



A Month of Sundays

Services and Children's Religious Education 10:30 am Adult Forum 9am

April 4

EASTER

Gerry Carr "Flower Communion"

On this Easter Sunday, we welcome spring and look with hope to the future. Please bring a flower to share in our annual flower communion, which was developed by the Unitarian minister, Dr. Norbert Capek. Gerry Carr is Chair of the Program Committee and Past President of our Fellowship.

Greeter: Vickie Francil

Board Member: Cheryl Henry

Music: Woody Dickson

April 11

Laura Emerson, "Money and Conflict"

Why is it that churches only seem to talk about money when they want some of yours? As a source of plenty of conflict, as well as pleasure, it seems a worthy topic for a sermon. Let's consider what money means to various people and how our values come into play during individual and institutional arguments and expenditures.

Greeter: Madeleine Baker

Board Member: Kathy Domsy

Facilitator: Cheryl Henry

Music: Steve Hodgson

April 18

John Pepper, "A Sign of Hope, The Tax Collector"

Let's breathe a sigh of relief as tax season is now over, at least for most of us. In ancient times, however, the tax collector was reviled. Then Jesus came along and he had a positive hopeful message even for tax collectors. Join John as he explores the potential significance that message has for us almost 2000 years later. John Pepper is a Candidate for the UUA Ministry. He is an intern at both the Unitarian Fellowship of Houston and the Huntsville UU Church. John works full time for the federal government in Houston with the Office of Pipeline Safety. In retirement, which is several years away, he plans to be a chaplain in a hospital or a hospice.

Greeter: Tony DiNuzzo

Board Member: John Hunger

Facilitator: Alison Rutledge

Music: Tony DiNuzzo

April 25

POT LUCK AFTER THE SERVICE

Nelson Thompson, "Life Lessons from the Game of Poker"

A return engagement from the speaker who inspired our monthly "spirituality of poker" meetings. Don't miss what promises to be an inspiring talk!

Greeter: Stephanie Nwadike

Board Member: Patrick McGuffey

Facilitator: Tony DiNuzzo

Music: Margaret Canavan

President's Message

Dear Fellow UU Members and Friends,

Spring is here and your Board is well into completing several important tasks prior to our Annual Meeting in May.

Having launched our pledge drive several weeks ago, we are beginning our budget planning for the new 2010-2011 fiscal year (beginning July 1, 2010). I am asking each of you to be as generous as possible in your pledging, as I anticipate our overall expenses will increase.

We need to consider increases in budget line items such as maintenance for our building and grounds, among others. Our Pledge Drive continues until our May 10th Board meeting, when we will have completed our new budget. The more accurate our forecast of Pledge income for the new year, the more informed the Board is in creating the new budget.

I will be asking the Chairs of all committees to review their respective budget line items to determine whether adjustments need to be considered. Please contact Pete Olsen, Treasurer, with your responses.

The Nominating Committee has assembled a slate of nominees for the Board openings of President-elect, Treasurer, and two At Large members. A big "thank you" to Susan Persons for her efforts in helping complete this task in a timely manner!

