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Online at [uugalveston.org](http://uugalveston.org)*We welcome the full range of human diversity, that is, age, race, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and ethnicity.***"The Challenge of Equality" is the theme for our Sunday services in March.**

In these turbulent times, we are confronted with provoking questions about equality in America. What is it to be an American? Does every American have an equal opportunity to live a full and happy life? Consider these familiar words:

***"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness..."***

Do these truths still hold true today? Please join us in our Sunday services this month, as we consider the challenge of equality.

**March 4: Rev. Bob Tucker, "Masterpiece Cakeshop, Perry's Bathroom Fears and Johnson's Rule: Religious Equality in Flux"**

After 227 years of the First Amendment, one would think the relationship of church (religion) and state would be settled. Contrarily, conflicts abound. Bob is a native of Minnesota and has served churches in South Dakota, Minnesota, Texas and Kansas. He was, for twenty-eight years, the Senior Minister of the First Congregational Church of Houston. He is the Executive Director Emeritus of the Foundation for Contemporary Theology.

**Greeter:** Bets Anderson

**Board Member of the Day:** Wei Chen (Miso) Lee

**Facilitator:** Carlos Price

**Music Coordinator:** Bruce Mauzy

**March 11: Rev. Jenifer Wagley, "The Woke Olympics"**

How we get "it" (equity) wrong, and how to keep doing it anyway: "A lesson in humility and grace." Rev Wagley serves as Deputy Director of Avenue, a 25-year-old non-profit development company serving the Greater Houston community. She has 14 years of community organizing and program management experience. As Deputy Director at Avenue, Jenifer works in tandem with the Executive Director to support the sustainability and growth of the organization. Jenifer oversees Avenue's robust Community Building and Engagement Department, which includes the highly successful GO Neighborhoods program in the Near Northside and Avenue's place-based initiative expansion into Northline. At home, she is mother to three boys: Ben-15, Elijah-6 and Shepherd-terribly-terrific-2. Her wife, Carla, has been by her side for 10 years. As a family they enjoy playing at parks, hosting parties and traveling.

**Greeter:** Cheryl Henry

**Board Member of the Day:** Ed Beasley

**Facilitator:** Bets Anderson

**Music Coordinator:** Tony DiNuzzo

**March 18: Kathy Tiernan, "Challenge of Equality: What I Have Learned About Belief"**

I have had the life-shaping opportunity to visit all of the continents, more than 70 countries all but two states in the United States. Most of the amazing travel out of the country was with World Wildlife and National Geographic. I worked with many wise scholars who talked about the evolution of the earth, wildlife and humans as well as their anthropolo-

gy, culture, economics and religious practices. I would like to share what I have experienced that has shaped my understanding of the challenges of equality. Beliefs are strong. We are what we believe ourselves to be. We believe in many different things about ourselves, our surroundings, our friends, loved ones, where we came from and where we are going. This is not a belief vacuum but is in a vortex with facts, attitudes and values. This vortex was central to my training as a health education specialist and my work for years teaching planning and evaluation on the undergraduate and graduate level.

**Greeter:** Judy Glaister

**Board Member of the Day:** Jo Ross

**Facilitator:** Wei Chen (Miso) Lee

**Music Coordinator:** Margaret Canavan

**March 25: Rev. Randy Partain, "Some Animals"**

In George Orwell's novella *Animal Farm*, the ideal of equality becomes perverted by those who believe they're better than the other animals. "All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others." Our own social structure isn't even designed to create equality. From the very beginning of our society, some people have been seen as "more equal" than others. More capable. More deserving. More entitled. How can we foster equality within a system that isn't designed to produce it? And how do we handle the reality of privilege as we envision a more equitable world? Rev. Partain describes himself as a composer, pianist, creative thinker, and theologian. He received a doctorate degree in music composition and, after working for many years as a music minister in various Christian churches, he became more open about his (atheist) Humanist beliefs. He earned a Master of Divinity degree (as an open atheist at an evangelical Christian seminary). He became endorsed as Humanist Celebrant and encourages people to think about what they believe and to live out their beliefs meaningfully.

**Greeter:** Jo Ross

**Board Member of the Day:** Lisa Windsor



**Facilitator:** Madeleine Baker

**Music Coordinator:** Bruce Mauzy



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>HAPPY</b> Kristopher Benson - 3/7 Rudy Steury - 3/15 Cat Currens - 3/16</p> 	<p><b>BIRTHDAY!!</b> Cynthia Antonelli - 3/18 Carlos Price - 3/21 Doris Rasmussen - 3/26</p> 			<p><b>1</b> 6-8p Attic Treasurers "Early Bird" Reception</p>	<p><b>2</b> 8a-1p Attic Treasurers Public Sale</p>	<p><b>3</b> 8a-1p Attic Treasurers Public Sale</p>
<p><b>4</b> <b>Compassionate Offering</b> 10:30a Rev. Bob Tucker, Religious Equality in Flux" and Children's Religious Educ 8p AA Phoenix Group *1p - Houston Aids Walk, Sam Houston Park, Downtown</p>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<p><b>7</b> 5p Bowlers 8p AA Phoenix Group</p>	<b>8</b>	<p><b>9</b> 1-3p Hand-crafters Group</p>	<p><b>10</b> <i>Spring Forward and Change Your Clocks!</i></p>
<p><b>11</b> <i>Daylight Savings Time!</i> 10:30a Rev. Jenifer Wagley, "The Woke Olympics" and Children's Religious Educ 8p AA Phoenix Group</p>	<p><b>12</b> 6p Chalice Circle (*must be pre-enrolled)</p>	<p><b>13</b> 1:30p Chalice Circle (*must be pre-enrolled)</p>	<p><b>14</b> 5p Bowlers 7p Book Club: <u>Defying the Nazis</u> by Artemis Joukowsky 8p AA Phoenix Group</p>	<b>15</b>	<p><b>16</b> 10a Admin/A-Team Meeting 1-3p Hand-crafters Group</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> 
<p><b>18</b> 10:30a Kathy Tiernan, "Challenge of Equality" and Children's Religious Educ 6:30p Spirituality of Poker (Bob English) 6:30pm Game Night (TBA) 8p AA Phoenix Group</p>	<b>19</b>	<p><b>20</b> 5:30p Board Meeting</p> 	<p><b>21</b> 5p Bowlers 8p AA Phoenix Group</p>	<b>22</b>	<p><b>23</b> 1-3p Hand-crafters Group</p>	<p><b>24</b> *2-9p - UU Music Festival, Unitarian Fellowship of Houston</p>
<p><b>25</b> <b>Potluck Lunch</b> 10:30a Rev. Randy Partain, "Some Animals" and Children's Religious Educ 8p AA Phoenix Group</p>	<p><b>26</b> 6p Chalice Circle (*must be pre-enrolled)</p>	<p><b>27</b> 1:30p Chalice Circle (*must be pre-enrolled)</p>	<p><b>28</b> 5p Bowlers 8p AA Phoenix Group</p>	<b>29</b>	<p><b>30</b> 1-3p Hand-crafters Group</p>	<b>31</b>