



A Month of Sundays

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

January 2

Kathy Domsky, "This it: The Now"

As a New Year begins, so often our minds turn to new beginnings and changes that we wish to see fulfilled in our lives. The present moment provides us with every opportunity to achieve our goals, and through compassionate practice in mindfulness we can begin to increase our alignment with the Now. Kathy is the mother of two, a devoted yoga student, a talented photographer and a member of our Fellowship.

Greeter: Vickie Francil
Facilitator: Cheryl Henry

Board Member: Cheryl Henry
Music: Margaret Canavan

January 9

Rabbi Jimmy Kessler, "Do We Believe In What We Pray?"

Our favorite Rabbi returns with yet another story and lesson.

Greeter: Cheryl Henry
Facilitator: Bets Anderson

Board Member: Dale Hogan
Music: Tony DiNuzzo

January 16

Alison Rutledge, "The Legacy of Dr. King"

Martin Luther King applied the practice of non-violent resistance to the evils of segregation and as a result the dominant society began, not just to integrate the Other into its daily life, but gradually to tolerate, accept, and then celebrate people who seemed different. For King, the influence of Gandhi was of great importance, but his call to Christian ministry was paramount. This sermon will explore the human experience of the Holy Spirit (by any name) leading people to practices of love, non-violence, and fruitful dreams of a more peaceful world. Alison Rutledge is a member of our fellowship and a Quaker.

Greeter: Vickie Francil
Facilitator: Gerry Carr

Board Member: John Hunger
Music: Woody Dickson

January 23

Shirley Haulotte, "One River, Many Wells"

The spiritual traditions of the world agree that compassionate service constitutes a true expression of divine intention for human beings. We serve in order that people may more fully celebrate their existence. Compassion, on the one hand, is natural to our state of being and, on the other hand, something with which we struggle. The presenter examines the struggle and the celebration inherent in compassion.

Greeter: Dorothy Treviño
Facilitator: Sandra Lopez

Board Member: Mike Hennen
Music: Steve Hodgson

January 30

POT LUCK AFTER THE SERVICE

Rev. John Pepper, "The Old is New Again, and Again, and Again!"

Recently the concepts of Covenant Groups and Covenants in general have been very popular in the UU community. This fact relates to a very old concept and it resurfaces over and over again because of the power of the concept. What exactly are covenants and how could they relate to you? Please join me as I explore the broader idea and some of its implications.

Greeter: Vickie Francil
Facilitator: Tony DiNuzzo

Board Member: Holly Fortenberry
Music: Steve Hodgson

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.*

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.

From the President

As the year 2011 begins I am feeling very confident about the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Galveston County. That confidence springs from the success we enjoyed in 2010 in all areas of our Fellowship.

One of our successes, I believe, has been in nurturing a welcoming atmosphere. Many observers of churches say that the single most important element in having a congregation which attracts new members and which encourages existing members to remain is a welcoming atmosphere.

We all benefit from such an ambience. Fresh faces can bring fresh ideas, more energy, more diversity, more creativity and, yes, more support for our Fellowship. It makes me happy to see that our congregation is not one which regards itself as some kind of "private club" of long-time members whose mission is limited to caring for themselves and regard new faces simply as "strangers."

In every community there are people who "shop around" for a church home. It is not necessarily a matter of finding the right theology or the right religious practice. In many cases, people simply seek a place in which they can feel welcomed and feel at home. All of us have seen some of these "shoppers" from time to time in our Fellowship. Of course, we will not be the

church for all of these people seeking a church experience that is just the fit for them. No church is perfect for everyone.

Our UU Fellowship has much to offer, and by maintaining a friendly environment and attitude of welcome I am sure we will continue to be an attractive choice for many seeking a church to call home.

We do not, however, have to passively wait for those who might drop in for a visit. Another powerful means of growing a congregation is the time-honored, word-of-mouth. Many, if not most UUs, shun the idea of evangelism and proselytizing – yours truly included. This aversion, however, should not stop us from putting in a good word for our Fellowship to people we think might enjoy our services and might want eventually to be part of us.

So, forward into 2011 we go and as we do, let us continue to welcome visitors with warm UU friendship, a welcoming hand, and let us remember to pass on to others the word about our outstanding congregation.. Let there be no strangers within the walls of our Fellowship.

Happy New Year!

-- *Michael Hennen*

2010 - 2011

UUFGC Board of Directors

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Social Action	Mary Hodgson

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Newsletter	Judy Glaister/Margaret Canavan
Webmaster	Neil Huddleston



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 a note at the Fellowship.

Alcoholics Anonymous Phoenix Group meets Sunday & Wednesday 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. They do not meet on potluck Sundays. Contact Neil Huddleston at (409)744-2369.

Board of UUFGC 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.

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

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

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. 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 in Galveston. Meetings are open to all. 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. Help plan our "deeds not creeds".

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 (gcarag@comcast.net) or visit <http://galvestonzen.org/>. *Natural Awareness Meditation* meets Thursdays at 5:30pm, contact Terry Conrad (409)599-7268.

