



Sounds of the Sea



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BUILDING A WELCOMING AND AFFIRMING RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY

TO LIBERATE AND CULTIVATE THE HUMAN SPIRIT

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11:00 AM ONE SERVICE

SUNDAY MORNING 11:00 AM CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND NURSERY

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS

"TRANSFORMATION"

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18 REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS

"MLK DAY, WHAT DO I KNOW?"

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 GUEST SPEAKER, MIKE REED

"HUMOR SERVICE"

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 7:30 PM—10:30 PM COFFEE HOUSE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER SUNDAY 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.

**SAND AND
FOAM**

BELoved COMMUNITY OF MEMORY AND HOPE,

I HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT SENDING A LETTER TO THE REVEREND RICK WARREN, WHO PRESIDENT ELECT BARACK OBAMA SELECTED TO PRESENT THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AT THE INAUGURATION. HERE IS WHAT I WOULD SAY TO HIM:

DEAR REVEREND WARREN,

I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE CONSTERNATION AMONG RELIGIOUS LIBERALS ABOUT PRESIDENT ELECT OBAMA'S SELECTION OF YOU TO LEAD THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AT THE INAUGURATION. I AM A RELIGIOUS LIBERAL, AND I PASTOR A CHURCH FULL OF RELIGIOUS LIBERALS, AND I MUST SAY THAT I WAS JARRED AND ALARMED BY THE NEWS. WITH YOUR CHURCH'S STANDS AGAINST HOMOSEXUALITY, STEM-CELL RESEARCH, AND A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE A SAFE, LEGAL ABORTION, I WONDER, IS THE PRESIDENT ELECT REACHING OUT TO YOU, OR IS HE ASKING YOU TO REACH OUT TO PEOPLE WITH WHOM YOU WOULD DISAGREE ON THESE AND OTHER ISSUES?

WE HAVE QUITE A THEOLOGICAL VARIETY AT OUR CHURCH. BUT WE FIND A WAY TO PRAY TOGETHER. IT SORT OF AMAZES ME, SOME SUNDAYS, THAT THEISTS, AGNOSTICS, AND ATHEISTS CAN WORSHIP AND PRAY TOGETHER, AND WHEN I ASK THE WHOLE CHURCH TO SAY "AMEN," WE DO.

SO I WOULD ASK THAT WHEN YOU PRAY THE INVOCATION ON THE TWENTIETH, THAT YOU PRAY NOT JUST FOR THE EVANGELICALS, NOR JUST FOR THE CHRISTIANS, NOR EVEN YET JUST FOR THE AMERICANS. BECAUSE, MORE THAN EVER, THE WHOLE WORLD HAS A STAKE IN WHAT WE AS A PEOPLE DO THROUGH OUR GOVERNMENT.

I HOPE THAT YOU HAVE NOT BEEN HURT BY THE WORDS THAT HAVE BEEN SAID ABOUT AND TO YOU. AND I HOPE THAT THE CHURCH YOU SERVE YIELDS RICH BLESSINGS WHEREVER THE SPIRIT DIRECTS ITS MISSION.

WARM REGARDS,

**REVEREND PHIL DOUGLAS, PASTOR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF CORPUS CHRISTI,
TEXAS**

WELL, THAT'S MY HOPE. I HOPE THAT THE PRAYER ON THE TWENTIETH IS A PRAYER FOR THE WHOLE WORLD.

KEEP YOURSELVES WELL AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

PHIL

RECONNECTIONS: YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

GREETINGS!

DECEMBER was filled with a flurry of activities for the RE program.

OUR LAS POSADAS PAGEANT was a wonderful example of the teamwork and talent of our congregation. Thanks to the youth, ROB ALLEN, ZULIE, CASEY AND KELBY DATH, AND GABRIEL RUIZ, who took their roles very seriously. We also thank the Adult READERS, MARLET DATH, KIRK NEWPORT AND MIA HALL. I also appreciate the assistance of our wonderful pianist, LORRIE PIERCE, and the carpenters who built our stable, JOE PIERCE AND MICHAEL CAUSEY.

