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Online at uugalveston.org*We welcome the full range of human diversity, that is, age, race, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and ethnicity.***Please join us for Sunday services in December, as we explore the theme of RITUAL.**

The act of ritual is a common thread that has linked humanity throughout the ages, regardless of ethnicity, culture or religion, but what role does it have to play in our increasingly secular lives? Rituals motivate and move us. Through ritual we build families and community; we make transitions and mark important events in our lives; we express ourselves in joy and sorrow, and perhaps, most importantly, we create and sustain identity. Acts of ritual come in every shape and color: from solemn Roman Catholic High Mass to flamboyant Gay Pride celebrations; from shamanic rites practiced by the Huichol Indians of Mexico to modern-day self-help rituals. While some may dismiss the practice as old fashioned, the act of ritual is an essential part of the human condition that remains with us today, simply because it seems to work. Unlike habits which are often mindless, rituals are generally mindful -- a series of actions carried out for a specific purpose. -- Alison Bone

**December 2: Rev. Bob Tucker,
"Doors to the Sacred"**

Habits pervade our lives, making everyday tasks a routine that saves energy and thought. Rituals, on the other hand, require our presence and attention and, as such, wake up our brains and draw us into the arena of the sacred. Bob is a native of Minnesota and has served churches in South Dakota, Minnesota, Texas, and Kansas. He was, for 28 years, the Senior Minister of First Congregational Church of Houston. He is Executive Director Emeritus of the Foundation for Contemporary Theology.

Greeter: Sandra Sullivan**Board Member of the Day:** Lisa Windsor**Facilitator:** Cheryl Henry**Music Coordinator:** Tony DiNuzzo*Compassionate Offering for CHRISTUS Our Daily Bread***December 9: Jean Goodwin, M.D.,
"Winnie the Pooh and the 8 Deadly Sins"**

Jean Goodwin is a psychiatrist and psychoanalyst in private practice in Galveston. She is a Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at UTMB and a training and supervising analyst on the faculty of the Center for Psychoanalytic Studies in Houston. She is an author, lecturer, and consultant on issues of childhood trauma and dissociation.

Greeter: Sharon Goodwin**Board Member of the Day:** Kathy Link**Facilitator:** Madeleine Baker**Music Coordinator:** Bruce Mauzy**December 16: Rev. Dr. Daniel O'Connell,
Topic to be announced**

Rev. O'Connell has been an active UUer nearly all his life. He grew up as a UU on the East coast. He attended seminary in Chicago and received his Doctorate of Ministry degree in 1996 from Meadville Lombard Theological School. For more than 20 years, he has lead ministries at the UU Society of Northern Fairfield County in West Redding, Connecticut, was Lead Minister for Eliot Unitarian Church in St. Louis, Missouri, for eight years, and served

as the Senior Minister for the First Unitarian-Universalist Church in Houston until recently.

Greeter: Martha Terrill**Board Member of the Day:** Judy Glaister**Facilitator:** Mary Case**Music Coordinator:** Margaret Canavan**December 23: "Moravian Love Feast"**

This annual service celebrates the Christmas season with carols, readings, candles, and a traditional Moravian Love Feast. This ritual is a shared communion of rolls and sweet coffee, served by members of the congregation. It is based upon the Agape feast and the meals of the early churches, as described in the Bible in the Acts of the Apostles, which were partaken in unity and love.

Greeter: Jo Ross**Board Member of the Day:** Tony DiNuzzo**Facilitator:** Bets Anderson**Music Coordinator:** Tony DiNuzzo**December 30: Rev. Dr. Randy Partain,
"Intentional Travel"**

Many of us have habits that we think of as personal rituals, but rituals are really about taking us from one place to another internally. Where habits are often unconscious and automatic, rituals are full of intention and purpose. How can we make use of personal rituals to engage in an intentional, internal journey so that we might live into our values with integrity? Rev. Partain describes himself as passionate about meaningful, authentic community, and he encourages people to think about what they believe and to live out their beliefs meaningfully.

Greeter: Sue Minello**Board Member of the Day:** Carlos Price**Facilitator:** Bruce Mauzy**Music Coordinator:** Bruce Mauzy*Monthly potluck lunch immediately after the service*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p>December 2-24: Advent December 3-10: Hanukkah December 8: Bodhi Day (Rohatsu) December 12: Feast Day - Our Lady of Guadalupe December 16-25: Posadas Navidenas</p>						<p>December 21: Solstice / Yule December 24: Christmas Eve December 25: Christmas Day December 25: Feast of the Nativity December 26: Kwanzaa</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>2 <u>Compassionate Offering</u> 10:30a Rev. Bob Tucker, "Doors to the Sacred" and Children's Religious Educ. 8p AA Phoenix</p>	<p>3 6p Chalice Circle (last session in this series)</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 5p Bowlers 8p AA Phoenix Group</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 1p Hand-crafters Group</p>	<p>8</p>	
<p>9 10:30a Dr. Jean Goodwin, "Winnie the Pooh & the 8 Deadly Sins" and Children's Religious Educ. 8p AA Phoenix</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 5p Bowlers 7p Book Club: <u>So Brave, Young and Handsome</u> by Leif Enger 8p AA Phoenix</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 10a Admin/A-Team Meeting 1p Hand-crafters Group</p>	<p>15</p>	
<p>16 10:30a Rev. Daniel O'Connell, (<i>Topic to be announced</i>) and Children's Religious Educ. 6:30p Spirituality of Poker 6:30p Game Night 8p AA Phoenix</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 <u>REMINDER:</u> Send Monthly Announcements to Jo Ross at administrator@uugalveston.org</p>	<p>19 5p Bowlers 8p AA Phoenix Group</p>	<p>20 5:30p Board Meeting</p>	<p>21 1p Hand-crafters Group</p>	<p>22</p>	
<p>23 10:30a "Moravian Love Feast" and Children's Religious Educ. 8p AA Phoenix</p>	<p>24 <i>Christmas Eve</i></p>	<p>25 <i>Christmas Day</i></p>	<p>26 5p Bowlers 8p AA Phoenix Group</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 1p Hand-crafters Group</p>	<p>29</p>	
<p>30 <u>Potluck Lunch</u> 10:30a Rev. Randy Partain, "Intentional Travel" and Children's Religious Educ. 8p AA Phoenix</p>	<p>31 <i>New Year's Eve</i></p>	<p>12/1 - Steve Townley 12/7 - Nathalie Egalite 12/9 - Vickie Francil 12/10 - Dale Hogan 12/17 - Mary Case 12/23 - Jack Solari</p>					