

UU Galveston Gazette

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Galveston County

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A Month Of Sundays

Kathi Appelt:

NOV. 6

"Singin' the Blues"

The musical genre known as the Blues is distinctly American. What can a close look at its origins and characteristics offer us as a community? Be prepared to sing. Kathi Appelt is the author of over 30 books for children and young adults. Her novel, *The Underneath*, was a National Book Finalist, a John Newbery Honor Book, and the winner of the PEN USA Award for excellence in children's literature. She serves on the faculty of the Vermont College of Fine Arts. She and her husband Ken live in College Station, TX with their four gifted and talented cats.

Greeter: Dorothy Treviño

Board Member: Cheryl Henry

Facilitator: Kathy Domsky

Music: Margaret Canavan

Joanna Fontaine Crawford:

NOV. 13

"Gratitude and Other Curses"

The expression of thankfulness is a significant spiritual practice in most religions. Our society constantly encourages us to have "an attitude of gratitude." How do we integrate an authentic assessment of our lives and our feelings with appreciation for what we have? Joanna is a candidate for UU ministry and the Intern Minister for the Church of the Larger Fellowship. She lives in North Houston with her husband and their four children.

Greeter: Alison Rutledge

Board Member: Holly Fortenberry

Facilitator: Bets Anderson

Music: UU String Band



Billie Rinaldi:

NOV. 20

"Caring for Our Earth -The Carbon Sabbath Journey"

Billie will share the story of Scott Claassen. She met him on a recent trip to South Dakota during his year long bike riding trip around the United State. He says: "...it is an attempt to become more mindful of how my personal behavior affects the earth and those around me". Billie is a member of the Fellowship and currently serves as President of the Board.

Greeter: Madeleine Baker

Board Member: Mike Hennen

Facilitator: Gerry Carr

Music: Bunny Andrews

POTLUCK AFTER SERVICE

Mike Hennen:

NOV. 27

"Morality: Can Science Guide Us?"

UU Fellowship board member Mike Hennen will speak about the lessons modern branches of science have to offer in setting our moral values.

Greeter: Judy Glaister

Board Membe: Mike Hennen

Facilitator: Mike Hennen

Music: Woody Dickson

Gulf Pride Youth Offers Solace For GLBT Community

There is an exciting, new organization on Galveston Island. This group will potentially save the lives of many young people and you too can be part of the solution.

GPY: Gulf Pride for Youth, Inc is a newly formed supportive organization providing safe community for young

people, regardless of their:

- Sexual orientation
- Gender
- Or their confusion about sexual orientation or gender.

I know there are those of you who are would have greatly benefited from a group like this when you were young. I

also know that like myself, there are those of you who have family members who also could have used this sort of support during their younger years. And of course

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Community

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I will not forget you dedicated educators and mental health people. You are often the first person a teen such as this shares with.

Most of you are very familiar with the difficulties young people face as they try to figure out "who" they are. Society, family and even religion can add to the burden.

Along with this, trying to find like minded people can be especially challenging. Addiction, suicide and other forms of self destruction can result when a young person doesn't have a safe community. GPY has take great strides over the last year to make sure young people have a safe place to go, but they need your help.

The orgination's **Mission Statement** reads: "We offer an affirming and safe environment to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual,



Transgender, Intersex, and Questioning (GLBTIQ) individuals aged 13 – 20 by providing education, positive role modeling/adult mentors, peer support, and outreach to enhance their strengths and encourage youth to lead healthy, productive lives of their own choosing."

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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 5:30pm.

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

Book Sale monthly on second Saturday, 9am-2pm, at the fellowship. All adult hardback books are \$ 1.00, paperbacks \$ 0.50. Children's hardback books are \$ 0.50 and paperbacks are \$ 0.25.

Bowlers will meet at 5 pm each Wednesday to create "Empty Bowls" for the annual

Jesse Tree fundraiser. Please check availability before showing up.

Choir rehearsals are held approximately twice monthly and are generally listed in the calendar in this newsletter. If you would like to participate please contact Bets Anderson, director Susan Vaughan, or any choir member for the future rehearsal schedule.

