

The Rev Dr. Edward Frost wrote about ways to free the word and idea of grace from its traditional roots, which he hopes would allow Unitarian Universalists of differing theological views to “reclaim its power.” He said “But, I assure you, there is grace. I have felt it at times engulf me, restore me, and bless me with a passing vision of harmony and balance. I do not believe that grace is a gift imposed on us from above. I believe that grace is a standing invitation, the universe outstretched as a hand we beat against until we are finally able to rest into it.” Join us this month as we look at grace from different perspectives.

Quote taken from <http://jesspages.net/bestofuu/07/we-know-that-grace-is-rare>

A Month Of Sundays

Rev. Shirley Haulotte

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“What’s So Amazing About Grace?”

An exploration of the concept of grace in various traditions followed by an examination of grace from a non-religious standpoint using Prochaska’s Stages of Change.

A discussion of Chairo as a way of opening ourselves up for grace concludes the presentation. Reverend Shirley Haulotte is a an interfaith minister serving as a Chaplain for Resolutions Hospice in Austin. Previously, Shirley was a social work professor at The University of Texas in Austin. Shirley is also a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

Facilitator *Gerry Carr*

Music: *Margaret Canavan*

Greeter: *Bets Anderson*

BMOD: *Al Smith*

Rev. Ray Pinard

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“What Does Grace Have To Do With It?”

Rev. Ray Pinard, Associate Pastor, Moody Methodist Church for Hispanic Ministries, Executive Director of the Galveston Island Meals on Wheels Program, and Director of Pastoral Care of the Meridian Retirement Community since

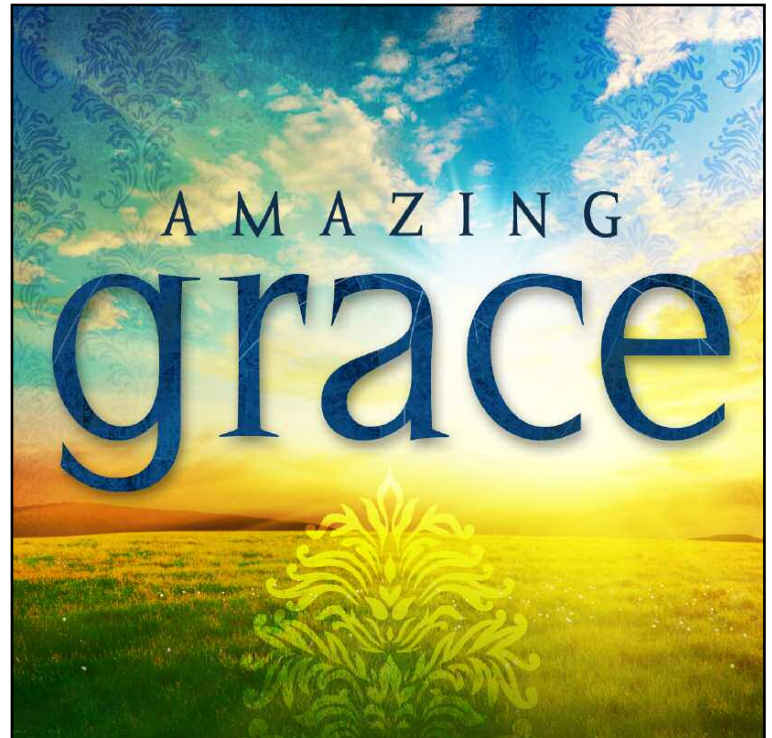
1978. Born in Barre, Vermont. Graduated from St. Michael’s College, Winooski Park, Vermont, and completed four years of Graduate Studies from St. Edmund’s Theological Seminary in Burlington, Vermont. Became an Ordained Pastor of the Society of St. Edmund in 1966. Volunteered to serve as a missionary in the barrios of Las Minas de Baruta, a squatter village east of the Capital City, Caracas, Venezuela. In 1971, the Vatican granted permission to be released from the Priesthood, and Ray returned to Houston where he and Vivian were married in 1972. Both returned to Venezuela to begin a second multi-purpose community and education center. This program was under the direction of the Presbyterian Church of Venezuela. Ray and Vivian returned to Houston in 1977 and after a brief sabbatical, began their work with the United Methodist Church in 1978 as Pastoral Director of the Moody House, now called The Meridian Retirement Community.

