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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 & NURSERY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 REVEREND PHIL DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 REVEREND PHIL DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 REVEREND PHIL DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 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.

SAND AND FOAM

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DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

As we enter the holidays, strange to think, isn't it, that the holidays are upon us; it is good to take a deep breath and reflect on how far we have come this fall. We have renewed our vision and mission; we have had several successful fundraisers; we have celebrated our time together in dinners and entertainment; we have seen our programs expand; we have opened our doors and our hearts to wonderful new members, and they to us; we have seen more and more families and children enter the church. We have been through some exciting times, with more to come!

Deep breaths are always a good idea, because what we are about here isn't just a matter of goals and progress and getting from one place to another. It is also about being. Being, discerning, and becoming.

As we begin our time of prayer and meditation with a cleansing breath, releasing ourselves from our cares and our plans, intentionally setting aside everything else but being together, so it is beneficial and proper to be intentional about our approach to the holidays. In the hurry and pace and excitement of the visits, gatherings, and celebrations, it could be too easy to miss the unexpected, ordinary, singular blessings of being in relationship with each other, the universe, and our tender selves.

I'm certainly looking forward to the holidays. Our daughter and her intended, who we will see on Thanksgiving, and hear of their wedding plans for the spring.

And then on Christmas Eve here, we will have a candlelight worship service, and a baby dedication ceremony. And every Sunday here is special with music and teaching and learning and fellowship.

I must remember to breathe!

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

**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION
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**LAUREN CANTATORE-
CAUSEY**

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GREETINGS!

We've had a busy fall so far. On October 25, the children in the preschool and elementary classes learned about United Nations Day and how UNICEF helps children around the world. The adolescents and teens started their quilting project with Susan Douglas, selecting and cutting fabrics.

Our celebration of El Dia de los Muertos last weekend was well-attended. On Saturday morning, we made jewelry, flowers, decorated sugar skulls and decoupage candles. We also made cupcakes and decorated them with skulls. Everyone helped decorate the sanctuary for Sunday's worship service, including setting up several personal altars. Sunday's worship gave people the opportunity to share memories of their loved ones.

Many thanks go to MARLET DATH, JESSICA LATIMER, MARY GLEASON, DORA WILBURN, DIANE WEINER for making this event a success! A special thank you to AMIGOS BAKERY for loaning us their Sugar Skull Molds.

As our fall and winter holidays approach, let us share our bounty with less fortunate people. On Sunday, November 15, the CROP walk will take place in our community and I urge everyone to participate in this worthwhile project to help end poverty.

**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

NOVEMBER 15
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

NOVEMBER 16, 6:00 PM
WOMEN'S GROUP

NOVEMBER 7, 6:30 –
8:00 PM 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
TO MAKE SURE THERE
ISN'T A CONFLICT OF
OTHER EVENTS.

FOR ORDER OF SERVICE
ANNOUNCEMENTS, SEND
TO BARBARA BRIODY AT
MSBRIODY@GMAIL.COM



WOMEN'S GROUP, NOVEMBER 16, 6:00 PM

Women's Group will meet November 16, 6:00 pm, at 429 Paloma, in the home of JESSICA LATIMER. Kindly remember to RSVP JESSICA at 993-6013 for our hostess to have enough seating and service ware. We have changed the time to 6:00 pm, so the working women can come after work, and not get home so late. Please join us; hopefully we will view a video to a cause we have contributed to in the past. Entree and drinks will be provided, so bring side dish to share.

GPS FOR THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

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

DON WEINER, PH.D. will be teaching a five-week class on GPS for the Spiritual Journey at 10:00 AM on Sundays starting October 25 and ending November 22. The class will provide an in depth overview of the dynamics and stages of one's own spiritual journey, honoring each person's uniqueness and way of discovering greater sacredness and meaningfulness. Findings from diverse fields of contemporary science including quantum physics, chaos theory, cosmology, and subtle energy research will be incorporated to present a way of being in which one's essential identity is maintained, while experiencing a deeper relationship with a much vaster reality.