Everyone's generous contributions for the CHRISTMAS STORE allowed us to raise \$77 to add to the toys and games collected for the ARK ASSESSMENT CENTER AND EMERGENCY SHELTER. SISTER MILAGRAS, head of the center, was most appreciative of our kindness.

We started off the New Year with a party, where the children worked diligently on making "I resolve" magnet cards to remind them of their goals. We solemnly toasted in the New Year with sparkling cider.

Our newly formed RE committee met recently and are reviewing program's mission and goals. Members include JIM FUGATE, MARGARET LAWRENCE AND WAYMAN TOOLES. I look forward to working with this dedicated group.

PEACE,

LAUREN

FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

DEAR UU CHURCH FRIENDS,

Out with the old and in with the new. Ready or not, welcome 2009! When I was a boy, it was almost difficult to write the new number on my school work. How could something as big as a year turn into something different? Unfortunately, now that I'm older, the new numbers come and go much too easily.

I'm not sure how to characterize the past year. The Stock Market tanked, the world economy is in recession (hopefully no worse) and we elected a first "non-traditional" President of the United States. It's been quite a year!

I'm optimistic about 2009 for the U2C3! There will be challenges to be sure. There's always the nuts-and-bolts work that needs to get done, money to be raised and spirits to be tended. But we seem to be pretty resilient and we just about always get it done!

This is a great year for just about anything we put our hearts and minds to.

Welcome 2009!

KIRK NEWPORT, BOARD PRESIDENT

COFFEE HOUSE JANUARY 24



On Saturday, January 24, 2009 from 7:30 pm – 10:30 pm, the longest running Coffee House in Corpus Christi will open the doors of the church, to the 26th year of operation. The admission will be \$5.00. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Fund-raiser accounts of the church..

It will be a Gala event with traditional mix of poetry, Jazz, Folk and Classical music in a candlelight setting. There will be home-baked refreshments, ice and set ups for purchase and you are invited to add the beverage of your choice.

KEVIN DATH, JOE PIERCE AND COLIN SYKES are planning to add dance and a short film to the traditional mix for you and your friends to enjoy. The Master of Ceremonies will be Kirk Newport.

With mention to the invitation of friends, it is because in times past, many of our first time guests at the old Horne Road location returned on Sunday, stayed and became valued members and leaders of our church.

The Coffee House can be, and should be, a friendly outreach opportunity.

— COLIN SYKES 853-7992

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 8

There will be a Congregational Meeting on February 8. The only item on the agenda will be the Bylaws Revision that we attempted last November, but failed to adopt due to the lack of a necessary two-thirds quorum.

The Bylaws Revision will be posted on the church website, www.uucorpus.org. All changes from the current Bylaws are written in red lettering.

In an effort to move the business of the church along, we're going to try a different meeting format that has been used successfully in other UU churches. During the announcement period of that Sunday's church service, we will call the Congregational Meeting to Order. The Secretary will determine if a quorum is present. If so, we will recess the meeting until after the service. After the service, we will reconvene the meeting and proceed with the remainder of the business.

This is something of an experiment for us, but it has worked well in other congregations in the UUA Southwest District. We thought this would be a good opportunity to try it as well.

If you have any questions, please contact Kirk at KNDCCTEX@YAHOO.COM or 887-7569

KIRK NEWPORT, BOARD PRESIDENT



MOVIE AFFINITY GROUP

There will be an organizational meeting right after church next Sunday, January 11. There have been a number of people who are interested in forming a Movie Affinity Group, which is a fairly large.

Begin thinking about the configuration of the group. Do we want to meet at the church for a movie, meet and go to movies, or have smaller groups which meet for movies at homes? Perhaps we want a combination of these ideas and others that may be of interest.

Come meet and bring your ideas so we can get started. --- JUDY PATE

THE BRIGHT NEW YEAR

This bright New Year is given me, to live each day with zest . . . To daily grow and try to be my highest and my best! I have the opportunity, once more to right some wrongs, to pray for peace, to plant a tree, and to sing more joyful songs!

WILLIAM ARTHUR WARD

FOOD BASKETS FOR THE RAINBOW ROOM

Thanks to the many people who brought food items to the church on December 21, we were able to fill three overflowing baskets.

