



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, JUNE 7	REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS
SUNDAY, JUNE 7	FIRST SUNDAY LUNCHEON PLAN TO BRING A DISH TO SHARE, AND STAY FOR LUNCH AFTER SUNDAY SERVICE
SUNDAY, JUNE 14	REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS
SUNDAY, JUNE 21	REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS
SUNDAY, JUNE 28	GUEST SPEAKER
SUNDAY, JULY 5	GUEST SPEAKER

"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,

Can you believe it? We have gone through almost a year of ministry together. I will preach again on Father's Day, but then not again until August. So all our thoughts are now on how we are spending the summer, and plans for the fall. I will be going to Salt Lake City to the UUMA Ministry Days meeting and the week after that I will be the chaplain and minister for the U Bar U young people's camp. Susan and I will even get away for some vacation in July.

But I will spend the summer with the thought at least in the back of my mind of how we can grow as a congregation, as a religious people—grow deeper, grow in our knowledge of our faith, grow in our ministry to this community and to each other, grow in the ways we incarnate our values. At our congregational meeting in May, I told my first ideas about growth.

If you want the church to grow, think about taking one or more of these practical steps:

Join the choir. We have a wonderful choir, a marvelously talented pianist, and a masterful choir director. If you were to join the choir, you would not only add to our music program (appreciated by visitors and newcomers), but you would be in fellowship with others who are learning about our faith by singing it, you would be worshipping in an active way, and you would be using your gifts to enrich anyone who comes to listen. Singing is a growth strategy.

Get involved in religious education, either as a teacher, a facilitator, or a participant. I hope to inspire several of our master teachers to present some of the seminal texts of Unitarian Universalism for adults. Availing yourself of this wisdom will enrich your life. Getting to know other seekers and your faith on a deeper level will bless your days. Being prepared for inquiring visitors with lessons to share is a growth strategy.

Review your financial commitment to the church. It's a privilege and a blessing to be generous. Not just anybody can do it. Only if you have understanding and control over what you need can you then open your heart and your purse in generosity. Being generous is a growth strategy.

We are blessed with many people who come through our doors every week seeking the saving message and comfort of our free religious community. Let's do everything we can to be ready when the door opens.

It's a privilege and a joy being your minister. If you need me, just let me know.

~~LOVE AND PEACE AND SWELL THOUGHTS, PHIL

RECONNECTIONS: YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

GREETINGS!

Summer is almost here! Our last Sunday of regular classes will be on June 7, when the children will enjoy a celebration with pizza and cupcakes for all their hard work on the Gems of Goodness project. All year they have been collectively filling a jar with gems representing acts of goodness, such as recycling, taking care of a pet, or helping someone in need.

On Sunday, June 15, our "UU World Travelers" will attend a Bon Voyage party, where each child will receive their passport for their summer travels.

For June, LILLIAN WALDBESER AND GEORGE CLOWER will take the children to China. They will also visit Britain with JUDY AND COLIN SYKES.

We will begin fall class registration in early July. Registration forms will be provided at church. Please complete and return them promptly, so we can plan our volunteer staffing appropriately. "In Our Hands", a peace and social justice program, will be our focus for the 2009-2010 RE year.

I would like to thank all the dedicated volunteers that helped make this year a success. Our teachers included MARLET DATH AND STEPHANIE RUIZ (PRESCHOOL), JIM FUGATE AND CHRISTY STOCKMAN (5-9 YEAR OLDS), HARLEY DOERFLER, SUELLEN ABAJIAN AND LINDA FOSS (MIDDLE SCHOOL), AND MICHAEL CAUSEY, BOB MURRY AND VINCE MUSCARELLO (high school). Thanks also to everyone who donated supplies, snacks, time and talent to our program. It is very much appreciated!

Have a great summer!

PEACE,

LAUREN

POETRY REFLECTIONS

*"That beautiful season the Summer!
Filled was the air with a dreamy and magical light;
and the landscape
Lay as if newly created in all the freshness of childhood."*

- HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW

CONDENSED CALENDAR REMINDERS FROM CHURCH WEBSITE

JUNE 4 WITHIN OUR REACH COUPLES WORKSHOP
CONTACT MIA HALL AT 361-442-3301 FOR MORE INFORMATION, THIS IS A WORKSHOP CONSISTING OF 5 – 3 HOUR SESSIONS

JUNE 7 FIRST SUNDAY LUNCHEON, BRING A DISH TO SHARE, AND STAY FOR LUNCH

JUNE 7, 1:00 – 4:00 PM CHALICE CIRCLE
PHONE MIA HALL AT 361-442-3301 for more information

JUNE 12, 6:30 PM RSVP FOR THE LASAGNA DINNER, SEE SEPARATE ARTICLE

JUNE 15, 7:00 PM WOMEN'S GROUP, SEE SEPARATE ARTICLE FOR LOCATION

MICHAEL DOWD DVD'S FOR VIEWING

On Sunday REVEREND PHIL quoted from MICHAEL DOWD, author of "THANK GOD FOR EVOLUTION" and 2008 theme speaker at SWUUSI. In February MICHAEL made a presentation to a group from the Wildflower Church in Austin. BARBARA BRIODY bought a couple of his DVD sets, which included his permission to make copies as desired. So far there haven't been any copies made, nor has BARBARA viewed the DVDs. BARBARA would be willing to lend them to anyone interested or we could get a group together to view them at the church. Each 2-DVD set has 4 hours of material. See BARBARA BRIODY at church on Sunday, or send an e-mail to MSBRIODY@GMAIL.COM.