Email Dr. Don Weiner at DRDONWEINER@AOL.COM for more information



THE CLEAN TEAM

The Clean Team gang will meet on Tuesday, November 17 at B & J Pizza, 6335 SPID at 6:30 p.m. for a brief meeting and appreciation party for their efforts in cleaning the church. RSVP to SHARON PURCELL 882-8375.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 15

There will be a Congregational Meeting on November 15 right after the service. It is important that all members attend the meeting

Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds. ~THEODORE ROOSEVELT

*Let us be grateful to people
who make us happy;
they are the charming
gardeners who make
our souls blossom.*
~MARCEL PROUST

*Walk tall as the trees;
live strong as
the mountains;
be gentle as the
spring winds;
keep the warmth of summer
in your heart,
and the Great Spirit
will always be with you.*

~ANONYMOUS
NATIVE AMERICAN



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

**Come enjoy the last big fundraiser of 2009. We have 75+ beautiful, delicious, practical, fun events for you to purchase for yourself or a Christmas gift. Saturday night, November 7, 6:30 to 8:00
No charge for admission.
Drinks and fabulous desserts available at modest prices.**

Just in case you can't attend on Saturday, we have set up absentee bidding. Check out the catalogue and its addendum online and email your bid to MARILYN BREMSER AT MBREMSER@STX.RR.COM by Friday night, November 6, and we will enter your bid on the bid sheets.

**Checks or cash accepted. Bid high! Bid often!
All proceeds go to our wonderful church!**

CROP WALK SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15TH

Thanks are due to all who accepted the challenge to walk on Sunday November 15th and to collect money for the Corpus Christi Food Bank and other agencies of choice. Please plan to join us in this effort to raise awareness of the worldwide problem of extreme poverty, which also impacts Corpus Christi. We will gather together with groups from other churches in the City at 2:00pm at the Parkway Presbyterian Church for a walk through their neighborhood. This is the 15th occasion for the CROP walk, and will also be an opportunity to meet, and network with other churches on community concerns.

Specific details of the walk can be obtained by contacting COLIN SYKES at 853-7992 or more directly to ANNE VEECH at 361-937-6455. CROP is an acronym for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. One Billion people, worldwide, go to sleep hungry each night, they need our response.

~ COLIN SYKES Social Action and Community Outreach Chair 853-7992

DONATIONS FOR THE CROP WALK

Please bring the completed CROP Walk donation forms, cash and checks to church on Sunday next November 8th, and/or November 15th. Colin Sykes will have to turn in all money to the fund at the start of the Walk. There will be another opportunity to make a contribution on Sunday, please be generous.

We will walk together as a Church group at the event. BARBARA BRIODY is working on the completion of a replacement Church Banner for the occasion, so we will be identified and would like to make a good impression. Please join us for all, or part of the one and a half mile walk (rain or shine)

~ COLIN SYKES Social Action and Community Outreach 853-7992



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER 10	SKIP DOUDEN
NOVEMBER 13	JESSICA RUIZ
NOVEMBER 14	MIKAELA MURRY
NOVEMBER 17	JESSICA LATIMER
NOVEMBER 19	KIMBERLY BISSELL
NOVEMBER 26	ROBERT MURRY
NOVEMBER 29	WINDSOR BISSELL
NOVEMBER 29	MAX PIERCE

★ ★ 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

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.

*Every time we remember to
say "thank you",
we experience nothing
less than heaven
on earth.*

~ SARAH BAN
BREATHNACH

*An authentic life is the
most personal form of
worship. Everyday life
has become my prayer*

~ SARAH BAN
BREATHNACH

*If you concentrate
on finding whatever
is good in every
situation, you will
discover that your
life will suddenly be
filled with gratitude,
a feeling that
nurtures the soul.*

**~RABBI HAROLD
KUSHNER**

*God gave you a gift of
86,400 seconds today.
Have you used one to say
"thank you?"*

~WILLIAM A. WARD

*Not what we say about our
blessings, but how we use
them, is the true measure of
our Thanksgiving*

CONTACTS FOR THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF CORPUS CHRISTI

MINISTER

REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS

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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LAY MINISTRY AGNES MAIER

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FIRST SUNDAY LUNCHEONS STEPHANIE RUIZ

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WE'RE ON THE WEB! CHECK THE CALENDAR FOR SMALL GROUP GATHERING DATES

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"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.





