



A Month of Sundays

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

President's Message

June 6

Ken Vincent, "Universals in Religion"

Whether the High God (or if you prefer, Ultimate Reality) connects with Creation in a personal way or not, there are two things that are true about God: God is REALLY BIG! And God LIKES CHANGE! When it comes to world religions, there are five Universals: 1) Spiritually transformative experiences, 2) Prayer/Meditation, 3) The Golden Rule, 4) Faith Healing, and 5) Miracle Stories. Dr. Ken R. Vincent is a writer and religious experience researcher who has over 150 publications in psychology and religion. Compassionate offering today will go to Ronald McDonald House of Galveston.

Greeter: Kathy Domsky

Board Member: Mike Hennen

Facilitator: Tony DiNuzzo

Music: Margaret Canavan

June 13

Kay Sandor, "Attachment & Impermanence: Lessons from Hurricane Ike"

Consider the effects of the hurricane on the human psyche and how we survived (or succumbed to) the natural disaster of Ike. Kay will explore how the prospect of danger lurks just outside our consciousness and how the fact that not a single hurricane threatened the Gulf coast this past year lures us just a little deeper into denial. Kay Sandor is an Islander by Choice for almost 20 years. She lives on the east end in a sea cottage that survived the 1900 storm and Ike. She likes to sail, garden, and watercolor.

Greeter: Fanny DeGesero

Board Member: Fanny DeGesero

Facilitator: Bets Anderson

Music: Steve Hodgson

June 20

John Gorman, "T.S. Eliot and the Experiment of Mysticism"

Enjoy a reading with commentary of "Little Gidding," the concluding poem of Eliot's **Four Quartets**. This work is from the late phase of Eliot's career. He has resolved a period of religious skepticism and struggle by committing to Christianity in its High Church Anglican form. He's writing from a perspective of faith, but, for UU purposes, it's of the essence that he's been elsewhere beforehand. Our speaker will attempt a simultaneous religious/psychological interpretation as we go through the beautifully realized and courageous meditative process Eliot has achieved. John Gorman is Professor of Literature at UH Clear Lake, a poet himself, and provides an annual "poetry" service for us.

Greeter: Susan Persons

Board Member: Kathy Domsky

Facilitator: Stan Blazyk

Music: Tony DiNuzzo

June 27

POT LUCK AFTER THE SERVICE

Dae Gak, "Always a Good Life"

Zen Master Dae Gak has studied Zen for over 30 years in both the Korean and Japanese traditions. He is the guiding teacher for Zen Students at centers in England, Germany & across the US. He is the founder & guiding teacher of Furnace Mountain, an 800 acre retreat center in Eastern Kentucky. He is also a practicing clinical psychologist.

Greeter: Cheryl Henry

Board Member: Mike Hennen

Facilitator: Mardi Mitchell

Music: Woody Dickson

Dear Fellow UUFGC Members,

It is with mixed feelings that I am writing you for the last time as your 2009-2010 Board President. I welcome passing on the responsibilities of preparing a monthly meeting agenda, drafting this monthly letter, etc. but will miss the satisfaction of presiding at our monthly Board meetings. They have been invariably productive and amicable. For that I thank my fellow board members. A special THANK YOU to **Susan Persons** for her counsel and support.

And I can't thank enough the **Administration Team** of **Bets Anderson, Madeleine Baker, Margaret Canavan, Judy Glaister, Cheryl Henry & Sandra Sullivan** for all their work (much of it unseen!) that insures our monthly Newsletters, weekly Orders of Service, and other tasks too numerous to mention here are completed in a timely fashion. Our entire Fellowship owes you all a big THANK YOU!

This same debt of gratitude is owed to the standing committees that sustain our Fellowship. These include **Communications (Madeleine Baker)**, **Landscaping (Martha Terrill)**, **Membership (Cheryl Henry)**, **Policies and Procedures (Tony DiNuzzo)**, **Program & Worship (Geri Carr)**, **Religious Education (Neil Huddleston)**, **Social Action (Mary Hodgson)**, and **Supper Circles (Judy Glaister)** and the individual Fellowship members serving on these committees.

During the upcoming Annual Meeting scheduled for Sunday, June 6, we will elect a new slate of officers, including President Elect, Treasurer, and two At Large members. **Mike Hennen** will take over as President and I will continue participating in the monthly Board meetings at Past President. We will also approve a new Annual Budget and discuss other matters of importance to the Fellowship.

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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.

