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*Building a welcoming and affirming religious community  
To Liberate and Cultivate the Human Spirit*

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11:00 AM ONE SERVICE ONLY**  
SUNDAY MORNING 11:00 AM CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND NURSERY

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

SUNDAY, JULY 5

COVENANT, THE UU GLUE  
GUEST SPEAKER, MARK SKRABACZ

SUNDAY, JULY 12

"PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY"  
GUEST SPEAKERS, PETE BRASWELL AND JUDY PATE

SUNDAY, JULY 19

GUEST SPEAKER, BRIAN FERGUSON

SUNDAY, JULY 26

"THEORIES OF RELATIVITY: HOW EINSTEIN WARPED MY SPACE"  
GUEST SPEAKER, DEBORAH SUNDERMANN

**"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,

I have just returned from Ministry Days, the meeting of Unitarian Universalist ministers prior to General Assembly in Salt Lake City, and by the time these words' reach you I will be serving as UbarU Camp Chaplain to a group of fifth and sixth grade children in Central Texas.

So I am in the middle of traveling by representing our congregation for the District and the Association.

I have met with and spoken to SCOTTY MEEKS, the interim minister who served the congregation in Fort Worth in 1990. SCOTTY told me back then that almost everybody has at least one sermon in them. Inspired, I wrote a sermon and he looked it over. "Well, he said. It's a sermon, all right." It was great to see Scotty. He was honored on Tuesday for fifty years in the Unitarian Universalist ministry.

I wonder if any of you have sermons in you. Over the next weeks and months, I will be asking a number of you if you feel moved to present your thoughts on any number of topics. If for some reason I've somehow missed asking you, let me know if you have a sermon in you. I would love to talk to you about your idea for a sermon, and how we can make it part of worship.

During July, we have a number of speakers ably filling our pulpit. MARK SKRABACZ, who visited in March and June, and who will be ordained at our church in Kerrville, will speak on July 5. On July 12, PETE BRASWELL, assisted by JUDY PATE, will speak on Personal Responsibility. On July 19, BRIAN FERGUSON, the outgoing intern from Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Church of Austin, will fill our pulpit. And on July 26, DEBORAH SUNDERMANN will be the guest speaker. It will be a good month of worship. SUSAN and I will be taking some time off in July, but I will be back in the pulpit in August.

I hope you are enjoying your summer. Take good care of yourselves.

LOVE AND PEACE AND SWELL THOUGHTS,

PHIL

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**FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH OPEN HOSPITALITY OPEN**

**GREETINGS!**

Our UU World Travelers summer program is well underway.



On June 21, tour guides DEBBIE AND KIRK NEWPORT took the children to France, where we practiced several French phrases. They learned about the Eiffel Tower and the Mona Lisa, sang a French song. We then dined on French bread with butter, Chocolate croissants and Perrier.



On June 28, the children visited Mexico with MARLET DATH, where we learned how to play Loteria, a game similar to Bingo. We also made corn tortillas and sampled yummy Quesadillas.



we will stop back into the USA for Splash Day with games and activities, so bring your swimsuits, towels and sun-screen!

For the rest of July we will tour South Africa, Russia and Indonesia, finishing with a trip to Britain and China in August.

We have a great program planned for the 2009-2010 year beginning in late August. "In Our Hands," a peace and social justice curriculum will reinforce our Unitarian Universalist Principle for our children and youth. We have ALMOST enough teachers for a successful year. Please offer to share your skills and heart with our youth. If you feel that being a teacher is too intimidating, time-consuming, or not sure what it involves, then I invite you to be a class assistant volunteer. Class assistants can help one Sunday or as many as you feel able. This will help support the teacher with an extra pair of eyes and hands. Please reflect on and share this important ministry.

Have a great summer!

**PEACE,**

**LAUREN**

**U2C3 CHALICE PENDANT**



Our custom chalice pendant was designed to reflect our place by the sea. We periodically sell pendants, lapel pins, earrings, and tie tacs with this design to raise money for the church. The jeweler requires a minimum order of ten pieces. DEBORAH SUNDERMANN has heard of the interest and would like to know if there is enough to warrant interest to be able to place an order.

If you are interested, they run about \$45/piece in sterling silver. Let DEBORAH SUNDERMANN know of your interest by Phone, **852-9617** or by Email, [DSUNDERMANN@GRANDECOM.NET](mailto:DSUNDERMANN@GRANDECOM.NET)

**RECYCLING OPPORTUNITY:**



BARBARA BRIODY receives books frequently, from fellow members of Paper Back Swap. This has left an abundance of padded and plain envelopes these books come in. If you have a use for small or medium size padded or plain, sized envelopes, which fit paperbacks to letter sizes, please send a note to BARBARA BRIODY AT [MSBRIODY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MSBRIODY@GMAIL.COM) for your interest in reusing these envelopes.



**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

**JULY 5**  
**JULY 19**  
**JULY 27**  
**JULY 29**

**GAIL GOO**  
**SONIA MCLAUGHLIN**  
**GERALD KIPP**  
**BARBARA BRIODY**



**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) or call 887-7569 with your name, month and day**

## 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. Next, 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 spam.

*My country, 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From every mountainside  
Let freedom ring!*

*My native country, thee,  
Land of the noble free,  
Thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills,  
Thy woods and templed hills;  
My heart with rapture thrills,  
Like that above.*

*Let music swell the breeze,  
And ring from all the trees  
Sweet freedom's song;  
Let mortal tongues awake;  
Let all that breathe partake;  
Let rocks their silence break,  
The sound prolong.*

*Our father's God to Thee,  
Author of liberty,  
To Thee we sing.  
Long may our land be bright,  
With freedom's holy light,  
Protect us by Thy might,  
Great God our King.*

~~ SAMUEL FRANCIS SMITH

*Oh, it's home again and home again, America for me!  
I want a ship that's westward bound to plough the rolling sea  
To the blessed land of Room Enough beyond the ocean bars,  
Where the air is full of sunlight and the flag is full of stars.*

~HENRY VAN DYKE