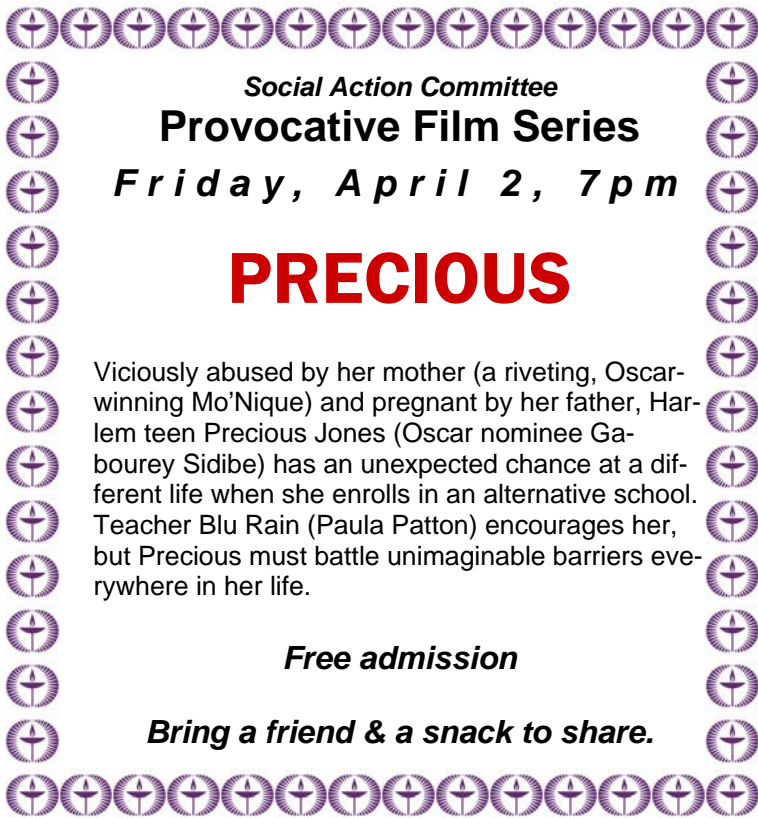
If you have anything to share w/ me or any Board members, please let us hear from you. The next scheduled Board meeting is Monday, April 12, beginning @ 5:45 PM.

Best Personal Regards,

John E. Hunger

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.



Social Action Committee
Provocative Film Series

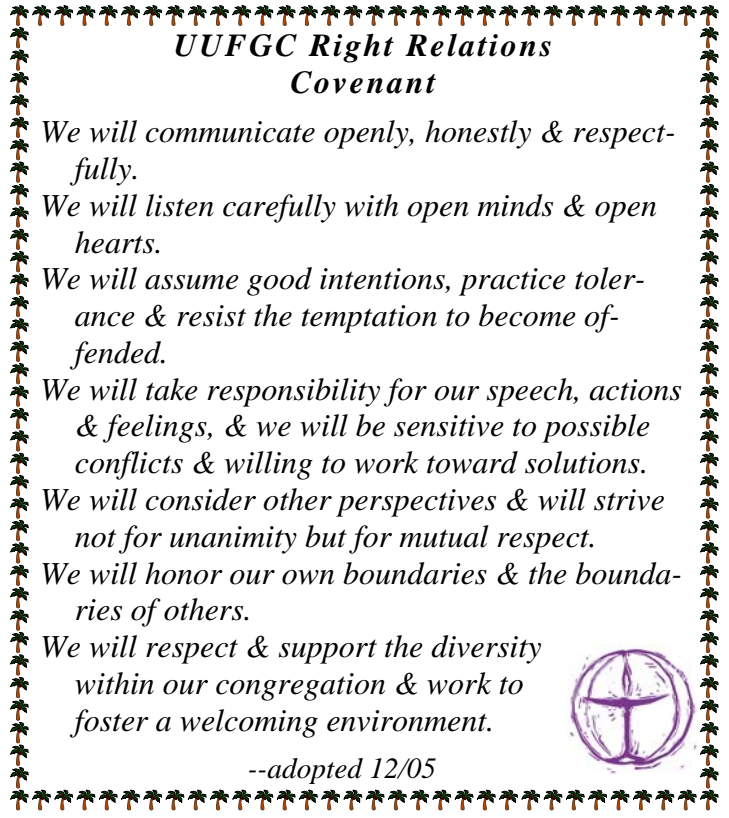
Friday, April 2, 7pm

PRECIOUS

Viciously abused by her mother (a riveting, Oscar-winning Mo'Nique) and pregnant by her father, Harlem teen Precious Jones (Oscar nominee Gabourey Sidibe) has an unexpected chance at a different life when she enrolls in an alternative school. Teacher Blu Rain (Paula Patton) encourages her, but Precious must battle unimaginable barriers everywhere in her life.

Free admission

Bring a friend & a snack to share.