REVEREND PHIL, SUSAN DOUGLAS AND MARILYN BODRUG delivered them to TANGIE BENSON who is the Rainbow Room coordinator. The Rainbow Room helps caseworkers of the Children's Protective Services by maintaining an inventory of new clothing and other essential items for children who are taken into custody but don't yet have a foster or relative placement. Working with the many caseworkers, TANGIE always knows the desperate straits of many family situations. At holiday time she welcomes gift cards and food baskets. When we arrived on the December 22, one of the caseworkers was waiting for our arrival and whisked the baskets off to three different families. We also had three HEB gift cards to present and TANGIE immediately knew who could use those as well.

Thanks for helping to make someone else's Christmas a happy one!



WOMEN'S GROUP CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

The Women's group would like to thank all of the people who baked for the Christmas Sale. There were a great variety of items, and we all know that the cooks of U2C3 are fabulous! We would also like to send Thanks to all of you who bought the items. Our church was able to send a check to Loaves and Fishes for \$130. The bake sale was fun, and furious, and the total amount made by the sale was around \$340.

A warm thanks to BRANDI BROWN who headed up the sale.

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 7:00 PM WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING

The Women's Group will meet Monday, January 19, 7:00 pm. The location will be announced at a later time during announcements at Sunday Services. If you have a suggestion for where we could meet, let **JESSICA LATIMER KNOW AT 993-6013**



FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY

For some of us, the beauty and power of nature are part of our religion. In order to arrange that there is something of nature on the altar table each Sunday, there will be a chart hanging in the kitchen. Please sign up for a Sunday Flowers.

To place an announcement in Order of Service of special occasions, email **BARBARA BRIODY AT MSBRIODY@GMAIL.COM**



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| JANUARY 1 | JIM FUGATE | JANUARY 7 | BOB MURRY |
| JANUARY 10 | HAZEL CHENEY | JANUARY 13 | MILTON CLASEN |
| JANUARY 17 | ISABELLA RUIZ | | |



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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| JANUARY 1 | GAIL GOO AND JIM FUGATE |
| JANUARY 24 | JUDY AND CARROLL PATE |

CONDENSED CALENDAR REMINDERS FROM CHURCH WEBSITE

[JAN 10](#) SAT 9:00 AM FOOD HANDLER'S TRAINING
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT CARROLL PATE. NOTE: START TIME IS TENTATIVE.

[JAN 11](#) SUN 11:00A -12:00P M SUNDAY SERVICE REV. PHIL DOUGLAS

[JAN 12](#) MON 7:00P M-8:30P M HUMANIST ENRICHMENT GROUP
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT MIKE REED AT 659-9527

[JAN 18](#) SUN 11:00AM -12:00P M SUNDAY SERVICE REV. PHIL DOUGLAS

[JAN 19](#) MON 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY LED BY REV. PHIL DOUGLAS

[JAN 19](#) MON 7:00 PM WOMEN'S GROUP LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

[JAN 23](#) FRI 6:30PM REHEARSAL FOR COFFEE HOUSE

[JAN 24](#) SAT 7:30PM -10:30P M 26TH ANNUAL COFFEE HOUSE
FUNDRAISER FOR THE CHURCH. MUSIC BY UNIHORNE JAZZ QUARTET, UU BAND, AND OTHER
MUSICIANS AND POETS. ADMISSION \$5, BYOB, SNACKS AND SET-UPS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

[JAN 25](#) SUN 11:00A -12:00P UU HUMOR SERVICE, WITH GUEST SPEAKER, MIKE REED

[JAN 26](#) MON 7:00PM -8:30PM HUMANIST ENRICHMENT GROUP

CONTACTS FOR THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF CORPUS CHRISTI

PASTOR 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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MEMBER JERRY JONES MEMBER QUENTIN MASTERS MEMBER CARROLL PATE

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GROUNDS KIP FOSS LAY MINISTRY AGNES MAIER

ENDOWMENT SKIP DOUDEN, JOHN KENNEDY, ED GROVE

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE (MEMBERSHIP) JESSICA LATIMER

SOCIAL ACTION COMMUNITY- OUTREACH COLIN SYKES

FIRST SUNDAY LUNCHEONS POSITION OPEN HOSPITALITY POSITION OPEN