up sheet the next two Sundays, or e-mail **MSBRIODY@GMAIL.COM** to indicate your interest. Besides food, we'll need to have set-up and clean-up crews, so if you can't bring eats, you can still share the load, and we'll share our thankfulness.