Course in Miracles Study Group meets every Monday at 11 am. Contact Laura Murrell for info: (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>.

Program/Worship Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm, at the Fellowship. Join them or contact Gerry Carr if you have a program to suggest.

Spirituality of Poker" Group meets the third

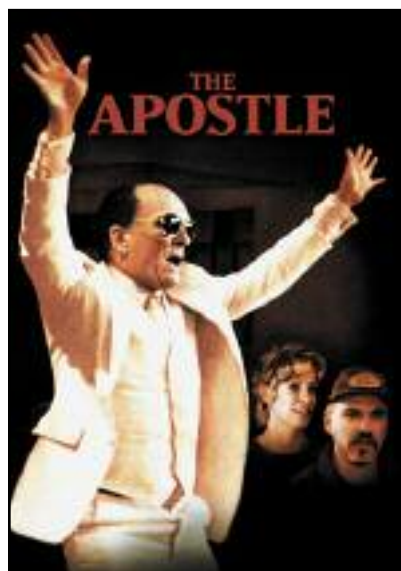
Sunday of each month in a member's home to play "dealer's choice". Location is in the monthly calendar and is announced in weekly emails and the Sunday bulletin. Game Night is not currently held for lack of a host (let us know if you'd like to host!).

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* no longer meets.

Have an open group meeting you'd like to list here? Let us know and we'll add it.



Provocative Film Series Friday, November 4, 7 p.m. 502 Church Street, Galveston THE APOSTLE

Written, starring and directed by Robert Duvall, The Apostle is a chilling testimony to what religious can do with the power they yield. When charismatic but troubled Pentecostal preacher Euliss "Sonny" Dewey (Robert Duvall) discovers that his wife (Farrah Fawcett) is having an affair, he promptly puts the other man in a coma and flees his home state of Texas for Louisiana. Once there, he takes on a new name, renovates an old church and brings new life to a congregation. Written and directed by Duvall, the film also earned an Oscar nod for Duvall's complex, captivating performance. Although the evangelical style and fundamentalist Christian message shown in this movie are unlike anything we experience in the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, the complex nature of this character, his capacity for both good and evil, offer much food for thought and discussion.

Bring a friend and a snack to share.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Billie Rinaldi

Greetings UU Family! I have had a whirlwind of activities this past month with the view to planning and support for our Fellowship. In November I will be bringing you a remarkable story on the Carbon Sabbath.

Amazing happenings occur

in the most unlikely places if we just open our senses and allow the world into our hearts. There is beauty, grace, and love in every day when we let the joy of being shine through ourselves. Let each of you share your blessings as you sing your life song.

UU News & Events



Book Sale: The UU Book Sale will be held on Saturday, November 12, from 9 am to 2 pm. Books are \$1.00 for hardbacks and \$0.50 for paperbacks.

Book Club: Will Meet November 9 at 7 pm in the living room at the fellowship to discuss *All Those Who Save Us* by Jenna Blum; The final book club meeting for 2011 will be December 14 when the discussion will be on *Crow Lake* by Mary Lawson.

Bowlers: Have resumed working on bowls for the 2012 Jesse Tree fundraiser and will meet each week at 5 pm at the fellowship. Please check for availability before showing up.

Supper Circle: The November Supper Circle will be the Fellowship's annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner, which will be Thursday, November 24, at 2 pm, at

the Fellowship. If anyone can come help set up, they should arrive by 1:15 pm. Judy and Richard are providing 2 turkeys, gravy and rolls. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.

"Spirituality of Poker" will meet at Stan and Margaret's house, at 6:30pm on Sunday, November 6. All are invited to participate. There is a \$20 buy-in.

Ingatherings are scheduled once a quarter on the last Sunday of the month. The remaining ingathering for 2011 will be on December 25. If you are not already a member, think about accepting the joys and responsibilities of membership in this Fellowship. Please contact Cheryl Henry, Membership Chair, if you are interested in becoming a member.



Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Set For Thursday, Nov. 24

The Annual Thanksgiving dinner will be held on Thursday, November 24th at 2:00 at the Fellowship. Please sign up on the bulletin board. Judy and Richard are cooking 2 turkeys, gravy, and rolls. If you can help with the setting up, please come around 1:15.

Help support the DREAM

Approximately 65,000 children of illegal immigrants graduate from high school in our country each year without being able to plan for the future, and some will be removed from their homes to countries they barely know. The Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (Dream Act) lays the foundation for immigration reform and allows immigrant youth to make crucial contributions to the United States. It is a pathway through education or military service to citizenship for these youthful immigrants.

If you feel that you could support passage of the Dream Act, there are letters to our two representative Senators from Texas on the table in the entryway to the fellowship. Please pick up and read and see if you could support it.

November Compassionate Offering to benefit "Our Daily Bread"

Our compassionate offering for November will go to Our Daily Bread. They provide daily breakfast and hot lunch, alcohol/drug addiction counseling, mental health groups, nursing/medical care, clothing, hygiene products and haircuts as well as referrals to other agencies. They encourage and empower people to make positive choices, seek treatment for mental, emotional or addictive disorders and create a plan of action through a stable and productive future.

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Additionally, their **Vision** states:

"We see a community and world where all youth have the possibilities and opportunities to manifest their dreams regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity."

Currently, GPY is looking for volunteers. All volunteers receive fantastic training. You can make a difference in a young person's life. Also, if you know of a younger individual who might be interested in GPY, please pass this link on to them: <http://www.gulfprideforyouth.org/>.

Requirements for volunteers includes: Being at least 25 years old; Criminal background check; Child Protective Services/Sex Offender background check; Questionnaire; Reference checks (three personal references); Personal interview by our Volunteer Selection Committee; Complete an (approximately) 8 hour volunteer orientation session; After being screened, adult facilitators are further selected for each night based on their personal background and circumstances, by our Programming Committee.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:</p> <p>Madeleine Baker 11/7 Jimmy Rainey 11/9 Margaret Canavan 11/11 Woody Dickson 11/12 Lori Pepper 11/21 James McGlathery 11/22 Frank Dickson 11/28 Mitch Philpot 11/28</p>		1	2	3	4	5
<p>9am - Adult Forum 6</p> <p>10:30am - Kathi Appelt, "Singin' The Blues"; Children/Youth Religious Education</p> <p>12n - Social Action Mtg</p> <p>6:30 - Poker at Stan and Margaret's House 6:30</p> <p>8pm - AA Phoenix Group</p>	7	8	9	10	11	12
	<p>11am - Course in Miracles</p> <p>5:30pm - Zen Meditation</p>	<p>7pm - Dance Lessons</p>	<p>5pm - Bowlers</p> <p>7pm - Book Club</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>7pm - Dance Lessons</p>	<p>7pm - Provocative Film, <i>The Apostle</i></p>	<p>9am - Garden Workday</p> <p>9am - 2pm - Book Sale</p>
<p>9am - Adult Forum 13</p> <p>9:15am - Choir Practice</p> <p>10:30am - Joanna Fontain Crawford, "Gratitude and Other Curses"; Children/Youth Religious Education</p> <p>8pm - AA Phoenix Group</p>	14	15	16	17	18	19
	<p>11am - Course in Miracles</p> <p>5:30pm - Board</p> <p>5:30pm - Zen Meditation</p>	<p>7pm - Dance Lessons</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!</p>	<p>5pm - Bowlers</p> <p>7:15-8:30pm - Choir Rehearsal GIAA</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>7pm - Dance Lessons</p>		
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<p>POTLUCK 27</p> <p>9:15am - Choir Rehearsal followed by performance at the service</p> <p>10:30am - Mike Hennen, "Morality: Can Science Guide Us?"; Children/Youth Religious Ed.</p> <p>12n: Potluck Lunch following Fellowship</p> <p>8pm - AA Phoenix Group</p>	28	29	30	31	<p>Pick Up Your New Membership Book</p> <p>We have several Membership Handbooks which have not been picked up yet! If you don't have the 2011-2012 version (has a red cover), be sure to pick yours up in the foyer next time you are at the fellowship.</p>	
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