

UU Galveston Gazette

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Galveston County

MAY 2017

A Welcoming Congregation

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We welcome the full range of human diversity, that is, age, race, gender, sexual orientation, and ethnicity.

The figures of the past are not just "memories" or mere "abstractions" but are still present and available to us in certain ways: as sources of awareness, learning, and wisdom; as reminders of goals and ideals; as part of the context we have for making decisions in the present. -- Liz Carpenter

Please join us for Sunday worship services in May as we explore "Voices from the Past."

May 7: Rev. Bob Tucker "From the Schoolhouse"

Outside of parents, the most powerful voices we carry in our heads are from those who taught us during our schooling. Bob is a native of Minnesota and has served churches in South Dakota, Minnesota, Texas and Kansas. He was, for twenty-eight years, the Senior Minister of First Congregational Church of Houston. He is Executive Director Emeritus of The Foundation for Contemporary Theology

Greeter: Bets Anderson BMOD: Wendy Baker Facilitator: Madeleine Baker Music: Bruce Mauzy

May 14: John Vanderpool, M.D. "Of Mother's Day and Motherhood"

John's talk begins as a journey to set down his deep and personal thoughts about his own mother. He will also discuss the history of Mother's Day which was established in the United States in 1914. As compared to Mother's Day celebrations, Motherhood Celebrations began thousands of years ago. These celebrations are traced through time, and their roots are explored before the speaker proposes that our church might want to consider fostering a movement to establish a Motherhood Day in the U.S. John Vanderpool is a Board Certified Psychiatrist who has published numerous professional papers in medical journals. He taught for eight years in UTMB's Dept. of Psychiatry before joining his wife, Dr. Beverly Vanderpool in private practice. He serves as our Fellowship's President. His hobbies include golfing, cooking, writing, painting, and being a momma-daddy to his two Cocker Spaniels.

Greeter: Sharon Goodwin BMOD: Mary Case Facilitator: Cheryl Henry Music: Idalia Avezuela

May 21: Rev. Judy Bunch "Faulkner's Forethought"

In 1949 William Faulkner was awarded the Nobel Prize in literature. The words in his acceptance speech continue to ring true. Our indomitable spirit of hope stands strong in the chaos of today's world. This is a reflection about the timeless quality of his message. Judy has been a member of Northwoods UU for over 25 years where she has held many leadership positions. She leads a choral group at Northwoods and sings at two other local Unitarian churches. After retiring in 2007 she obtained ordained ministry through Universal Ministries in April 2010 and has subsequently been a guest speaker at local churches. When she is not speaking or singing, she spends her time as a practitioner in healing touch or can be found reading stones as the Spring Stone Crone.

Greeter: Fanny DeGesaro BMOD: Steve Townley Facilitator: TBA Music: Bruce Mauzy

May 28: Rick Altemose Ph.D. "Memorial Day and Mass Slaughter: Why the Civil War Isn't Over"

Memorial Day began as an effort to regain a sense of meaning after the U.S. Civil War. Before the war, both sides shared basic assumptions about the will of God, the meaning of death and what a good death looked like, assumptions that no longer made sense in a world of mass slaughter. This unraveling of a shared sense of meaning may have been the greatest casualty of the war, and it continues to this day.

Rick is a member of our Fellowship, a Civil War buff, and the great-grandson of a soldier in the 51st Pennsylvania Volunteers of the Union army. Born and raised in Pennsylvania, it was only when Rick went

Love is the spirit of this church, and service is its gift. This is our great covenant. To dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

A Message from our President

Dear Friends,

From the past we glean many things such as the wisdom passed down from generation to generation. There are many lessons contained in this information — lessons to carry with us and lessons of warning. Regardless, these voices are important as teachers should we just listen.

In preparation for this month, I found this poem.

DISTANT RETURN

By Stephen M Shick

Here, I will be discovered and lost:
Here, I will, perhaps, be stone and silence.
—Pablo Neruda

Someday, out there, on a day like this
in a place I will never see,
where the clearing winds always come
after the storm,
I will arrive nameless
on a distant memory
carrying with me all the best
I gave back to this earth.
All the hope I found
scattered by others
along the roads
I traveled
All the courage that came
unexpectedly when you took my hand
and we cried for those
we could not save
All the love that exposed
the lies I told myself
about who I was
and what I was meant to do
All the faith that came to me
when I saw others
carry these things
into the future.