Facilitator: *Mike Hennen*

Music: *Susan Vaughan*

Greeter: *Claudia Maveety*

BMOD: *Bets Anderson*



Tom Parker

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“Fact, Truth, and Unitarian Universalism”

It has been said that the Bible is not always factual but it is truthful, an observation that has much broader application than the Bible. Tom Parker has been a member of Northwest Community Unitarian Universalist Church since 1996 and over the years has served on the worship committee, membership and building committees as well as one year as Board secretary. He has spoken before the congregation on several occasions and gave a talk at Thoreau Fellowship in January. He is an actor, part-time speech instructor, and when he’s not acting or teaching, he works for the Transportation Department at Cy-Fair ISD.

Facilitator: *Cheryl Henry*

Music: *Tony DiNuzzo*

Greeter: *Judy Glaister*

BMOD: *Stephanie Nwadiie*

Sandra Lopez POTLUCK

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“Dia de los Muertos”

This celebration from Mexican tradition honors loved ones who have passed on. Each year we share the memories of our loved ones in this service. Bring photographs and other mementos (food, drinks, special items) of your loved ones to decorate our altar and share a story of reminiscence. All are invited to participate in this very special service that provides for sharing, support, and community building.

Facilitator: *Kay Schiller*

Music: *UU String Band*

Greeter: *Mary Case*

BMOD: *Cheryl Henry*



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<https://www.facebook.com/#!/UUGalveston>

Service Directory Helps Members Offer Services

The Fellowship now has an easily-updated SERVICES DIRECTORY for members and friends of the UUFGC in the form of a bulletin board outside the Adult Education classroom. There is space there for service providers to post their business cards or neatly-printed 3x5 cards (service, details of service, provider name, contact info) while in a second column, members seeking services can post 3x5 cards explaining what it is they need.

By using the SERVICES DIRECTORY, for example, providers can make UU members aware that they operate a catering service, own a printing business, or house sit for people out-of-town. At the same time, members can advertise their need for a math tutor for their teenager, a carpenter to repair a sagging door, or a ride to the doctor on a regular basis. Services may include both fee and free services.

It is hoped that members and friends of UUFGC will use the SERVICES DIRECTORY frequently to help each other match those who offer services---whether that of a big business or a single individual---with those who have need of those services.

The SERVICES DIRECTORY will be maintained by Claudia Maveety. Guidelines for the use of the directory are posted on the bulletin board; individual copies are available upon request. Neither Claudia nor the UUFGC accept any responsibility whatsoever for the manner of service delivery, satisfaction with that service or its cost, or payment for service.

Calling All Newcomers!

The October Newcomer's group meeting will be Sunday, October 14, immediately after the service. This informal gathering provides an opportunity for those new to the Fellowship or Unitarian Universalism to learn more of what we are about and how our Fellowship operates. Whether you are a new visitor, or someone considering membership, this meeting is for you!

Kiva Portfolio Now Up To 218 Loans

Our UU Galveston Kiva portfolio now includes 218 loans to borrowers in developing countries who are working to better themselves using microfinance. Our "revolving loan fund" now has outstanding loans of \$865. Our re-lending when loans are repaid has resulted in our having lent thousands of dollars to struggling entrepreneurs all over the world. Visit our lender page at

<http://www.kiva.org/lender/unitarianuniversali3384>.



Get Connected with UUFGC



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.

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

lauramurrell@att.net.

Newcomer's Group Meets at 11:45 am on the second Sunday of each month

Dance Classes: Galveston Dance Club offers classes each Tuesday & Thursday at 7 pm. Questions, visit www.galvestondanceclub.com or call Betty at 281-337-0441, or go to

Program/Worship Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm, at a location to be determined each month. Join them or contact Gerry Carr if you have a program to suggest.

