



Sounds of the Sea



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**BUILDING A WELCOMING AND AFFIRMING RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY
TO LIBERATE AND CULTIVATE THE HUMAN SPIRIT**

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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

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS AT 2:00 AM
TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR REMINDER**

SUNDAY, MARCH 8 REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 15 REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 GUEST SPEAKER

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 5:00 PM INSTALLATION OF REVEREND DOUGLAS

"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

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

It seems that I have three things to talk about this month. First of all, we come to that time in our annual liturgy when the focus of our worship is on the second principle of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Most everybody is familiar with the first principle: We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, do affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person. From that beginning, the next principle moves to the way we treat each other—justice, equity, and compassion in human relations. So, this month, our worship will explore, in readings, hymns, stories, music, preaching, and praying, the historical and theological ways we have arrived here, and what makes sense to us as a people of faith. This past Sunday, our worship centered on the importance of reaching out in friendship. For the next few Sundays, our worship will consider justice, equity, and compassion.

This brings me to my second subject here: the Service of Installation on March 29. A service of installation formally marks the important relationship that we have struck between you, the congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Corpus Christi, and me as your called minister. This is a special relationship. The Unitarian Universalist Association requires a minister to go through an intense period of discernment and preparation before becoming a minister in our movement, and wisely so. The Association also requires a congregation to go through an arduous process of self-reflection and preparation before calling a minister. That we have all arrived here is a cause for a ceremony that both marks the importance of our covenant and celebrates the realization that all our hard work is beginning to bear fruit. So! I hope that you all will plan on attending on the evening of Sunday, March 29. I have asked treasured mentors and dear friends who have guided me in my growth as a minister to help lead the worship service. The Committee on Ministries is doing an amazing job of planning and coordinating everything. It will be a wonderful evening of worship and celebration.

Oh, and the third thing. I was asked to pray the prayer of invocation at the city council meeting last Tuesday, February 24. It was a good opportunity for me to be a public witness as a part of our religious movement. Here is the prayer I wrote for that occasion:

God that we know by many names, Or no name, by silence only, Mystery beyond all our naming, As we assemble on this common ground, We know we come each from our own churches; We speak the languages of many faith traditions, Where our prayers invoke familiar names for you. But here, in our fragile governing, We also share a faith, a faith that we can incarnate ordinary, practical good, not only for the mighty, but also for the least, not for tribe or clan or cult or party, but for all of us together. Spirit, help us to speak a language worthy of our common ground; Give us ears to hear each other; Give us leaders who have faith in this brave endeavor. Temper the powerful with reason, and make our reason gentle with compassion, that all may be served with equity; and may we always be open to your grace. Amen.

See you in church! If you need me, I'm available.

LOVE AND PEACE AND SWELL THOUGHTS, PHIL

RECONNECTIONS: YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

GREETINGS!

Spring is just around the corner and with it we are already looking forward to summer. Our children will become "UU World Travelers" by starting in June with a "Bon Voyage" party. Each child will receive a passport in which they can record the places they have "visited." They will tour a different country each week with their special tour guides, learning about the culture, foods, crafts, and more. If you are willing to share your interest in a specific country with our youth, please let me know.

The teen class is making leather bookmarks for the hymnals, and learning about famous UUs. They recently enjoyed a Sunday evening where they worked on their projects and had pizza. Thanks to MICHAEL CAUSEY, MARGARET LUCERO AND VINCE MUSCARELLO for making the event a success!

This month we are inviting volunteers to join us for the fall Youth Program! **NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY!** Training, lesson plans and support will all be provided for you. The only requirement is a desire to share your self with our young people. The RE Committee and I have chosen "In Our Hands", a peace and social justice curriculum for the 2009-2010 year. The children and youth will be involved in several community outreach programs in addition to classroom activities. If you would like to provide spiritual guidance and nurturing to our children and teens, please contact me at church.

PEACE, LAUREN

FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

DEAR UU CHURCH FRIENDS,

If the Mesquite trees are blooming, it's springtime in south Texas! Even as moderate as our winters are, the New Year feels like it's finally upon us. Spring is supposed to signify new life so I hope that this year will also bring renewed life, ideas and energy to our church community.

We have some important events coming up this month alone. If you really hurry, there is still time to contribute to and participate in the Rummage Sale this Saturday. This is an important fundraiser for us so I hope everyone can help out by donating items and/or assisting at church. Thursday is the last day to donate items for pricing.

At 5:00 pm, Sunday, March 29, we have the Installation Ceremony for REVEREND DOUGLAS. This is an exciting opportunity to celebrate our great fortune in being able to Call REVEREND DOUGLAS as our Settled Minister. Just a year ago, he was unknown to us. How things have changed! This is a very special celebration that occurs only once in a great while so please plan to attend. There will be dignitaries from the UUA and as much pomp and circumstance as we can muster. As always, there are challenges, but we have always been able to pitch in and pull together to make things happen. Let the new season stimulate our enthusiasm for the New Year!

