



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, FEBRUARY 8 REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 10:-10:45 AM ADULT EDUCATION SERIES, "OUR UU STORY"

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 KIRK NEWPORT, GUEST SPEAKER "DARWIN"

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 10:-10:45 AM ADULT EDUCATION SERIES, "OUR UU STORY"

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22 REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING BEFORE / 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 write today from Boston, where I am attending the First Year Minister's Seminar put on by the UUA. Our talk here has been of spiritual gifts and our spiritual centers. I am finding, over and over, that the spiritual gift I keep on receiving from the U2C3 congregation is that of being accepted for just who I am. That there's enough and I'm enough, more than enough, in fact, plenty. I feel there, that there is plenty of time, plenty of space, plenty of lunch, and plenty of love. My hope is that the U2C3 congregation as a whole keeps on experiencing that as well, and also each of you as individuals.

I will be back in Corpus Christi by the time you read this. Take care of yourselves!

LOVE AND PEACE AND SWELL THOUGHTS,

PHIL

RECONNECTIONS: YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

GREETINGS!

Our new year has gotten off to a great start, with the children and youth focusing again on our Tapestry of Faith program. The preschoolers learned about gifts of welcoming and helping others. Our elementary group is continuing the Gems of Goodness project, in which they share their acts of goodness accomplished during the week with the others. They have recently worked on the concepts of generosity and balance. The middle schoolers recently learned about the Universalist movement. They also are exploring social justice through PETE SEEGER'S music and visited with our Social Action chair, COLIN SYKES. COLIN discussed our congregation's involvement in community service. The teens are working on a service project of making leather bookmarks for the hymnals. They are enjoying the hands-on opportunity to create a unique art work for each hymnal, and to symbolize their feelings of spirituality.

Our Religious Education Committee has added two members, JUDY PATE AND VINCE MUSCARELLO. We welcome their commitment to our program. The committee will be evaluating possible curricula for our next school year. We will also be looking for volunteer teachers for the fall; please consider this wonderful opportunity to expand our youths' experience.

PEACE,

LAUREN

FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

DEAR UU CHURCH FRIENDS,

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 8

There will be a Special Congregational Meeting on February 8, during and immediately after the service. The only item on the agenda is the adoption of last year's Bylaws revisions. As some of you will remember, there was an insufficient two-thirds quorum at the November Meeting, so this will be a second attempt to move this issue along.

The proposed Bylaws Revisions can be read through a link on the homepage of the church website at [HTTP://WWW.UUCORPUS.ORG](http://www.uucorpus.org). Any changes, additions or deletions are written in red lettering.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, we're going to try a new format for this meeting. The Congregational Meeting will be called to order during the announcement period of the church service. The Board Secretary will have determined and will announce if a quorum is present. If so, the meeting will be recessed until after the service, at which time we'll continue with the process. If not, the Congregational Meeting will be adjourned.

If you need an Absentee Ballot, I can get one to you, but Absentee votes cannot be used to establish a quorum.

This is a new way of approaching a Congregational Meeting, but it's been used successfully in other UU churches within the Southwest District and is consistent with Robert's Rules of Order.

Please contact me if you have any questions, **KIRK NEWPORT, BOARD PRESIDENT**

CONDENSED CALENDAR REMINDERS FROM CHURCH WEBSITE

FEB 8 SUN 10:00 – 10:45 AM ADULT EDUCATION FIVE-WEEK SERIES “OUR UU STORY” USING MATERIAL PUBLISHED BY THE UUA CONTACT THE FACILITATOR, MIKE REED AT 857-8631

FEB 8 SUN 11:00 AM -12:00 PM SUNDAY SERVICE WITH REVEREND PHIL DOUGLAS

FEB 8 SUN CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON BYLAWS REVISION

FEB 9 MON 7:00 PM HUMANIST GROUP MEETING

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT MIKE REED AT 857-8631 OR MREED127@STX.RR.COM

FEB 10 TUE 7:00 PM BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AT THE CHURCH

FEB 15 SUN 10:00 – 10: 45 AM ADULT EDUCATION FIVE-WEEK SERIES “OUR UU STORY” USING MATERIAL PUBLISHED BY THE UUA CONTACT THE FACILITATOR, MIKE REED AT 857-8631

FEB 15 SUN 11:00A -12:00P SUNDAY SERVICE WITH GUEST SPEAKER KIRK NEWPORT

FEB 16 MON 7:00 PM WOMEN’S GROUP

THIS WILL BE AT NANCY CARLTON’S COMMUNITY ROOM IN THE CLIFF HOUSE RSVP 884-7077.

FEB 16 MON 7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY WITH REVEREND DOUGLAS

FEB 22 SUN 10:00 – 10: 45 AM ADULT EDUCATION FIVE-WEEK SERIES “OUR UU STORY” USING MATERIAL PUBLISHED BY THE UUA CONTACT THE FACILITATOR, MIKE REED AT 857-8631

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REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS INSTALLATION PLANNING

Installation planning is underway. Our church will formally install the REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS as our minister on the last Sunday of March. If you have suggestions of former members of the congregation who might like to be invited, please forward their name(s), with address, to BARBARA BRIODY, MSBRIODY@GMAIL.COM as soon as possible. We will need hosts for lodging out-of-town ministerial participants and other invitees. We also would like help with the reception of setting up and cleaning up after the reception. If you can help with the reception email Diana Masters, DMASTERS.DIANA@GMAIL.COM. If you can help with lodging email MARILYN BREMSER-BODGUG, MBREMSER@STX.RR.COM. This event will involve the entire congregation, so mark your calendar and plan to be there, March 29, 5:00 pm. It may wind up being close to standing room only, but this is an important milestone.

