

UUF Galveston Gazette

May 2011



Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Galveston County

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Online at <http://uugalveston.org>

A Month of Sundays

Services & Children's Religious Education 10:30 a.m. Adult Forum 9am (except Potluck Sunday)

May 1

Ellie Hanley, "ADA Women's Center: Recovery Begins Here"

What does it mean to be addicted, isolated from family and friends, and see no way out? Ellie Hanley is an IBC for the past 25 years. For the last 11 years she has been the Director of ADA Women's Center, a 14 bed residential substance abuse treatment program for medically indigent women living in coastal Texas. Prior to that, Ellie also ran a voluntary foster care program on the Island.

Greeter: Ana Rivera

Facilitator: Gerry Carr

Board Member: Kathy Domsky

Music: Steve Hodgson

May 8

Laura Emerson, "The Old Testament as a Faith Narrative"

Is the **Bible** "God's word" or is it a compilation of texts written by a variety of very human individuals over hundreds of years? Over the course of two services, Laura Emerson will explore who wrote the **Bible** and when and where it was written. Why were some books included and others excluded? (explaining why Jewish, Catholic, Protestant, and Eastern Orthodox Bibles include different books today). What can we learn about those people and how their faith narrative evolved over time? Can we extrapolate anything to our own selections of "truth" and "heresy" today? As always, Laura's sermons promise to be provocative and educational.

Greeter: Fanny De Gesero

Facilitator: Cheryl Henry

Board Member: Mike Hennen

Music: Margaret Canavan

May 15

Donald Levit "Old Dogs, Children and Watermelon Wine"

Don takes us on his spiritual journey to help us all better visualize what's really important in life. Children certainly qualify, but we need to consider what may substitute for old dogs and watermelon wine. Don has been a faithful member of Thoreau UU for 12 years. After attending church for 6 months in 1999, he felt guilty about not attending synagogue, being raised Jewish. Thus began his spiritual journey which is currently now at Chabad, a mystical Jewish orthodox denomination.

Greeter: Bets Anderson

Facilitator: Bets Anderson

Board Member: Kathy Domsky

Music: Woody Dickson

May 22

Joanna Crawford, "Semper Reformanda!"

Though our theological roots go back to the early church, Unitarian Universalism itself is a new religion, formed during the consolidation of the two religions and developed over the last 50 years. This is a transformational religion that will change your life. Bring your lifejackets and safety helmets – it's a thrilling ride ahead. Joanna Fontaine Crawford is a lifelong Unitarian Universalist, a seminarian at Houston Graduate School of Theology, and a UU candidate for ministry.

Greeter: Cheryl Henry

Board Member/Facilitator: Mike Hennen

Music: Margaret Canavan

May 29

John Hunger, "Memorial Day as an African-American Holiday"

According to historian David Blight, the first celebration of Memorial Day took place in Charleston, South Carolina, in 1865 and involved an estimated 10,000 people, most of them former slaves. John will read a sermon offered by Lori Kenschaft of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading, MA, which describes this event and the evolution of Memorial Day into what is now observed. John is Past President of UUFGC.

Greeter: Mary Hodgson

Facilitator: Susan Baker

Board Member: John Hunger

Music: Steve Hodgson

POT LUCK AFTER THE SERVICE

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.

Get Connected with UUFGC

Meetings are at the Fellowship unless otherwise noted. Everyone is invited and welcome to all listed activities.

Alcoholics Anonymous Phoenix Group meets Sunday & Wednesday at 8pm. Contact Robert G. for information at 409-392-7005.

Adult Forum meets Sundays at 9am (except potluck days) to explore topics in religion, philosophy, history & politics. Contact Neil Huddleston at (409)744-2369.

Board of UUFGC meets the second Monday of each month at 5:15pm.

Book Club meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Contact Fanny DeGesero if you have book suggestions.

Book Sale monthly on second Saturday, 9am-2pm.

Bowlers will be on "vacation" for awhile as they rest up from the successful "Empty Bowl" fundraiser for Jesse Tree.

Choir rehearsals are on the second Sunday of the month at 11:45, and potluck Sundays at 9:15. All are welcome.

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. See <http://www.galvestondanceclub.com>.

Garden Work: This is scheduled for the second Saturday of each month, at 9am. Contact Martha Terrill or John Hunger.

Program/Worship Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6pm, at Mosquito Café in Galveston. Join them or contact Gerry Carr if you have a program to suggest.

Poker and Game Night is monthly and held in members' homes, open to all. Check the calendar & weekly announcements for date & location. Game night is in need of hosts!

Social Action Committee meets the first Sunday of each month after service and welcomes your ideas, energy and enthusiasm.

Supper Circles meet monthly. Call Judy Glaister at (409)762-8187 to schedule a supper, sign up for one, or for information.

Meditation: *Zen Island Fellowship* meets every Monday at 5:30pm, Contact Cara Geary (gcar@comcast.net) or visit <http://galvestonzen.org/>. *Natural Awareness Meditation* meets

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.



2010 - 2011

UUFGC Board of Directors

President	Mike Hennen
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Social Action	Mary Hodgson

Administrative Team	B. Anderson, M. Baker, M. Canavan, J. Glaister, & C. Henry
Newsletter	Judy Glaister/Margaret Canavan
Webmaster	Neil Huddleston



Provocative Film Series Friday, May 6, 7pm

NO IMPACT MAN

A fifth avenue family goes very green when writer Colin Beavan leads his wife, Michelle Colin and their baby daughter on a year-long crusade to make no net impact on the environment in this engaging documentary. Among their activities: eating only locally grown organic foods, generating no trash except for com-post and using no carbon-fueled transportation. The film premiered at the 2009 Sundance Film Festival.

Free admission--Bring a friend & a snack to share



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



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