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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.***Theme for Sunday Services in October: "Nature"**

"Nature can open the gates of heaven in a moment, whether we look closely at a flower or lift our eyes to the expanse of an open field. Step outdoors and visit with the plum trees, cumulus clouds, hummingbirds, evening winds, sunrise, or flowing water. Let go of thoughts and plans and rest in the timeless reality of the natural world." -- Jack Kornfield, No Time Like the Present

Please join us for our Sunday programs in October as our speakers visit the theme of **Nature**.

**October 7: Cheryl Henry,
"Blessing of the Animals"**

Please join us for our annual Blessing of the Animals service on this first Sunday in October as we honor the animals that enrich our lives in so many ways. You are welcome to bring your animals into the Sanctuary. All pets must be on a leash or in a carrier. Please be able to provide vaccination records for your pet if appropriate. During this service, you will have an opportunity to share how your animal has blessed you. All animals, whether present physically or with us only in spirit, will receive a blessing from the congregation.

Cheryl is a Past President of the Fellowship and currently serves on the Membership Team. She retired from a career in corporate Human Resources and lives with her husband and their beloved dogs and cats

Greeter: Susan Persons**Board Member of the Day:** Ed Beasley**Facilitator:** Cheryl Henry**Music Coordinator:** Bruce Mauzy

*Compassionate Offering benefits
The Galveston Humane Society.*

**October 14: Rev. Randy Partain,
"Organic, Cage-Free, Grass-Fed,
Non-GMO Natural Religion"**

People often seem to learn religious ideas and then view nature through the lens of those beliefs. Sometimes this creates the illusion of conflict between science and religion. If we begin instead from observing and understanding nature, what are the religious principles that flow from that starting point? And how can the perspective of religious naturalism help us live into our Unitarian Universalist principles day to day?

Rev. Partain describes himself as a composer, pianist, creative thinker, and theologian. After receiving a doctorate degree in music composition and, after working for many years as a music minister in various Christian churches, he became more open about his (atheist) Humanist beliefs. He earned a Master of Divinity degree (as an open atheist at an evangelical

Christian seminary). He became endorsed as Humanist Celebrant, instead, and encourages people to think about what they believe and to live out their beliefs.

Greeter: Sue Minello**Board Member of the Day:** Kathy Link**Facilitator:** Bruce Mauzy**Music Coordinator:** Margaret Canavan**October 21: Rev. Bob Tucker, "Big History, A
Rompe Through 13.7 Billion Years"**

Bob and his wife Maggie spent five years in Turkey where he taught and was a school administrator.

Bob 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. Bob is a native of Minnesota and has served churches in South Dakota, Minnesota, Texas and Kansas.

Greeter: Bets Anderson**Board of the Day:** Tony DiNuzzio**Facilitator:** Vickie Francil**Music Coordinator:** Tony DiNuzzio**October 28: Sandra Lopez, "Día de Los Muertos"**

Although historically tied to the Mexican culture, Día de Los Muertos has become a widespread recognized celebration in the United States and around the world. The presentation will explore some of the unique ways in which death is now openly acknowledged in our community and in the nation. As always, UU members will be invited to take part in honoring their loved ones through the ritual of Día de Los Muertos.

Sandra A. Lopez is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and for the last several years Sandra has enjoyed the opportunity of drawing from her Mexican culture and family customs in celebrating Día de los Muertos with the UU Fellowship community.

Greeter: Sharon Goodwin**Board Member of the Day:** Judy Glaister**Facilitator:** Kay Schiller**Music Coordinator:** Bruce Mauzy

Monthly potluck lunch immediately after service

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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 5p Bowlers 8p AA Phoenix Group	4	5 1p Hand-crafters Group 6:30pm Jim Turner, <u>The Bhagavad Gita</u> (4th of 5 sessions)	6
7 <u>Compassionate Offering for Galveston Humane Society</u> 10:30a Cheryl Henry, "Blessing of the Animals" and Children's Religious Educ 8p AA Phoenix Group	8 6p Chalice Circle (must be pre-enrolled)	9 1:30p Chalice Circle (must be pre-enrolled)	10 5p Bowlers 7p Book Club: <u>Islands in the Stream by Hemingway</u> 8p AA Phoenix Group	11	12 10a Admin/A-Team Meeting 1p Hand-crafters Group 6:30pm Jim Turner, <u>The Bhagavad Gita</u> (Last of 5 sessions)	13
14 10:30a Rev. Randy Partain, "Organic, Cage-Free, Grass-Fed, Non-GMO Natural Religion" and Children's Religious Educ. 6:30p Spirituality of Poker, TBA 6:30p Game Night, TBA 8p AA Phoenix	15	16	17 5p Bowlers 8p AA Phoenix Group	18 5:30p Board Meeting	19 1p Hand-crafters Group	20 <i>REMINDER: Send Monthly Announcements to Jo Ross, administrator@uugalveston.org</i>
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28 <u>Potluck Lunch</u> 10:30a Sandra Lopez, "Dia de Los Muertos" and Children's Religious Educ. 8p AA Phoenix Group	29	30	31 5p Bowlers 8p AA Phoenix Group	 <p>Neil Huddleston - 10/7 Teresa Salgado - 10/14 Alan Griffin - 10/23 Al Smith - 10/31</p>		