May our truth, love, and compassion be carried into the future and may we continue to carry the torch for those that have come before us.

Sincerely,

Larry Janzen



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Get news out to our members and friends!
Send to administrator@uugalveston.org

- ♦ Sunday Order of Service: by 5pm Thursday
- ♦ Weekly email: 5pm Monday
- ♦ Newsletter: by the 15th of the month

| <u>Themes for 2017 services</u> | |
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| June | Doubt |
| July | Democratic Process/ Right of Conscience |
| August | Creativity |
| September | Sanctuary |
| October | Mystery |
| November | Abundance |
| December | Hope/tradition |

IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT WEEKLY EMAILS

UU Galveston sends an email update out each week to almost 200 subscribers. Recently we discovered that some folks have been "unsubscribed" for some reason and aren't receiving our fabulous messages. So if you are not receiving our weekly messages and would like to, please send an email to administrator@uugalveston.org and we'll work on getting you on--or bac on--the distribution list .

NEW ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE FELLOWSHIP

UU Galveston has a new administrator, Jo Ross, will be taking Shannon Samuelson's place as the administrator. Please be sure to welcome her in her new role.

MANY, MANY THANKS TO SHANNON!!!!

Shannon Samuelson-Reeves has done a **FABULOUS** job as administrator and we will miss her greatly. She stepped into the job at a critical period and has made everything flow smoothly while she was at the helm. We wish her joy as she works only one job. Please

UU MEMBER NEEDS A RIDE, CAN YOU HELP?

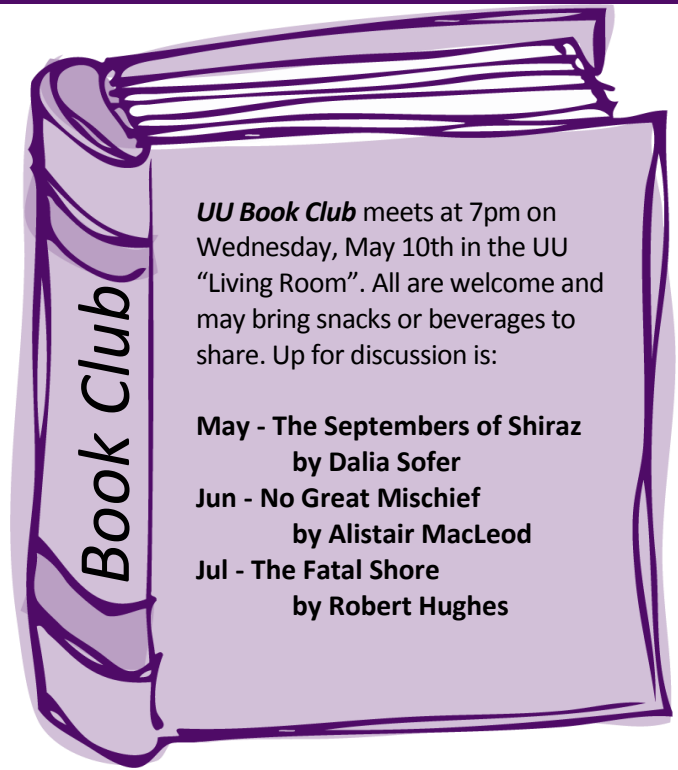
Mary Hodgson is looking for a ride to church every Sunday. She does not need a ride back home! If you can help, please get with Mary so that she can join us

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Celebrating a special occasion?
Honoring a loved one?

Say it with
FLOWERS

Sign up to provide flowers for the altar



The UU Book Club will discuss "The Septembers of Shiraz", written by Dalia Sofer, who was born in Iran and fled at the age of ten to the United States with her family. In the aftermath of the Iranian revolution, rare-gem dealer Isaac Amin is arrested, wrongly accused of being a spy.

Terrified by his disappearance, his family must reconcile a new world of cruelty and chaos with the collapse of everything they have known.

As Isaac navigates the terrors of prison, and his wife feverishly searches for him, his children struggle with the realization that their family may soon be forced to embark on a journey of incalculable danger.

You too can host a supper circle!