**UUF GC Right Relations
Covenant**

- We will communicate openly, honestly & respectfully.*
- We will listen carefully with open minds & open hearts.*
- We will assume good intentions, practice tolerance & resist the temptation to become offended.*
- We will take responsibility for our speech, actions & feelings, & we will be sensitive to possible conflicts & willing to work toward solutions.*
- We will consider other perspectives & will strive not for unanimity but for mutual respect.*
- We will honor our own boundaries & the boundaries of others.*
- We will respect & support the diversity within our congregation & work to foster a welcoming environment.*

--adopted 12/05



Your pledge will help keep the lights on and the doors open, so we can continue to enjoy our liberal religious community and share it with others. Pledge drive continues through May 9. Your early response will help our Board develop the budget for the 2010-2001 church year.

Get Connected with UUF GC
Meetings are at the Fellowship unless otherwise noted. Everyone is invited and welcome to all listed activities.

- Alcoholics Anonymous Phoenix Group** meets Sunday & Wednesday evenings at 8pm. Contact Robert G. for information at 409-392-7005.
- Adult Forum** meets Sundays at 9am to explore topics in religion, philosophy, history & politics. Contact Neil Huddleston at (409)744-2369.
- Board of UUF GC** meets the second Monday of each month at 5:15 pm. All are welcome to attend.
- Book Club** meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Contact Fanny DeGesero if you have suggestions for readings.
- Used Book Sale** monthly on second Saturday, 9am .
- Bowlers** meet throughout the year on Wednesday evenings to make bowls for the annual "Empty Bowl" fundraiser for Jesse Tree.
- Course in Miracles Study Group** meets every Monday at 11 am. Contact Laura Murrell for information(lauramurrell@att.net).
- Dance Classes:** Galveston Dance Club meets each Tuesday & Thursday, 7pm for classes. Questions, call Betty at 281-337-0441. UU members can join for half price. See <http://www.galvestondanceclub.com>.

- Program/Worship Committee** meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6pm, at location published in the calendar. Meetings are open to all. *Note date change in March, to second Wednesday.*
- Poker and Game Night** is monthly and held in members' homes, open to all. Check the calendar & weekly announcements for date & location.
- Social Action Committee** meets the first Sunday of each month after service and welcomes your ideas, energy and enthusiasm. Help plan our "deeds not creeds".
- Spirit Circle Covenant Group** is on break until June. Contact Gerry Carr at gcarr@tlc-galveston.org for information.
- Supper Circles** meet monthly. Call Judy Glaister at (409)762-8187 to schedule a supper, sign up for one, or for information.
- Zen Meditation** meets Mondays at 5:30pm, and Thursdays at 5:15pm. Contact Cara Geary (gcara@comcast.net) or visit galvestonzen.org. about Mondays, or Terry Conrad (409)599-7268 about Thursdays.

News & Coming Attractions

NUUs from Members and Friends

Congratulations and an Invitation: **Gerry Carr** will be having a BIG birthday on Saturday, April 17, and she's inviting everyone to her house that evening. Details to follow. A **BIG** birthday!

Proud Grandparents: Welcoming Zachary Olsen Hall to this life are **Susan Baker & John Hunger**, and **Pete & Diane Olsen**.

UUpcoming Events

UUUsed Book Sale: Saturday April 10, 9am-2pm. **Fanny** would love some volunteer assistants.

Book Club meets Wednesday, April 14: They will meet at 7pm to discuss **The Senator's Wife** by Sue Miller. All are welcome

Empty Bowls Evening: All ticket sales are in advance, and are available online through Jesse Tree, <http://www.jesstree.net/events/empty-bowl.asp>, or by calling (409) 762-2233. Don't miss this wonderful evening that raises critical funds for Jesse Tree. We originated this event in Galveston and

are sponsoring it for the 7th time. Our fearless bowlers have created a myriad of bowls for you.

"Spirituality of Poker" & Game Night Sunday, April 25, 6:30pm: Poker will be at **Stan Blazyk's**. Please raise your hand if you'd like to host games!

Attic Treasures and "Early Bird" Sale/Reception: Be sure to mark **Friday evening, April 30** for the reception, and **Saturday May 1** for our big sale and fund-raiser. See the article on p. 4 about how YOU can help! We need you, and your stuff!