Provocative Film Series

Friday, January 7, 7pm

KING CORN

This documentary features two friends, one acre of corn, and the subsidized crop that drives our fast-food nation. Two best friends from college on the east coast move to the heartland to learn where their food comes from. With the help of friendly neighbors, genetically modified seeds, and powerful herbicides, they plant and grow a bumper crop of America's most-productive, most-subsidized grain on one acre of Iowa soil. But when they try to follow their pile of corn into the food system, what they find raises troubling questions about how we eat—and how we farm.

Free admission
Bring a friend & a snack to share.

Reminders

- **For visitors & newcomers:** Please feel free to take copies of *UU World* magazine, from the display in the foyer.
- **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**. Bring old (clean) socks and rags for **Judy Glaister** to use for cleaning & polishing on the *Elissa*.

News & Coming Attractions

NUUws from Members & Friends

Thinking of YoUU: Please keep in your prayers & thoughts all those persons in need of some extra positive energy, including **Doris Lee, Tom Hargrove,** and **Marilyn Schultz. Bets Anderson** is doing well following recent day surgery.

UUpcoming Events

Book Club: The book club will meet Wednesday, January 12 at 7pm to discuss **Cutting for Stone** by Abraham Verghese. All are welcome to attend.

Used Book Sale: Saturday January 8, 9am-2pm. You are welcome to come and browse! And of course we welcome your assistance. Help is always appreciated both before and during our sales. Every week we receive numerous boxes of books from the 23rd Street Bookshop in addition to donations from the fellowship members others, which need to be sorted and put on the tables and shelves. Contact **Bets Anderson** (betsanderson@sbcglobal.net) or **Fanny De Gesero** (fandfare@aol.com)

"Spirituality of Poker": This month's host is **Stan Blazyk** on Sunday, January 9 at 6:30pm. Games are "dealer's choice" and we always have fun. A night for Other Games is not currently scheduled--all we need is a willing host!

Garden Committee : Has scheduled the second Saturday of each month as work date, from 9am until you are ready to stop. This month it falls on January 8. Please join them as they are working hard to make our grounds beautiful. It is not too late to buy a cyclamen for the front flower bed. They are \$5.00 each. See **Martha Terrill** of the Garden Committee.

New Covenant Group: On February 7 we will begin a covenant group for new members and for those people interested in exploring the principles of Unitarian Universalism. We will meet on the first Monday of the month from 6:30 to

7:30pm at the Fellowship. Members and non-members are invited to participate in the group discussion. For more information, please contact **Cheryl Henry** at administrator@uugalveston.org (and put "for Cheryl" in the subject line").

ATTIC TREASURES SALE date is set: Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 19 for our annual sale, and Friday evening March 18 for our "early bird" sale and reception. And don't throw out all that extra stuff when you do post-holiday house cleaning, put it in boxes and save for the sale! We'll need your help, and your stuff! Details later.

UU News

Supper Circle: Hosts on Saturday, January 22 are **Susan Baker & John Hunger**. Dinner at 6pm. If you would like to host in 2011 please sign up on the Supper Circle calendar on the bulletin board. It is looking pretty bare at this time, so please consider hosting a supper circle in 2011. It is fun and a wonderful way to get to know fellow UUs. Guest lists can be sized to fit your home!

Social Action Committee Update: Thanks to all those who participated in the Salvation Army "Angels" program. The response this year was very good. Your generosity made a Merry Christmas for many children.

We plan to participate in the Martin Luther King parade this year. Watch the announcements for a date and time. We would like to give children's books out at the parade. Garage sales are good places to buy inexpensive books. If any of you are garage sale goers would you keep an eye out for children's books, and we will reimburse you. You might also ask friends who have young children, in case they have books that are no longer needed.

We continue to work on the reusable bag campaign. If any of you are interested in participating in this, please contact **Mary Hodgson**, or another member of the Social Action Committee.

We are also looking for people who would like to serve on the Social Action

Committee. Simply show up for a meeting! This month's meeting is January 2.

UU Choir: Director **Susan Vaughan** has plans for 2011. Susan would like to schedule two monthly rehearsals. For those not already singing with the group and who would like to join, now's a perfect time. Here's the schedule:

- January 9 11:45 am
- January 30 9:15 am
- February 13 11:45 am
- February 27 9:15 am
- No March Rehearsals-spring break
- April 10 11:45 am
- April 24 9:45 am-brief rehearsal
- May 8-no rehearsal
- May 29 9:15 am
- June 12 11:45 am
- June 26 9:15 am
- No July Rehearsals-Summer break

Other Events

Do you dream of inexpensive vacation travel to interesting destinations where you can stay in the homes of friendly people who share your ideals and are happy to provide directions and advice for their area? The UU bed and breakfast directory, **UU're Home**, can fulfill your dream. For thirty years, we've provided a network of hosts in the United States (and a few abroad) who enjoy meeting new friends and who are happy to open their home to like-minded people. You can also become a host and be listed in the directory. Contact us at info@uurehome.com, and we will gladly send you information about listing your accommodations.

from Vance and Jean Reese, publishers

Please send items for the newsletter by the 15th of each month, for the following month's edition.



JANUARY 2011

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Galveston

Activities are held at the Fellowship unless otherwise indicated

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