

UU Galveston Gazette

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We welcome the full range of human diversity, that is, age, race, gender, sexual orientation, and ethnicity.

The theme of our programs in June is Faith.

Faith is a principle of action and power. Whenever we work toward a worthy goal, we exercise faith. We show our hope for something that we cannot see. Our sixth principle is the embodiment of faith: "the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all." In spite of events in the world today, we have not given up on the hope for a peaceful world community. This is faith. In the words of Marjorie Newlin Leaming, "Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree."

Please join us in June as we examine the source of and need for a continued faith in what is possible.

June 7: Cara Geary, MD, "Faith in Not Knowing"

What will sustain you on the worst of days? Cara Geary will explore the human experience of truly 'not knowing' and how we exert tremendous effort to resist this vulnerability. Is it possible to have great faith in our not-knowing? Dr. Geary is a Professor and Neonatologist at UTMB. She started the Perinatal Hospice Program there and most recently has launched a six month curriculum for medical students called the Physician Healer Track. She is also the Abbess of the Zen Island Fellowship and a certified Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Instructor.

Greeter: Susan Persons BMOD: Steve Townley Facilitator: Rick Altemose Music: Bruce Mauzy

June 14 Rev. Tom Bain, "To Stand at the Center"

The Latin root for meditation is *Stare in Medio*, which literally means "to stand at the center." Our center is where we find God within ourselves, and where we find our true selves. In today's culture, it can be difficult to get to that center. All of us live noisy, distracted, and busy lives. At its worst our activities become frenzied, and our possessions become clutter. We find that we do not know ourselves very well. When it gets quiet and we are able to pause, we may realize that we have a longing for something deeper in our lives that can be found only at our center. Rev. Bain is a retired United Methodist pastor currently the palliative care chaplain at UTMB in Galveston. He is a member of the World Community for Christian Meditation and received training as a spiritual director at the Cenacle Center in Houston. He is a founding member of the board of Charis, the spiritual director training program of the Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Tom and his wife Jillian Derrick live in Galveston with their yellow lab and 2 orange tabbies.

Greeter: Lisa Windsor BMOD: Stan Blazyk Facilitator: Bets Anderson Music: Margaret Canavan

June 21: Rev. Bob Tucker Speaking Religion in a Einstein-Quantum World

The language we use to talk about religion comes from the pre-Copernicus flat-earth world. How would our thinking change if we developed a theology using contemporary scientific understandings? Dr. Tucker was Senior Minister of First Congregational Church in the Memorial Area of Houston for 28 years, Interim Minister of Houston's First UU Church in Houston, & is past Executive Director of the Foundation for Contemporary Theology.

Greeter: Fanny DeGesero BMOD: Sandra Sullivan Facilitator: Billie Rinaldi Music: Idalia Avezuela

June 28: Consequences of the Misguided War on Drugs

Sunday morning Adult Forum group has discussed Chasing the Scream by Johann Hari, which describes the "war on drugs" in the United States. This program will provide a summary of its issues and highlights of the group's impressions. Hari identifies problems caused by the drug war, current scientific focuses on causes, and examples of enlightened approaches to drug use. This information had a profound effect on the Forum attendees' thinking toward the 'war on drugs' that we hope to share with the Fellowship. Presenters include Madeleine Baker, Joel Carrow, Neil Huddleston, Steve Reubens and Sharon Goodwin

Greeter: NEEDED BMOD: Judy Glaister Facilitator: Bets Anderson Music: Margaret Canavan

Ingathering of New Members

*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.*

Heads-up members: please review your contact information in the “membership resources” area of the UU Galveston website, <http://uugalveston.org/onlymembers/Members.pdf> to be sure we have you up-to-date. This is a password-protected page, with the username “member”. If you’ve forgotten the password just contact the administrator. We will publish a printed directory during the summer, and we do like to have it as accurate as possible at least once a year!



“Like” us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/UUGalveston>
You can access the page even if you do not have a Facebook account. Get information about our weekly services.

In Memoriam: Our friend and longtime member **Shirley VanBuskirk** passed away on April 25 in San Antonio. We remember Shirley for her laughter, her wry sense of humor, and her love of animals. Rest in peace, Shirley. A memorial service will be held at UU on a date to be announced.

Congratulations to **Idalia Avezuela** who has been promoted to Supervisor of the Reference Section at Rosenberg Library. She is also Acting Chair of the Galveston Reads Committee.

