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

MINISTER :  
REVEREND PHILIP  
DOUGLAS

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 "WE BEGIN AGAIN IN LOVE"  
REVEREND PHIL DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 REVEREND PHIL DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 GUEST SPEAKER

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE, WITH INPUT FROM SEVERAL SOURCES, HAS  
CHANGED THE SUNDAY MORNING ANNOUNCEMENT POLICY.

IF YOU HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT, WRITE IT DOWN ON A 3X5 CARD AND GIVE IT  
TO THE MINISTER OR LAY LEADER, SO THAT HE OR SHE CAN EITHER READ IT OR  
INVITE YOU UP TO HAVE YOU READ IT.

THIS APPROACH TO ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS SHORTER,  
MORE VISITOR-FRIENDLY, AND MORE ORGANIZED.

EVERYBODY'S HELP AND COOPERATION WILL BE REALLY APPRECIATED.

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DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

**We learn; we lead; we love.**

From member and vision/mission participant Carrie Alexander, this summation of our mission. There are other words as well, words about how we nurture the spirit (the spirit of this church, of openness and courage and fun) and embody our values (the values of discovery, compassion, stewardship, spirituality, and integrity). But this is the phrase, I think, that will be remembered, that I will repeat, when we talk about the mission of the church.

**We learn.**

Our District Executive, the Reverend Susan Smith, told us when she was here to assume that if we knew how to do what we wanted to do, well, then, we would already be doing it. And so one of the first steps on the road to our vision is learning. Fortunately for us, there are resources available to us. Susan and the District Staff know where to find the best practices for nearly everything we want to accomplish and we need but ask their assistance. They are there in support of congregations like ours, and their help is so much easier than trying to reinvent the wheel.

**We lead.**

It's more evident to me every day that this is a congregation of leaders. And your leadership is so needed, inside the church and out. Once you have the knowledge of how to do a thing, what is a good and tested practice (see Step One above) leadership is the next natural step. This is no time to hide your lights under a basket. As Kim Bissell has us sing, let it shine! Let it shine! Let it shine!

**We love.**

And how does this show our love? James Luther Adams, in one of the five smooth stones of religious liberalism, wrote that there is no such thing as the immaculate conception of goodness. Love is a verb; goodness must take form; and it is up to us to give it shape and substance in the world. Our vision and mission are all about taking our values of service and compassion and applying them liberally to the world as we find it, transforming the face of the earth, oh, and our selves in the process.

As we move forward in our plans, we will be asking ourselves: what do we need to learn? Where is our leadership needed? How does this show our love?

And when do we celebrate? We laugh, too. It's a great privilege to be your minister. Take good care of yourselves and see you Sunday!

LOVE AND PEACE AND SWELL THOUGHTS, PHIL

## RECONNECTIONS: YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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**RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION  
DIRECTOR:**

**LAUREN CANTATORE-  
CAUSEY**

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**CAUSEMOUSE@AOL.COM**

### **GREETINGS!**

**Our attendance for youth religious education is growing by leaps and bounds. It's so nice to see more new faces each week. The elementary class has been testing their listening skills and experiencing the concepts of fairness through the "In Our Hands" program. As part of the pre -K program, "Around the Church, Around the Year" the children toured our church building and grounds. They learned about different type of worship buildings around the world, including various churches, temples, synagogues and mosques.**

**The adolescents and teens have been working on a carpooling map for the people who expressed interest in ridesharing which should be ready by mid-October. They will begin their quilt project in the next few weeks.**

**On Sunday, October 25, in honor of United Nations Day we will have a special worship program for the children and youth during regular class time. Also on Sunday, November 1 we will all participate in our annual Day of the Dead intergenerational service in which we honor our ancestors.**

**We have a wonderful, hard-working group of teachers and you can support our program by signing up to be a class volunteer. You can sign up for one Sunday or several Sundays. NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY! Please share your gifts with our children and youth and provide a helping hand to our teachers.**

**PEACE,  
LAUREN**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

LOOK ON OUR WEBSITE:  
[HTTP://WWW.UUCORPUS.ORG](http://www.uucorpus.org)  
FOR SMALL GROUPS  
DATES AND TIMES, OR  
OTHER CHURCH GROUPS