KIRK NEWPORT, BOARD PRESIDENT

CONDENSED CALENDAR REMINDERS FROM CHURCH WEBSITE

FRI, MAR 6, 5:30 – 7:00 PM, RUMMAGE PRE-SALE, \$5.00 ENTRANCE FEE

SAT, MAR 7 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME TURN CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR

SAT, MAR 7, 8:00 -9:00 AM MCGEE BEACH CLEAN UP

SAT, MAR 7, 8:00 AM – NOON, RUMMAGE SALE

MON, MAR 9, 7:00 PM HUMANIST GROUP MEETING

MON, MAR 16, 7:00 PM WOMEN'S GROUP AT ELLIE MCCOIN'S

SAT, MAR 21, CIRCLE SIX SUPPERS

MON, MAR 23, 7:00 PM HUMANIST GROUP

SUN, MAR 29, 5:00 PM INSTALLATION FOR REVEREND DOUGLAS

REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS INSTALLATION

Come celebrate! Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 29, 5:00 p.m. Please don't miss the service of installation for our minister, to be followed by a reception. Invitations have been mailed to all ministers in the South West District, as well as out of town members/friends of U2C3. Copies of the invitation were distributed to folks at church on Sunday, March 1. If you didn't get your invitation, see one of the Committee on Ministries Members, BARBARA BRIODY, ED GROVE, PAT HUDSON, AND DIANA MASTERS, OR CARROLL PATE.

RSVP BY EMAIL AT COM@UUCORPUS.ORG OR PHONE AT 853-5255 BY THURSDAY, MARCH 19. This RSVP is important in order to have an accurate count for seating and food planning

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

Women's Group will meet at ELLIE MCCOINS, located at 1400 Ocean Drive TH #6. Ellie will provide a meat dish and asks for side dishes to share with the Pot Luck Dinner. Ellie is pretty sure we can start celebrating Saint Patrick's Day a day early, so think green, Leprechauns or anything Irish. 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 ELLIE MCCOIN AT 885-7907.

CIRCLE 6 SUPPER MARCH 21

CIRCLE 6 SUPPERS SIGN UP FOR MARCH 21 will continue through Sunday, March 8, on the sheet in the lobby. If you miss it you can still get on the list with a phone call to NANCY CARLTON at 884-7077 until Thursday, March 12. If you have signed up to participate by then, you will be receiving a phone call from your host in advance of March 21, for details you will need to know. You can look forward to an evening of GREAT FOOD, FUN AND FRIENDSHIP!



RUMMAGE SALE! BAKE SALE! PLANT SALE!

Join us on Saturday, March 7, from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm for the Church Rummage Sale. Come to buy or come to help. This is a big fund-raiser for our church and we need everyone's participation for success. We are also having a Pre-Sale on Friday, March 6 from 5:30 – 7:00 pm, for \$5.00.

POETRY REFLECTIONS

Mental Sunshine will cause the flowers of peace, happiness and prosperity to grow upon the face of the earth. Be a creator of mental sunshine. - unknown



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

MARCH 1	MARBETH MUNN	MARCH 2	STEPHANIE RUIZ
MARCH 11	ANNA FUGATE	MARCH 14	ALENE BURCH
MARCH 17	KATE CHERRY	MARCH 18	PEG BRASWELL
MARCH 19	DIANA MASTERS	MARCH 31	TESS CHERRY



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH 17	DAVID AND VALENE BARTLETT	MARCH 18	DEBBIE AND KIRK NEWPORT
MARCH 20	DIANA AND QUENTIN MASTERS	MARCH 30	PETE AND PEG BRASWELL

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.

CARPOOLING SURVEY

There was a general agreement by the diners at First Sunday lunch last week, that the idea of Carpooling to Church is a desirable one, it and was supported by 90% of those present who completed the survey. It is important to note, however, that pro-active involvement in the project by church membership will be needed if material benefits are to be obtained from the project. Individuals and family groups should seek out carpooling groups living close to their homes. This project in its' current form, will be presented to the Leadership Council meeting this month, for discussion and possible approval for implementation.

Colin Sykes Social Action and Community Outreach 853-7992

SWUU SPRING CONFERENCE INFORMATION

The SW UU Spring Conference and Annual Meeting will be held at First Unitarian Church in Memphis TN on April 24-26. The keynote speaker is the REV. DR. THANDEKA, speaking on "One Faith, Many Voices in Our Multicultural World." The agenda of the annual meeting includes the budget for 2009-2010, nominations for the board and nominating committee, and election of a new UUA Trustee. Several inspiring and informative workshops are offered. The full brochure, together with registration forms, one for the conference itself, and a second one for those signing up for the Bridges adventure workshop C2, and a delegate accreditation form, can be found on the district website, at [HTTP://WWW.SWUUC.ORG/MEDIA/DOCS/FORMS/SPRINGCOMPLETE.PDF](http://www.swuuc.org/media/docs/forms/springcomplete.pdf)

FILM SHOWING

"AMBITION TO MEANING" WAYNE DYER'S most recent film will be shown at Unity By the Sea Church on the following dates, Friday, March 27, 7:00 pm, Sunday, March 29, 2:00 pm, and Wednesday, April 1, 7:00 pm. Unity by the Sea Church is located at 901 Brawner Pkwy. For more information call 882-8363. The Cost is \$10 and Refreshments are free. No one will be turned away if \$ is issue just ask.

POETRY REFLECTIONS

*Holy Mother Earth, the trees and all nature,
are witnesses of your thoughts and deeds.*

- Winnebago saying

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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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FIRST SUNDAY LUNCHEONS **POSITION OPEN** **HOSPITALITY** **POSITION OPEN**