~~ BARBARA BRIODY

OPERATION PAINTBRUSH SATURDAY JUNE 6

A group of dedicated Unitarian Universalist painters will make a small part of Corpus Christi, a better place. We will do this by painting the home of 92 year old Mr. Benita Villarreal at 3006 Sabinas Street, Corpus Christi, Tx 78405, on Saturday, June 6. This year's group will include BILL & CHERI RANDALL, PHIL & SUSAN DOUGLAS, SHARON PURCELL, ROB & AGNES MAIER, LISA FORD, HARLEY DOERFLER, CARROLL PATE, JEAN & DAVE EVANS, STEPHANIE RUIZ AND COLIN SYKES.

This is truly a labor of love. It is not too late to join this happy band. We will be there at 8:00am. Come for an hour, bring a paint brush at least 3-4 inch wide, wear a hat and sun screen, enjoy the company, and feel good about your day.

~~ COLIN SYKES, SOCIAL ACTION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH,
HOME 853-7992, OR ON SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 658-3806 ON SITE CELL PHONE

MAMA MIA, LASAGNA DINNER, JUNE 12, 6:30 PM

JUNE 12, 6:30 PM WILL BE A MAMA MIA, THIS IS SOME LASAGNA DINNER!

Enjoy your choice of traditional, nuova cucina or vegetarian entree, accompanied by a glass of wine, homemade bread, salad, dessert with coffee and the lively voices of talenti locali. Il ristorante abre alle will be held June 12, 6:30 p.m., at the church, 6901 Holly Dr., Corpus Christi **Tickets for Adults, \$15; Children under 12, \$5** To expedite success in planning and fulfillment, kindly purchase tickets in advance, on any Sunday or by calling **991-2746 or 985-0145**. This event is a fund-raiser for our Church.

POETRY REFLECTIONS

"BLESSED BE THE LORD FOR THE BEAUTY OF SUMMER AND SPRING, FOR THE AIR, THE WATER, THE VERDURE, AND THE SONG OF BIRDS."

- CARL VON LINNAEUS

WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING

The Women's Group will have dinner on **Monday, June 15, 7:00 pm** at COSY CORNER RESTAURANT, which is located at 5117 Weber Rd.

Please join UU Women for fellowship and food. We get together once a month, either at a restaurant or someone's house or apartment common room.

Please call **JESSICA LATIMER AT 993-6013** so we can let the restaurant know how many to expect. See you there

WOMEN'S GROUP AND FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH JUNE 7

The Women's Group is in the kitchen for First Sunday Luncheon, this Sunday, June 7. The congregation will bring food as usual to share, but our Women's Group will clean the kitchen after lunch. Please plan to help.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS



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| JUNE 3 | BRANDI BROWN | JUNE 4 | SCOTT CHERRY | JUNE 4 | CARLA STRAUBE |
| JUNE 8 | DAVID RANDALL | JUNE 10 | PETE BRASWELL | JUNE 14 | MONICA VAUGHAN |
| JUNE 16 | DEANNE PIERCE | JUNE 21 | DEBORAH SUNDERMANN | | |



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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| JUNE 5 | DEANNE AND JOHN PIERCE | JUNE 6 | SONIA AND RICHARD McLAUGHLIN |
| JUNE 23 | MONICA VAUGHAN AND ROBERTO ALANIZ | JUNE 29 | MARLET AND KEVIN DATH |
| JUNE 30 | JUDY AND COLIN SYKES | | |

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

U2C3CHURCHANNOUNCEMENTS ONLY YAHOO GROUP INFORMATION

If you have not joined by email the U2C3ChurchAnnouncementsOnly Yahoo Group, please consider joining. This will allow you to send church only announcements that help our congregation stay informed on important meetings or events going on in our Church. Enter this website address to join the group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/U2C3ChurchAnnouncementsOnly> Once at the website, click on subscribe. Then enter the required information to become a member. Then subscribe to U2C3ChurchAnnouncementsOnly. Then Debbie Newport will receive an email for your request to join, and as moderator, Debbie will then approve the request. This will ensure that when you receive an announcement from this group, it isn't from a spammer.

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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**