**OCTOBER 9, 5-7 PM  
PRE-RUMMAGE SALE,**

**OCTOBER 10,  
8:00 AM – NOON  
RUMMAGE SALE**

**OCTOBER 10, 10:00 AM  
CONGREGATIONAL  
LIFE MEMBERSHIP  
CLASS**

**OCTOBER 17, 6:30 PM  
CANVAS CELEBRATION**

**OCTOBER 19, 6:00 PM  
WOMEN'S GROUP**

**NOVEMBER 7,  
HARVEST MOON  
AUCTION**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A  
CALENDAR EVENT ON THE  
CHURCH WEBSITE, FIRST  
CONTACT JUDY SYKES AT  
853-7992 OR BOBBI REED,  
[REEDS77@STX.RR.COM](mailto:REEDS77@STX.RR.COM)TO  
MAKE SURE THERE ISN'T A  
CONFLICT OF OTHER  
EVENTS.



**RUMMAGE SALE DONATIONS NEEDED**

**Rummage Sale Donations Still Needed**

The committee for the Rummage Sale is accepting donations on Wednesday, October 7 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm, Thursday, October 8 from 9:00 am – Noon, and Friday, October 9 from 9:00- Noon.

Clean out those closets, garages, proverbial basements and storage sheds. Let's make this fund-raiser a success. Bring, Bring, Bring

**OUR RUMMAGE SALE WILL BE ON OCTOBER 10, FROM 8:00 AM TO NOON.**

**INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP? OCTOBER 10, 10:00 AM**

Please attend the Congregational Life class on October 10, 10:00 am, in REVEREND DOUGLAS' office. Baby-sitting will be provided. This class gives you the opportunity to spend time with Reverend Douglas, and lets him know of your spiritual journey. Unitarian-Universalist history in the US and Europe is also discussed. A reminder to attendees, that the parking lot will be full due to the rummage sale being held the same day as this class.



**OCTOBER 9 PRE-RUMMAGE SALE, 5:00 TO 7:00 PM**

Want a head start to all the goodies for sale?? For \$5.00 on Friday, October 9, 5:00 to 7:00 pm, will buy you a glass of wine and the privilege of getting great buys before the public!! We have filing cabinets, desk chairs, china, lots of Christmas items, electrical items, an electric keyboard, and the usual (to die for) household goodies. **COME SHOP at U2C3**



**WOMEN'S GROUP, OCTOBER 19, 6:00 PM**

Women's Group will meet for a pot luck dinner October 19, 6:00 pm, in the Community Room of Marion Gholston's Condo, located at 4600 Ocean Drive. We welcome all women of the church. If you are new to U2C3, this gives you a chance to meet other women in a casual setting and enjoying a Pot Luck Dinner. Please call **DEBBIE NEWPORT, 887-7569** to **RSVP**, this way we have enough seating and place settings for all.



**RUMMAGE – BAKE – PLANT – SALE    OCTOBER 10**

**Join us on Saturday, October 10 from 8:00 am to Noon. Come to buy, come to help. We need helpers the day of the sale.**

**PLEASE CALL JESSICA LATIMER 993-6013, TO SIGN UP.**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 6:30 PM, CANVAS CELEBRATION**

**Join us for the Canvas Celebration! Saturday, October 17, 6:30 pm**

**There will be food, fun, and entertainment for all ages. The event will be held Saturday, October 17, 6:30 pm at the church. We will be serving heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine, and kid-friendly foods for the younger ones. Please sign up so we have enough food ready. We need to know how many adults and children are coming.**

**Also, let us know if you need a ride and we will make sure transportation is available.**

**We will have sign-up sheets on Sunday, October 11.**

**Or contact MARGARET LUCERO by email, [CHINHOUSE8002@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CHINHOUSE8002@GMAIL.COM) or call Margaret at 814-0523.**

**Do you know what the UU studying Zen asked the hotdog vendor or where UUs go when they die?**

**All will be revealed at the Canvas Celebration. Don't miss it!**

**GPS FOR THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY BY DON WEINER, PH.D.**

**OCTOBER 25 THROUGH NOVEMBER 22 ON SUNDAYS AT 10:00 A.M.**

**This five-week class will incorporate many findings from contemporary science (quantum physics, cosmology, chaos theory, consciousness research, and subtle energy research).**

**Email Dr. Don Weiner at [DRDONWEINER@AOL.COM](mailto:DRDONWEINER@AOL.COM) for more information**

*ALONE WE CAN DO  
SO LITTLE.  
TOGETHER WE CAN DO  
SO MUCH.*

**~~HELEN KELLER**

**"IT'S NOT HOW MUCH  
WE GIVE  
BUT HOW MUCH LOVE  
WE PUT INTO GIVING."**

**~~ MOTHER TERESA**



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7,  
HARVEST MOON FESTIVAL AND AUCTION**