Around UU

News from the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA): The UUA Margaret Fuller Bicentennial Committee hopes that you will help celebrate the life of this important Unitarian woman at General Assembly this June. They have a number of programs and materials planned, including a panel discussion with Fuller scholars and a workshop led by Fuller biographer Cynthia Grant Tucker. The UUA Information and Public Witness office would like to thank everyone who has made a reservation for a youth group tour this spring and summer. If you have not yet made a reservation, please do so soon. Tours are only available from 3:15pm to 4:30pm, and many Monday and Friday slots through the end of June are full. You can now also schedule a constituent meeting with the UUA office of Youth and Young Adult (YaYA) Ministries. YaYA Ministries is offering several leadership training workshops to be held this summer. To help youth gain interfaith leadership skills, strengthen their leadership styles, or better understand racial/ethnic identity development please encourage them to sign up for one of these excellent trainings. Deadlines to register are in May.

UUUC's Building Justice Fund: The UU Service Committee is seeking donations to cover the cost of construction materials for the Building Justice Just-

Works Camp to be held in Minneapolis, Minn., June 12-20. This intergenerational group of volunteers will work with Habitat for Humanity to rehab a home for one family while learning and reflecting about the causes of poverty and homelessness. To learn more about this program, see http://www.uusc.org/content/building_justice_2010. Contributions are tax-deductible.

Microfinance Update: Our microfinance "revolving" fund added FIVE loans this month. We have now used & "recycled" a few hundred dollars to make 107 loans, totaling \$3350, to recipients in developing countries, and have donated \$195 to support the activities of Kiva. We make loans as we receive donations and re-lend as existing loans are repaid. All are welcome to help select loan recipients. We are part of the Unitarian Universalist lending team which now has 375 members. See our "portfolio" at <http://www.kiva.org/lender/unitarianuniversalist3384>.

Reminders

- Bring old (clean) socks and rags for **Judy Glaister** to use for cleaning & polishing on the *Elissa*.
- **Fair Trade Coffee & Tea** sales benefit small coffee farmers & our Social Action Committee.
- **Sunday morning "Greeters"** are needed! Sign-up in the kitchen or contact **Vickie Francil**.
- We can get \$3 credit at Office Depot with your **used inkjet printer cartridges**.
- **Shirley Hollingsworth** needs **clean plastic grocery bags** for work feeding the homeless.
- **For visitors & newcomers:** Please feel free to take copies of **UU World** magazine, from the display in the foyer.

2009-2010

UUFGC Board of Directors

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Religious Education	Neil Huddleston
Supper Circles	Judy Glaister
Social Action	Mary Hodgson

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Webmaster	Amber Zainfeld

Send us your news! Provide information to administrator@uugalveston.org or phone 409-765-8330, or leave a note at the Fellowship.



UUFGC Sponsors the Seventh Annual

"Empty Bowls" Fundraiser

To benefit the Jesse Tree

Friday, April 16, 2010
5-8 pm

The Garten Verein
27th St. & Avenue O,
Galveston

Advance ticket purchase only
[http://www.jesstree.net/events/
empty_bowl.asp](http://www.jesstree.net/events/empty_bowl.asp)
or (409) 762-2233

A \$30 donation provides a hand-
made bowl, soup, bread, dessert &
beverage.

Music by Valencia Arceneaux

Online sale of Art Bowls at
[http://www.jesstree.net/
EmptyBowlStore.asp](http://www.jesstree.net/EmptyBowlStore.asp)

(purchase does not include event ticket)

ATTIC TREASURES Sale is April 30 - May 1

We're in the home stretch for this annual fundraiser for UUFGC!

Our early-bird sale and reception is Friday evening, **April 30** from **6-8pm**, which will have an admission fee of \$5 to cover refreshments. **Kay Schiller** has volunteered to coordinate refreshments for that evening and she needs your help, so let her know if you'd like to assist.

Sale will be continue on **Saturday, May 1** from **8am-1pm**. Both events are open to the public, of course. Tell your friends!

The volunteer list is posted on the Fellowship bulletin board. Please add your name if you're not on there already! And dust off your blue UU Volunteer t-shirt to wear during the sale. If you don't have one, we've got one for you!