Reiki is the Japanese art of healing, developed by Mikao Usui in 1922. The healer is just a channel for the divine universal energy, and it aims to adjust the energy of the chakras. It is also known as healing with the hands, and it uses special symbols and words to achieve it. It can also work for distant patients. **Ana Rivera** offers her services to any of us who request them, as her gift.

S o c i a l A c t i o n N e w s

June Compassionate Collection

Our June collection will benefit the Parent-Teacher Organization at Coastal Village Elementary. Coastal Village Elementary is located at the Rosenberg school here in Galveston’s East End. It was once a KIPP school, but now is fully part of Galveston Independent School District. UU Galveston members **Bob English** and **Wendy Baker** are President and Secretary of its newly formed Parent Teacher Organization. Their children Jillian and Gabby will be starting third grade and kindergarten there this coming school year. The school has approximately 80% of its children on the free school lunch program. Every year the classrooms come up short on school supplies, so funds collected in our Compassionate Offering will go to the PTO in order to help supplement materials for the children. Last year the PTO had to buy \$1500 in missing supplies, but this helped the teachers not dip into their personal finances and helped them feel supported.

The May Compassionate Collection brought in \$297 for Communities in Schools. Thanks to everyone for your generosity toward this important organization.

Clothing Exchange

After the Attic Treasures Sale, we had a few articles of nice clothing left over. We kept them to see if the women from ADA House might need them. It turns out they did, and about half the clothes went to that excellent organization.

To move forward with this, we have decided to maintain a

clothing “exchange” rack in the back hallway, for ourselves and the women at ADA House. If you have something wearable that you no longer need or want, bring it in and hang it up. If you see something you could use, please take it. If you feel like making a donation, please do so!

When there is a resident at ADA House in need of clothing, a staff member will help that person choose what is right for her, with no payment or donation expected. **Dale Hogan** has agreed to coordinate this project. Dale will keep things tidy and make sure that unwanted clothes move on to a new home when their time comes. Seems like a win-win!

150 Years of Juneteenth--Be Part of It!

“Journey to Freedom” on June 4: As a kickoff of Juneteenth activities, and part of the “Galveston Reads” presentations related to this year’s common read, **Freeman** by Leonard Pitts, the **Galveston Heritage Chorale** will present a free performance of a musical experience based on the theme of the book. Our friend and Galveston’s own Izola Collins has written and will direct the performance which will be at 7pm on Thursday, June 4 at The Grand 1894 Opera House. Several guest performers will assist the chorale, whose members include our own **Bets Anderson** and **Margaret Canavan**.

Parade! Once again UU Galveston will participate in the Juneteenth Parade. This year celebrates the 150th anniversary of this day, commemorating the liberation of all slaves in the US. The parade is scheduled for the evening of Friday, June 19. We will have a truck with room for a few riders in back, and of course as many walkers as want to participate. Parade line-up is at 6pm so we need to gather at UU at 5:30, or you can look for Stan driving the red truck, in the line-up.

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AT UU GALVESTON

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 11am Course in Miracles	2	3 5pm Bowlers are "on vacation" this month 6 pm Program Committee 8pm AA Phoenix Group	4	5 10am "C" Team	6
Annual Membership Meeting Today After Service 9am Adult Forum 10:30: Cara Geary, MD, "Faith in Not Knowing" ; Children's Religious Education Noon: Annual Meeting & Lunch 8pm: AA Phoenix Group	8 11am Course in Miracles 5:15pm Board Meeting	9	10 7pm Book Club discusses Fifty Russian Winters 8pm AA Phoenix Group	11	12	13
9am Adult Forum 10:30: Rev. Tom Bain, "To Stand at the Center" ; Children's Religious Education 12n "Newcomers" meeting; 8pm AA Phoenix Group	15 11am Course in Miracles Newsletter Items Due Please!	16	17 8pm AA Phoenix Group	18	19 	20
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Potluck Today 10:30: Members of Adult Forum, "Consequences of the Misguided War on Drugs" ; Children's Religious Education 6:30pm: Poker @ Stan & Margaret's 8pm AA Phoenix Group	29 11am Course in Miracles	30	Happy Birthday to Nancy McGlathery 6/1 Susan Persons 6/2 Suzanne Simmons 6/5 Ed Beasley 6/7 Linda Price 6/12 Chris Reeves 6/16 Don Higbee 6/22 Joan Klein 6/24 AJ Price 6/27 Wendy Baker 6/28 John Vanderpool 6/28			