"Spirituality of Poker" will meet at 6:30pm, Sunday, October 12, at Tony DiNuzo's house. There is a \$20 buy-in, and is Dealer's Choice. Everyone is invited to participate. 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 welcome s your ideas,

energy and enthusiasm.

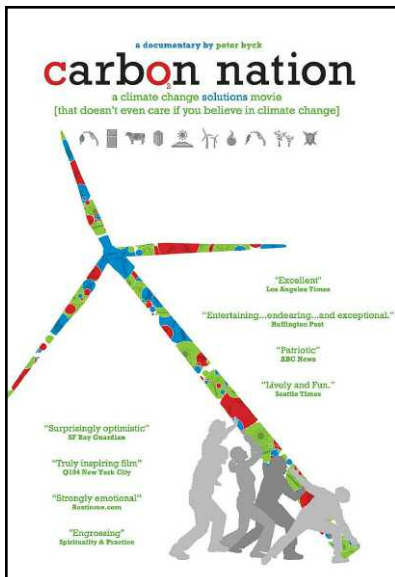
Supper Circles meet monthly. Call Judy Glaister at (409)762-8187 to schedule a supper, sign up for one, or for information.

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

Spirit Circle meets at 6 pm on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the Fellowship. If you are interested in finding out more about the Spirit Circle, please contact Gerry Carr.

Fundraising Committee We are forming a fundraising Committee. If anyone is interested in attending or serving, please contact Claudia Maveety, Fundraising Chair

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



Provocative Film Series

Friday, October 5, 7 p.m.

502 Church Street, Galveston

Carbon Nation

I became aware of climate change in 2006 and immediately wanted to know whether there were solutions. Along with my team, we set out to find the innovators and entrepreneurs who were laying the groundwork for a clean energy future. Midway through production, we met Bernie Karl, a wild Alaskan geothermal pioneer – when Bernie told me he didn't think humans were the cause of climate change, it was a light-bulb moment. A person didn't have to believe in climate science to still want clean air and clean water. And once we filmed the Green Hawks in the Department of Defense, I realized that national security was another way into the clean energy world. In our travels, we filmed Bay Area radicals, utility CEOs, airlines execs and wonky economists – and they all agree that using as little energy as possible and making clean energy are important goals; whether for solutions to climate change, national or energy security or public health. I wanted to make a big-tent film where folks of all political stripes could find common ground. ~ Director, Peter Byck

Bring a friend and a snack to share.

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From The President

How do you occupy your faith?

Last month we were encouraged by UU minister Reverend Ellen Cooper-Davis to “Occupy Your Faith!” What does being a Unitarian Universalist mean to you personally? How do you live your faith? For many of our members, it means volunteering regularly at the Fellowship:

- Greeting visitors each Sunday morning
- Conducting educational workshops
- Making bowls for The Jesse Tree fundraising event in the Spring
- Offering affordable books for our neighbors at our monthly book sale
- Preparing for and conducting the weekly Sunday service
- Maintaining the gardens and the building
- Improving the front of our church building and entryway to create a better first impression
- Communicating with our members and friends through weekly e-mails and phone calls; preparing this monthly newsletter which reaches many people via our web site
- Offering support to members and friends

Two Workshops Remain

Welcoming Committee Meetings

UUFGC’s Welcoming Congregation has just two remaining workshops that will lead us on our way to becoming a UUA-designated Welcoming Congregation. They are scheduled for Sundays: October 7 and 21. They will be held at the Fellowship from 11:45am - 2pm. It is important that as many as possible

The remaining workshops will be: “Experiences of Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, and/or Transgender People,” Oct. 7 by Susan Baker, Larry Janzen, and Wendy Baker; and “What Now?” Oct. 21 by Sandra Sullivan, Laura McIntyre, and Curtis Jones.

