



# 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

<b>SUNDAY, MAY 10</b>	<b>REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS</b>
<b>SUNDAY, MAY 17</b>	<b>REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS</b>
<b>SUNDAY, MAY 17</b>	<b>CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOLLOWING SERVICES</b>
<b>SUNDAY, MAY 24</b>	<b>REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS</b>
<b>SUNDAY, MAY 31</b>	<b>REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS</b>

### **"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

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**MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,**

**Frequently now, I am having one-on-one, in depth, conversations with many of you. Any day that happens, I count as a good day. It reminds me of a column written many years ago by Peter Lee Scott, a column that has been rewritten and adapted many times. Here is a recent incarnation:**

**CALL THE MINISTER WHEN...**

- **When you don't know me, but would like to.**
- **When you are having problems with your job, children, marriage, or anything else where a sympathetic ear might help.**
- **When you are going to the hospital or know of someone else in the congregation who is.**
- **When someone close to you has died or is critically ill or you're dealing with a significant loss of some kind.**
- **When you are planning to be married or divorced.**
- **When you would like your child dedicated.**
- **When you or someone in your family has been arrested or is in jail.**
- **When you feel ready to join the congregation.**
- **When you have concerns or suggestions.**
- **When you have religious or spiritual questions.**
- **When you are seeking to deepen your spiritual life.**
- **When you are upset with me or would like to express appreciation.**
- **When you have won the lottery and want to make a large donation to the church.**

**When I was a chaplain at a children's hospital, one of the foundational things they taught was the art of listening deeply. I consider that task central to my ministry.**

**Being your minister is a great privilege. If you need me, I'm available.**

**~~LOVE AND PEACE AND SWELL THOUGHTS, PHIL**

## RECONNECTIONS: YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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### GREETINGS!

WITH THE ARRIVAL OF MAY, WE ARE APPROACHING THE END OF THE RE SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR.

OUR LAST SUNDAY OF REGULAR CLASSES WILL BE ON JUNE 7.

On Sunday, June 15, we will begin our summer program, "UU WORLD TRAVELERS" WITH A BON VOYAGE PARTY. Each child on Sunday, June 15, will receive their passport for their summer travels. The children will tour a different country each week with their special tour guides, learning about the culture, foods, crafts, and more. So far the children are scheduled to visit ENGLAND, FRANCE, INDONESIA, CHINA, SOUTH AFRICA, PRAGUE (CZECH REPUBLIC), PUERTO RICO AND GERMANY. We only have a few more slots available, so if you would like to share your travel experiences with our youth, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the RE bulletin board.

There are summer camp program opportunities sponsored by the UU SOUTHWEST DISTRICT FOR YOUTH AND CHILDREN IN JULY.

There is also a family camp at SOUTHWEST UU SUMMER INSTITUTE (SWUUSI) in the first week of August.

HERE'S THE LINK: [HTTP://SWUUC.ORG/PAGES/CALENDAR.PHP?MONTH=7&YEAR=2009](http://swuuc.org/pages/calendar.php?month=7&year=2009)

Volunteers are still needed for the fall Youth RE program.

The children and youth will be using "IN OUR HANDS", A PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE PROGRAM. They will be involved in several community outreach programs in addition to classroom activities.

If you can't make a long-term commitment, please consider being a substitute or assistant.

Our small group of dedicated volunteers has helped spiritually nurture the future adults of this congregation. We, the congregation, can share this important ministry and show the children just how important we feel about the education we provide.

Again...please consider volunteering your time, our program simply won't exist without you.

*"A TEACHER AFFECTS ETERNITY; HE CAN NEVER TELL WHERE HIS INFLUENCE STOPS."*

~~HENRY B. ADAMS

~~PEACE, LAUREN

### POETRY REFLECTIONS

*CONNECTIONS WITH GARDENS, EVEN SMALL ONES, EVEN POTTED PLANTS, CAN BECOME WINDOWS TO THE INNER LIFE. THE SIMPLE ACT OF STOPPING AND LOOKING AT THE BEAUTY AROUND US CAN BE PRAYER. ~~~PATRICIA R. BARRETT*

## FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

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DEAR UU CHURCH FRIENDS,

Time flies when you're having fun! At least that's how the saying goes. This will be my last newsletter article as President of the U2C3 Board. It seems like yesterday when I took the baton from PAT HUDSON, OUR PREVIOUS PRESIDENT.

There have been some big changes since then. We have a terrific new settled Minister in REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS AND RE DIRECTOR, LAUREN CANTATORE-CAUSEY. PLEASE CONTINUE TO GIVE THEM YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT.

Our May Congregational Meeting is scheduled for May 17, after Sunday Services. We will then be in the capable hands of the NEW BOARD PRESIDENT, MARGARET LUCERO. MARGARET brings a lot of professional experience to the Board and I'm sure we'll benefit from it. Please give her the same love and understanding as you gave me.