Use the sign-up sheets on the foyer bulletin board.

If you are interested in hosting a dinner at your home (or at UU if you don't have room at home) sign up today. You can choose how many people you'd like to invite and everyone brings a dish to share. Plenty of upcoming months are available!



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May Compassionate Collection to Benefit Galveston Communities In Schools

The mission of Communities In Schools (CIS) is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. Ensuring student success is every one's job: schools, parents, communities.

CIS of Galveston serves eight-8 schools in Galveston County, we work closely with schools, social services, businesses and many volunteers to get young people the things they need to learn and grow: mentors and tutors, after-school help, family services to stabilize the home. Without these basic supports, children in need

or at-risk of dropping out of school are far less likely to succeed and grow into productive adults.

By bringing caring adults into the schools to address children's unmet needs, CIS provides the link between educators and the community. The result: teachers are free to teach, and students – many in jeopardy of dropping out – have the opportunity to focus on learning.

Every \$1 dollar donated provides a chance at a brighter future for a student in need in our local community. Communities In Schools of Galveston County helps to strengthen relationships between a student's home,

***The compassionate collection for the Diaper Bank raised \$503.10
Thanks to all for your generosity.***



EMPTY BOWL A GREAT SUCCESS!

The Empty Bowl fundraiser was held Friday evening, March 31, at the Garten Verein venue in Galveston. This is the largest social action event sponsored by this Fellowship, and the money raised supports the nutrition programs of the Jesse Tree organization. Members and friends of this Fellowship have been meeting weekly in our RE room to make and decorate ceramic bowls for this event. When the bowls are all arranged on tables for ticket holders at the event to select, they make a stunning sight.

This year approximately \$30,000 was raised for the Jesse Tree, an all-time high for this event! The Garten Verein was beautifully decorated by Ted Hanley, executive director of the Jesse Tree, and his volunteers. Background music on the keyboard was provided during the event, along with vocals by David Mitchell. Soup selections from local restaurants were, as usual, delicious, and desserts were plentiful. Our members volunteered in many capacities--as bowl unpackers and arrangers, table monitors and traffic directors, bartenders and servers, and silent auction assistants. Bets Anderson coordinated an impressive silent auction display of ceramic artwork that brought in approximately \$2100.

Preparing for this event has become a regular "labor of love" for many of our members who meet weekly for an enjoyable evening of creativity and socializing. There is no other non-profit fundraiser in Galveston like it, and there are many people on the island who have amassed large collections of our handmade bowls! All of us can take pride in knowing we are helping to make a difference in fighting hunger in our community.

The Bowlers will start again on June 7, 5-7 pm, making bowls for next year's event. For information, contact Madeleine

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 7 9am Adult Forum 10:30: Rev. Bob Tucker <i>"From the Schoolhouse"</i> Children's Religious Education 6:30pm Game Night @TBA 8pm: AA Phoenix Group | 8 | 9 | 10 6pm Program Committee 7pm Book Club 8pm AA Phoenix Group | 11 | 12 10:30am "A" Team Meeting | 13 |
| 14 9am Adult Forum 10:30: John Vanderpool, M.D <i>"Of Mother's Day and Motherhood"</i> Children's Religious Ed. 8pm AA Phoenix Group | 15 5:30pm - Board Meeting | 16 | 17 8pm AA Phoenix Group | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 9am Adult Forum 10:30: Rev. Judy Bunch <i>"Faulkner's Forethought"</i> Children's Religious Education 6:30pm: Spirituality of Poker—at The Townley's home 8pm AA Phoenix Group | 22 | 23 | 24 8pm AA Phoenix Group | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 POTLUCK SUNDAY 10:30: "Memorial Day and Mass Slaughter; Why the Civil War Isn't Over" Children's Religious Education 8pm AA Phoenix Group | 29 | 30 | 31 8pm AA Phoenix Group |  | | |

Diane Olsen 5/1
 Lisa Windsor 5/1
 Sandra López 5/1
 Marjan A 5/6

J. T. "Red" Henry 5/7
 Joan Patterson 5/10
 Cheryl Henry 5/15
 Mary Hodgson 5/16

Sharon Goodwin 5/19
 Susan Minello 5/27
 Amanda Jindra 5/28
 Mary Ann Fore 5/31