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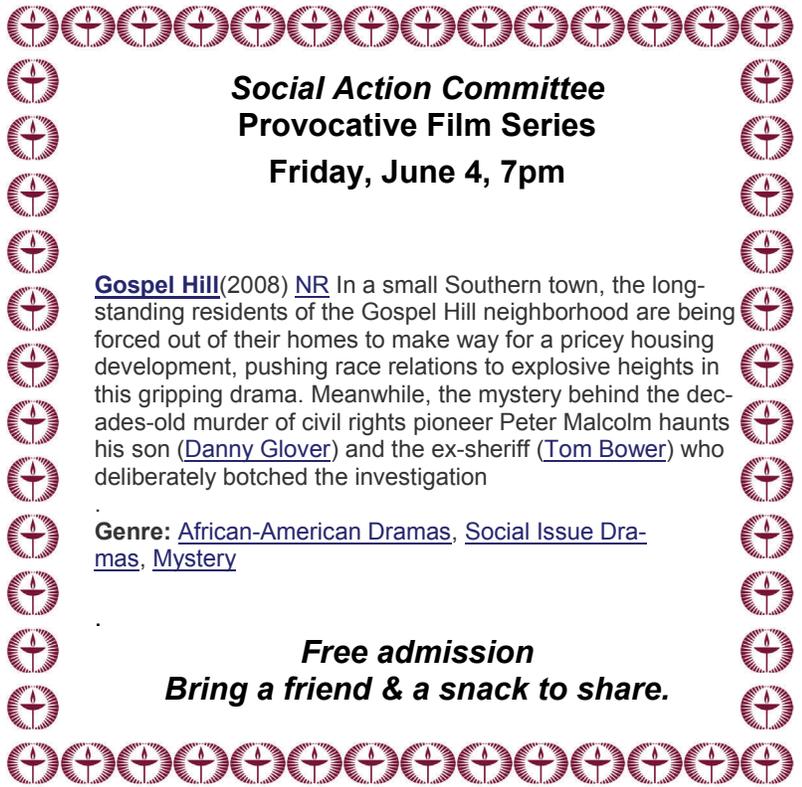
Plan to attend. Your vote is important. Remember a meal will be served so you won't go away hungry, either in mind or body!

It has been a quiet year for our Fellowship and I hope you all agree that our community continues to thrive. Our recent Attic Treasures sale was a resounding success, our Social Action committee is making an impact in the Galveston community with their Plastic Bag project, and members of the Worship committee are actively participating in the What Moves Us program. Our building continues to serve the needs of various groups in our community. See our monthly newsletter for details. Numerous other good things are always happening in our Fellowship community, and I ask all those whose good deeds I may have not mentioned during these monthly letters will forgive my oversights.

As always, if any of you have matters to discuss, never hesitate to seek me out during Sunday service or by email. <mailto:jhunger@bedfordstmartins.com>

Best Personal Regards,

John E. Hunger
About to be Past President



**Social Action Committee
Provocative Film Series**

Friday, June 4, 7pm

Gospel Hill (2008) [NR](#) In a small Southern town, the long-standing residents of the Gospel Hill neighborhood are being forced out of their homes to make way for a pricey housing development, pushing race relations to explosive heights in this gripping drama. Meanwhile, the mystery behind the decades-old murder of civil rights pioneer Peter Malcolm haunts his son ([Danny Glover](#)) and the ex-sheriff ([Tom Bower](#)) who deliberately botched the investigation

Genre: [African-American Dramas](#), [Social Issue Dramas](#), [Mystery](#)

**Free admission
Bring a friend & a snack to share.**

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.*

2009-2010

UUFGC Board of Directors

President	<i>John Hunger</i>
President-Elect	<i>Mike Hennen</i>
Past-President	<i>Susan Persons</i>
Secretary	<i>Cheryl Henry</i>
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	<i>Kathy Domsky</i>
	<i>Patrick McGuffey</i>

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Communications	<i>Madeleine Baker</i>
Landscape	<i>Martha Terrill</i>
Membership	<i>Cheryl Henry</i>
Program/Worship	<i>Gerry Carr</i>
Religious Education	<i>Neil Huddleston</i>
Supper Circles	<i>Judy Glaister</i>
Social Action	<i>Mary Hodgson</i>

Administrative Team	<i>B. Anderson, M. Baker, M. Canavan, J. Glaister, & C. Henry</i>
Webmaster	<i>Amber Zainfeld</i>

Attic Treasures a HUGE Success!

Income of \$2457.60 with expenses of \$159.55 (refreshments for "early bird" reception, ads, price tags), net 2298.05. We provided great deals for our shoppers, bought a lot of things ourselves, and made a fine donation to the Resource and Crisis Center who carried off our leftovers. This event is not only a fund-raiser, but a community-builder. If you weren't part of the fun of setting up and/or holding the sale, you really missed out. We plan to have our 2011 sale in March. So it's not too early to start identifying things you no longer need or want!

News & Coming Attractions

NUUws from Members & Friends

David Pyle, UUFGC member and former administrator and recently a seminary student at Meadville Lombard Theological School (sponsored by UUFGC), will be ordained at 4pm on June 6 at the UU church of Evanston, IL. If you can't attend and want to send congratulations, David's mailing address is 6044 S. Ingleside Ave. #3N, Chicago, IL 60637.