There have been, and there will continue to be challenges, but if we work together as a loving community, these can be managed and overcome.

I can't say that it's always been fun and easy, but there have been fun times. And it wasn't so lonely at the top, so to speak.

People have been supportive and I was honored to have been given the responsibility. It's been worth it and I'll continue to serve the church in other ways.

My parting words are just to encourage everyone to seek out what's joyful, meaningful or important to their role within our church community and jump in!

We have so much potential!

GOOD-BYE AND HAVE A TERRIFIC SUMMER!

~~KIRK NEWPORT, BOARD PRESIDENT

### CONDENSED CALENDAR REMINDERS FROM CHURCH WEBSITE

**MAY 17, Congregational Meeting**

At this time, the only items on the agenda will be the appointments of new Board members

**MAY 18, 7:00 PM Women's Group, see separate article for location**

**MAY 30, 10:00 AM Congregational Life Class**

### NEWS FROM THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE SAVE THE DATES!

**JUNE 12: FAMILY LASAGNA DINNER    OCTOBER 10: RUMMAGE SALE**

**NOVEMBER 7: FALL AUCTION**

We're thinking about a summer barbeque out on our 'back lot'...no date set as yet. Any and all help, and/or suggestions appreciated during any of these dates!

CALL JESSICA LATIMER, 993-6013; DIANA MASTERS, 991-2746; SUELLEN ABAJIAN, 985-0145; OR MARILYN BREMSER, 949-6790

### POETRY REFLECTIONS

*THE FIRST ACT OF AWE, WHEN MAN WAS STRUCK WITH THE BEAUTY OR WONDER OF NATURE WAS THE FIRST SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE.    ~~~HENRYK SKOLIMOWSKI*

**MONDAY, MAY 18, 7:00 PM WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING**

The Women's Group will meet on May 18 in MARION GHOLSTON'S meeting room, 4600 Ocean Drive, 7:00 pm.

This will be a pot-luck with salads as the featured items. The Women's Group meets once a month and is open to friends and members of the church. Please join us and call MARION AT 853-0331 and let her know that you can join us that night.

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE CLASS**

REVEREND DOUGLAS and the Membership Committee would like to offer a Congregational Life meeting at the church May 30, 10:00 am. This class is for persons seeking membership in the church. It is a time to ask questions of our minister and members of the church.

**ENDOWMENT FUND NEWS**

I want everyone to know that two members have contributed to the Endowment Fund so far this year. MARION GHOSTON donated \$1000 and she became the first three-time donor to the fund--thank you so much! ROBERTO ALANIZ gave \$1000 to the fund joining his wife Monica who donated last year making them the first family unit where both have given. At the spring meeting of the Endowment Fund Board, SKIP DOUDEN asked to resign after three years on the board. He found his own replacement, VINCE MUSCARELLO.

We've asked JOHN KENNEDY to serve as chair since ED GROVE has already served a year as chair and he accepted. These changes will be effective when the new officers begin.

~~ED GROVE, CHAIR, ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD

**ALL OUR THANKS TO THE CLEAN TEAMS!**

SHARON PURCELL AND ED GROVE want to thank all of the clean team members who signed up, and then went through training on Saturday, April 25 and started cleaning the church on Saturday, May 2. Sharon's team, the Queens of Clean, made up of Sharon, DIANA MASTERS and MARILYN BREMSER with substitute SUELLEN ABAJIAN filling in for MARILYN was the first team to clean. Our other four teams are JUDY PATE, team leader with CARROLL PATE and LOIS WRIGHTSMAN; LAUREN CANTATORE-CAUSEY, team leader, with SUSAN BOOZER and SUSAN DOUGLAS; BILL RANDALL, team leader with SANDFORD JAQUES and LARISA FORD; ED GROVE, team leader, with ALLISON LOGAN and CHRISSE YEARWOOD, HARLEY DOERFLER AND SUELLEN ABAJIAN are the substitutes. When you get a chance, please show your appreciation. These volunteers make our church a nicer place to visit.

~~ED GROVE AND SHARON PURCELL



**MAY BIRTHDAYS**



MAY 8	JUDY PATE	MAY 11	LAUREN CANTATORE-CAUSEY
MAY 18	ROB ALLEN	MAY 19	NARRA AND DANTE SMITH-ENGLE PUCCI
MAY 19	MICHAEL CAUSEY	MAY 22	JUDY SYKES
MAY 24	BILL BODRUG	MAY 25	ALEX VAN CLEEVE
MAY 25	QUENTIN MASTERS	MAY 28	KATELYN MARTIN
MAY 30	LORRIE PIERCE	MAY 31	GEORGE CLOWER



## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

MAY 1           STEPHANIE AND VICTOR RUIZ    MAY 17           ELLEN AND BOB MURRY  
MAY 30           EVELYN AND TOM BOOKOUT

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

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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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