Unitarian Universalist “Common Read”

The New Jim Crow: *Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander (The New Press) has been selected as the 2012-13 Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) Common Read. Alexander, an attorney who is a civil rights advocate and litigator, asserts that crime-fighting policies and systems in the U.S., such as the “war on drugs” and the incarceration system, disproportionately and intentionally affect Americans of color. She describes multifaceted, lifelong discrimination and disenfranchisement that affect people who are branded “felon.”

“Like” Our New Facebook Page

For all who use Facebook: UU Galveston has a new page, at <https://www.facebook.com/UUGalveston>, where we post notices of upcoming events and information of interest to members. If you haven’t done it yet, go to that page and “like” it. Then it’s easy to share information with your friends about services, Friday night movie, special activities, etc. Of course, we continue to send out a weekly email to those who wish to receive it; if you don’t receive those, please alert administrator@uugalveston.org.

who are ill or in need of help

- Hosting supper circles to provide a way for members, both old and new, to meet and develop relationships
- Serving on the Board, committees, and task forces

Another way to occupy your faith is to become involved with the new partnership our Fellowship has entered into with KIPP, our neighborhood school. We began this collaboration a few months ago by collecting donations for school uniforms for the children, the majority of whom are enrolled in the free-lunch program. We donated almost \$1,000 to funding the children’s uniforms. We have collected and delivered books to the school for children to take home with them. Many of these children have never had books in their homes.

We are now beginning a mentor/tutor program for this school year. The children at KIPP can greatly benefit from your spending an hour a week with them — either to listen to them read, to help them with a subject they may find difficult, or simply to show them what kind of life is possi-

ble for them. We need more volunteers for this program. I especially encourage the men in our Fellowship to volunteer. Many of these children do not have a successful male role model in their lives; they could benefit from time spent with the wonderful men in our Fellowship.

We are also planning to have a regular get-together of volunteers so we can discuss the experiences we have at KIPP. This will provide us yet another way to deepen our relationships with each other and our neighbors.

So, if you have a little time each week, please consider volunteering at KIPP. I think you’ll get as much out of your volunteer experience as the child you’re helping.

Occupy your faith — walk the talk — spread the word about what it means to be a UU!

Love and peace,

Cheryl

Cheryl Henry, President

UU News & Events



Book Sale: The UU Book Sale will be held on Saturday, October 13, from 9 am to 2 pm. Books are \$1.00 for hardbacks and \$0.50 for paperbacks. Children’s books are \$0.50 for hardbacks, and \$0.25 for paperbacks.

Book Club: Will meet October 10 at 7 pm in the living room at the Fellowship to discuss *Parrot and Oliver in America* by Peter Carrey.

Bowlers: Have resumed working on bowls for the 2013 Jesse Tree fundraiser and will meet each week at 5 pm at the Fellowship. Please check for availability before showing up.

Supper Circle: Supper Circles for **October** and **December** are filled. If anyone would like to host a second supper circle on October 14th, or December 8th, please contact Judy Glaister. **Thanksgiving Dinner** at the Fellowship is in need of a co-host. Anyone interested in helping with this event, please contact Judy. She can be contact-

ed at judyglaister@yahoo.com.

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Ingatherings are scheduled once a quarter on the last Sunday of the month. If you are not already a member, think about accepting the joys and responsibilities of membership in this Fellowship. Please contact Margaret Canavan, Membership Chair, if you are interested in becoming a member.

A UU Network Workshop, October 13, 11am-3pm: “Sharing the Ministry and Good News” and lunch at Westwood Hall, Emerson UU Church. Please RSVP to Karen at <mailto:karen@emersonhouston.org> or call 713-782-8250 by Oct. 10th for a luncheon head count and for further information about the workshop.

Member Photos Needed For Photo Wall

Photos needed! The Membership Committee is designing a photo wall with pictures of all our members. If you have a small photo of yourself that you like,

please send it to the Fellowship and we will print it out. If you don’t have one, a member of the committee will take one next time we see you.

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