Holly Fortenberry has created a facebook page for us!, as "Galveston Unitarian Universalist Fellowship". She will post info from the weekly email which will be automatically disseminated to all those on Facebook who connect with our page. So, everyone needs to go to the page and click "Like This Page". Here is the link: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Galveston-TX/Galveston-Unitarian-Universalist-Fellowship/105680989474569>. AFTER we get at least 25 people to link to our page, then we will be able to choose a more user-friendly link. *Thanks Holly!*

Sandra López is successfully recovering from having her pesky gall bladder removed.

UUcoming Events

UUused Book Sale: The June book sale will be held Saturday, June 12, 9am-2pm. Volunteers are appreciated!

Book Club: Join the group on Wednesday, June 9 to discuss **Amigoland** by Oscar Casares. All are welcome.

"Spirituality of Poker" & Game Night : On Sunday June 13 show up at 6:30 at **Roy DeGesero's** house for poker. All welcome. Games TBA.

Supper Circle: Susan Baker and John Hunger are hosting a poolside supper circle on Saturday, June 12th at 6:30. No swimming. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Around UU

Microfinance Update: Our microfinance "revolving" fund added one loan this month. We have now used & "recycled" a few hundred dollars to make 110 loans, totaling \$3500, to recipients in developing countries, and have donated \$200 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 384 members. See our "portfolio" at <http://www.kiva.org/lender/unitarianuniversalist3384>.

Social Action Committee MAY continues to work on reducing the use of plastic bags in our community. They are planning another effort at Kroger's in early June to encourage shoppers to use reusable bags. They hope to repeat this effort every other month. They are hoping to develop signage for the Kroger's parking lot reminding people to bring their reusable bags into the store. Thanks for supporting our May compassionate collection for wildlife rehabilitator Trudy Belz, which totaled

Reminders

- **Note: Shirley Hollingsworth NO LONGER** needs plastic grocery bags.
- 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**.
- **For visitors & newcomers:** Please feel free to take copies of **UU World** magazine, from the display in the foyer.

\$203. June collection will be for Ronald McDonald House of Galveston.

Houston Pride Parade and Festival June 26, 12-7pm: Houston UU Network will have a booth at this event, and will need volunteers. Come early if you don't like crowds or come late and stay for the parade! This year's theme is "Pride, Not Prejudice". It looks like we are all set to have a good presence at Pride and show our support for the GLBT community! Please come out and help us!

UUFGC 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

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



NEWS FROM UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION

The Eliot & Pickett Houses, the UUA's bed and breakfast in Boston, is offering a discount for all new reservations made for a minimum three-day stay between May 17, 2010 and September 30, 2010. Discounts apply to new reservations made between April 25, 2010 and September 15, 2010.

The UUA Administration invites you to send us high-quality, high-resolution pictures of your congregation's activities. This could include pictures of your congregation at worship, engaging in social action, on group trips, making building renovations, and much more! Please send your images via email to uupix@uua.org.

You can find UUA Bulletins at <http://www.uua.org/leaders/announcements/congregationalmonthly/index.shtml>.

SUMMER RETREAT 2010: June 24- June 26 at the UUFQC

Zen Master Dae Gak will lead a 2 1/2 day meditation retreat in Galveston. The retreat will be held in silence and incorporate sitting and walking meditation, chanting, Dharma talks, interviews, and work practice. The retreat will run from Thursday evening to Sat. evening June 24-26th at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. The cost is \$120 and includes meals.

Zen Master Dae Gak has studied Zen for over 40 years in both the Korean and Japanese traditions. He is a Dharma Heir of Korean Zen Master Seung Sahn. He founded the Furnace Mountain retreat center in Eastern Kentucky. In addition to his teaching responsibilities at Furnace Mountain, he is presently the guiding teacher of Zen Centers throughout the United States and Europe. He is a clinical psychologist and author of *Going Beyond Buddha*. Dae Gak will be speaking at the UUF's Sunday service.

Get Connected with UUFQC
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 UUFQC 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. All are welcome.

Used Book Sale monthly on second Saturday, 9am.

Bowlers meet on Wednesday evenings to make bowls for the "Empty Bowl" fundraiser. Contact Madeleine Baker for more information.

Course in Miracles Study Group meets every Monday at 11 am. Contact Laura Murrell for information (lauramurrell@att.net).

Dance Classes: Galveston Dance Club offers classes each Tuesday & Thursday at 7pm. 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 Mosquito Café. Meetings are open to all.

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 & welcomes ideas, energy & enthusiasm. Help plan our "deeds not creeds".

Spirit Circle Covenant Group meets each 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:15pm. Contact Gerry Carr gcarr@tlc-galveston.org or leave a message at the Fellowship if you would like to be contacted by phone.

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 <http://galvestonzen.org/> about Mondays, or Terry Conrad (409)599-7268 about Thursdays.

JUNE 2010

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Galveston County

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