**Get ready for our big fall event! Saturday, November 7, will be the third annual auction featuring all the wonderful services and things that our very special congregation can offer.**

**That means YOU need to think about what YOU can contribute to make it the biggest fund raiser of the year.**

**Can you host a dinner party? Can you drive people to the airport? Can you donate a painting? Can you offer baby sitting? Can you bake bread? Hold a tea party? Offer tickets to an event? Write a living will? Donate jewelry, knit goods, gift baskets or gift certificates?**

**We hope everyone will donate something to help make November 7, a BIG SUCCESS.**

**Let's brainstorm about what YOU can offer that someone else wants.**

**Donations need to be turned in by October 30, so we can get a catalogue made up for the Sunday, November 1, Sunday service.**

**Contact any of the following committee members, MARILYN BREMSER, DIANA MASTERS, ED GROVE, ROBIN CARTER, SUSAN DOUGLAS, OR SUSAN ROBBINS and they can help you with ideas. Donor forms are in the foyer.**

*"Come said the wind to  
the leaves one day,  
Come o're the meadows  
and we will play.  
Put on your dresses  
scarlet and gold,  
For summer is gone  
and the days grow cold."*

**~~ A Children's Song of the 1880's**



### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER 1	DAVID BARTLETT
OCTOBER 2	JEAN DOUDEN
OCTOBER 14	JOHN LATIMER
OCTOBER 15	PAT HUDSON
OCTOBER 17	JERRY JONES
OCTOBER 25	ELLEN MURRY
SEPTEMBER 9	SUSAN DOUGLAS (BELATED BIRTHDAY WISHES)



### OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

OCTOBER 5	MARGARET LUCERO AND ROBERT ALLEN
OCTOBER 23	PAUL AND KIM BISSELL
OCTOBER 28	LAUREN CANTATORE-CAUSEY AND MICHAEL CAUSEY

*I HAVE FOUND THAT AMONG  
ITS OTHER BENEFITS,  
GIVING LIBERATES THE  
SOUL OF THE GIVER.*

~~ MAYA ANGELOU

**★ ★ ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAY'S, ANNIVERSARIES ★ ★**

IF YOU HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE NEWSLETTER, OR WOULD LIKE YOUR BIRTHDAY DATE AND AN ANNIVERSARY LISTED, PLEASE EMAIL

**DEBBIE NEWPORT AT [KNDCCCTEX@YAHOO.COM](mailto:KNDCCCTEX@YAHOO.COM)**

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT ONLY YAHOO GROUP**

**THE CHURCH HAS A NEW CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT ONLY COMMUNICATION AVAILABLE AT THIS WEBSITE:**

**[HTTP://GROUPS.YAHOO.COM/GROUP/U2C3CHURCHANNOUNCEMENTSONLY](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/U2C3CHURCHANNOUNCEMENTSONLY)**

**DEBBIE NEWPORT is moderator to help prevent spam from other bulk spammer's. Please consider subscribing if you would like to be able to send your own announcements for events at the church. You will be asked to set up a user name, and password for yourself, then DEBBIE will receive a request asking to approve new member.**

*"Tonight as the barrier between the two realms grows thin,  
Spirits walk amongst us, once again.  
They be family, friends and foes,  
Pets and wildlife, fishes and crows.  
But be we still mindful of the Wee Folke at play,  
Elves, fey, brownies, and sidhe.*

*Some to trick, some to treat,  
Some to purposely misguide our feet.  
Stay we on the paths we know,  
As planting sacred apples we go.*

*This Feast I shall leave on my doorstep all night.  
In my window one candle shall burn bright,  
To help my loved ones find their way  
As they travel this eve, and this night, until day.  
Bless my offering, both Lady and Lord  
Of breads and fruits, greens and gourd."*

~~ Akasha, Samhain Ritual



**CONGRATULATIONS TO KATE CHERRY,  
GRANDPARENTS, DEBORAH SUNDERMANN, SCOTT CHERRY, AND  
AUNT TESS.**

**THEY WELCOME ABBEY RUTH CHERRY BORN ON OCTOBER 5, 2009. MOM,  
KATE CHERRY AND BABY ABBEY ARE FINE AND VERY HEALTHY.  
BLESSINGS TO ALL IN WELCOMING THEIR NEW FAMILY MEMBER.**



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