MEMBERSHIP CONGREGATIONAL LIFE CLASS FEBRUARY 28

The Membership Committee along with REVEREND DOUGLAS would like to have a Congregational Life class on February 28, 10:00 am at the church. This class is for anyone who is seeking membership in the church, or if you would like more information about our church or denomination this is the class for you. Please call MARILYN BREMSER-BODRUG at 949-6790 to let her know you will attend.



CRAFTERS AFFINITY GROUP

The next meeting of the Crafters Affinity Group will be Saturday, February 7th at 2:00 p.m, in the home of MARGARET LUCERO, LOCATED AT 8002 CORINTH DRIVE. If you have questions please call MARGARET at 814-0523.

Please bring a snack to share and your materials

Margaret will provide beginning knitting lessons for those that would like to learn. If you don't want to knit bring whatever you are currently making. Last time we had beading, quilting, drawing, cross-stitch, and knitting!

Beginning knitters should bring one skein of worsted yarn, flat light or bright colors rather than mixed colors are easier to see, and one set of high quality size 8 or 9 knitting needles, straight or circular. We will work on small squares which can be joined to make a pillow or scarf.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 7:00 PM WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING

Women's Group will meet at NANCY CARLTON'S Community Room of the Cliff House, located at 715 S. Upper Broadway. We will have a greeter at the front door, so plan to arrive between 6:30 and 7:00 pm, as it's a secured entrance. All women are invited to bring a dish to share for a Pot Luck Dinner. Join us on Presidents Day, February 16, and share a poem, story or memory you may have about any president, living or not! If you are new to the church, this is a fun way to get to know more of the women of U2C3. BE SURE TO RSVP NANCY CARLTON AT 884-7077.

NEWSFLASH CIRCLE 6 SUPPER

Circle 6 Suppers will be coming to a home near you on March 21. Details will be forth coming. Please be sure to Mark March 21 on your calendars now.



MOVIE AFFINITY GROUP

Friday, February 20, at 7:00 p.m. there will be a gathering at JUDY AND CARROLL PATE'S home, located at 4240 Clear Fork Drive, to organize a Movie at Homes affinity group. We will not see a movie that night but decide how often to meet, what kinds of movies, which homes are available, and any other ideas the group offers. THE PATES will have sandwich makings and drinks. Please bring chips, cookies, or your favorite snack. There may be a need for some interested parties to ride with someone. Please RSVP to JUDY PATE at 368-9312, if attending and/or if you are willing share a ride with someone. In addition, there has been interest in having movies shown at the church. If you are interested and willing to organize such a group, an announcement at church or a newsletter article might get things started.



RUMMAGE SALE! BAKE SALE! PLANT SALE!

March 7 is the date for our next sale. Put aside the stuff you are now cleaning out; start a seedling; and / or plan to bake some goodies. We would also like you to think about planning to help either on the day of our sale, or during the week before the sale. We all have fun and it's a Fundraiser at the same time. You may start bringing items for the sale to the church on Sunday, March 1, from 12-4, then during the week from 9:00 to 1:00.

U2C3 FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Do you have any ideas for fundraising? Get in touch with any of these four people who will help you make it happen.

SUELLEN ABAJIAN, SUELLEN@MAIL.AKA.NET

MARILYN BREMSER-BODRUG, MBREMSER@STX.RR.COM

JESSICA LATIMER, 429PALOMA@ATT.NET

DIANA MASTERS, MASTERS.DIANA@GMAIL.COM

THANK YOU NOTE TO CONGREGATION

Thanks to the generosity of the contributions at First Sunday Luncheon, we truly gave a LOVE offering to the Food Bank of Corpus Christi. \$350 in donations was given on Sunday. Thanks! Also, if you would like to suggest another organization for our donations to go to, please contact MARGARET LUCERO, as our church is open to giving around the Coastal Bend.



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



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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	TOM BOOKOUT
FEBRUARY 24	KEVIN DATH		

If you would like to include your birthday and anniversary dates in the Newsletter, please email DEBBIE NEWPORT, KNDCCTEX@YAHOO.COM with your name, month and day or call at 887-7569.

POETRY REFLECTIONS

IN MEMORY OF A HAPPY DAY IN FEBRUARY

*Was it the smile of early spring
that made my bosom glow?
'Twas sweet, but neither sun nor wind
could raise my spirit so.*

*Was it some feeling of delight,
all vague and undefined?
No, 'twas a rapture deep and strong,
Expanding in the mind!*

ANNE BRONTE

POETRY REFLECTIONS

A VALENTINE

*Frost flowers on the window glass,
Hopping chickadees that pass,
Bare old elms that bend and sway,
Pussy willows soft and gray.
Silver clouds across the sky,
Lacy snow flakes flitting by,
Icicles like fringe in line
That is outdoors' Valentine.*