Our Sanctuary is used during the week so we won't be able to set up as soon as we have in the past. However, please go ahead and **bring items for the sale**

beginning Sunday, April 25 after the service. We plan to have someone at UU to receive items from 5-7pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We will store things as unobtrusively as possible, **UNTIL.....**

Beginning **Thursday morning, April 29**, we'll have the building all to ourselves

and will be able to transform the Sanctuary into our annual thrift shop. Someone will be there most of the day and evening Thursday and Friday to accept items and to work on organizing and pricing. We hope YOU will be one of those people.

Please bring your donations as soon as possible so we'll have time for sorting and pricing. If you need assistance hauling things to the Fellowship, let any of the volunteers know.

We hope you'll get right to work identifying things you'd like to donate. Solicit donations from your friends too! All donations are tax-deductible as a donation to the Fellowship and donation receipts will be available.

This annual event is an enjoyable way to give back to the fellowship, with your time and/or your no-longer-needed items. We have fun in the process, do some fundraising, buy new stuff from each other, and provide a service to those in our community who need recycled items. At the end of the sale all leftover items are donated to the Resource and Crisis Center, so it's a win-win-win proposition!



The Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- ◆ *The inherent worth and dignity of every person;*
- ◆ *Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;*
- ◆ *Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;*
- ◆ *A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;*
- ◆ *The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;*
- ◆ *The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;*
- ◆ *Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.*

APRIL 2010

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Galveston County

Activities are held at the Fellowship unless otherwise indicated



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
<p>Happy Birthday to:</p> <p><i>Stephanie Nwadie</i> 4/1 <i>Holly Fortenberry</i> 4/6 <i>Sandra Sullivan</i> 4/11 <i>Gerry Carr</i> 4/17 <i>Michael Hennen</i> 4/17</p>						<p>1 5:15pm - Zen Meditation 7pm - Dance lessons</p>	<p>2 7pm - Provocative Film, Precious</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 EASTER 9am - Adult Forum 10:30am - G.Carr, "Flower Communion"; Children/ Youth Religious Education 12n - Social Action Cmte; 8pm - AA Phoenix Group</p>	<p>5 11am - Course in Miracles 5:30pm - Zen Meditation</p>	<p>6 7pm - Dance lessons</p>	<p>7 5pm - Bowlers 6pm - Program Cmte 8pm - AA Phoenix</p>	<p>8 5:15pm - Zen Meditation 7pm - Dance lessons</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 9am - Book Sale</p>		
<p>11 9am - Adult Forum 10:30am - Laura Emerson, "Money & Conflict"; Children/Youth Religious Education 8pm - AA Phoenix Group</p>	<p>12 11am - Course in Miracles 5:15pm - UU Board 5:30pm - Zen Meditation</p>	<p>13 7pm - Dance lessons</p>	<p>14 5pm - Bowlers 7pm - Book Club 8pm - AA Phoenix</p>	<p>15 5:15pm - Zen Meditation 7pm - Dance lessons</p>	<p>16 Newsletter Deadline Empty Bowls Event</p>	<p>17</p>		
<p>18 9am - Adult Forum 10:30am - John Pepper, "The Tax Collector"; Children/ Youth Religious Education 8pm - AA Phoenix Group</p>	<p>19 11am - Course in Miracles 5:30pm - Zen Meditation</p>	<p>20 7pm - Dance lessons</p>	<p>21 8pm - AA Phoenix</p>	<p>22 5:15pm - Zen Meditation 7pm - Dance lessons</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>		
<p>25 Potluck 9am - Adult Forum 10:30am - Nelson Thompson, "Life Beyond Poker"; Children/Youth Religious Education 8pm - AA Phoenix Group</p>	<p>26 11am - Course in Miracles 5:30pm - Zen Meditation</p>	<p>27 7pm - Dance lessons</p>	<p>28 8pm - AA Phoenix</p>	<p>29 Attic Sale Workday! Usual evening events cancelled</p>	<p>30 6-8 pm - "Attic Treasures" early-bird sale</p>	<p>MAY 1 is ATTIC TREASURES SALE 8am - 1pm</p>		