



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

"If you suddenly and unexpectedly feel joy, don't hesitate. Give in to it. There are plenty of lives and whole towns destroyed or about to be. We are not wise, and not very often kind. And much can never be redeemed. Still life has some possibility left. Perhaps this is its way of fighting back, that sometimes something happened better than all the riches or power in the world. It could be anything, but very likely you notice it in the instant when love begins. Anyway, that's often the case. Anyway, whatever it is, don't be afraid of its plenty. Joy is not made to be a crumb. (Don't Hesitate)" — Mary Oliver

Please join us for our Sunday services in December as our speakers focus on the theme of Joy.

**December 1: Rev. Bob Tucker, "...And Then There's Jesus"**

As much as people have issues with the Christian church, either from childhood or with today's evangelical involvement in politics, Jesus remains pretty much unscathed. In addition, there has been much scholarly attention on Jesus for the past half century. The service begins with the hymn "Joy to the World." Bob had been the Senior Minister of the First Congregational Church of Houston for many years as well as churches in South Dakota, Minnesota, Texas and Kansas. He and Maggie spent several years in Turkey, and he is Executive Director Emeritus of the Foundation for Contemporary Theology.

Greeter: Bets Anderson                      BMOD: Carlos Price  
Facilitator: Cheryl Henry                      Music: Bruce Mauzy

**December 8: Rev. Dr. Randy Partain, "What's Right with Me?"**

So often we hear people say things like, "I don't know what's wrong with me," when they make a mistake. Maybe we've said that sort of thing ourselves. It's all well and good for us to recognize areas for potential growth, but we also benefit from recognizing all of our strengths. How we can live more joyfully by celebrating what's *right* with us? And what simple, intentional action can we engage in to help people around us joyfully celebrate what's right with them? Randy describes himself as a composer, pianist, creative thinker, and theologian. After receiving 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.

Greeter: Fanny DeGesero                      BMOD: Steve Townley  
Facilitator: Madeleine Baker                      Music: Tony DiNuzzo

**December 15: Jean Goodwin, M.D., "Homo (Me First! Me Only!) Sapiens"**

The modest aims of this talk are 1) to review the past 100 million years of life on earth 2) to ponder the possibility that Homo sapiens' natural nastiness, inherited paranoia and inability ever to stop will lead to self-extinction and 3) to discuss whether that outcome is richly deserved. Or not. There will also be flashes of comic relief.

Jean Goodwin is a psychiatrist and psychoanalyst in private practice in Galveston. She is a Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at UTMB and a training and supervising analyst on the faculty of the Center for Psychoanalytic Studies in Houston. She is an author, lecturer, and consultant on issues of childhood trauma and dissociation.

Greeter: Martha Terrill                      BMOD: Kathy Link  
Facilitator: Vickie Francil                      Music: Bruce Mauzy

**December 22: Bets Anderson, "Moravian Love Feast"**

This annual participatory service where all in attendance can be involved celebrates the Christmas season with carols, readings, candles and a traditional Moravian Love Feast. This ritual is a shared communion of rolls and sweet coffee, served by members of the congregation. It is based upon the Agape feast and the meals of the early churches described in the Bible in the Acts of the Apostles, which were partaken in unity and love.

Greeter: Victoria Narkin                      BMOD: Tony DiNuzzo  
Facilitator: Bets Anderson                      Music: Margaret Canavan

**December 29: Cheryl Sanders Henry "Reflections on the Year"**

As we come together on the last Sunday of the year, let's pause to take stock of the year now ending. Let's give some thought to the moments of happiness and the moments of hurt; the accomplishments and the failures; the people who inspired us and those who caused us grave concern. Let's prepare for a new year with courage and commitment. In the words of Howard Thurman, "In whatever sense this year is a new year for you, may the moment find you eager and unafraid, ready to take it by the hand with joy and gratitude."

Cheryl has been an active member of our UU Fellowship since joining in 2007. She retired from a career in Organizational Development and currently leads our Chalice Circles, participates on the Membership Team, and assists the Facilitators for our Sunday services.

Greeter: Sandra Sullivan                      BMOD: Carlos Price  
Facilitator: Cheryl Henry                      Music: Tony DiNuzzo

# DECEMBER 2019 — UU Galveston



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 <u>Compassionate Offering</u> 9:00a Adult Forum 10:30a Rev. Bob Tucker, "...And Then There's Jesus" 8p AA Phoenix</p>	2	3	<p>4 10am Mind Body Course 5pm Bowlers 8p AA Phoenix</p>	5	<p>6 1p Handcraft Group</p>	7
<p>8 9:00a Adult Forum 10:30a Rev. Dr. Randy Partain, "What's Right with Me?" 8p AA Phoenix</p>	9	10	<p>11 10am Mind Body Course 5pm Bowlers 7p Book Club 8p AA Phoenix</p>	12	<p>13 1p Handcraft group 6pm Chalice Circle Christmas party</p>	14
<p>15 9:00a Adult Forum 10:30a Jean Goodwin, M.D., "Homo (Me First! Me Only!) Sapiens" 6:30p Spirituality of Poker 8p AA Phoenix</p>	16	<p>17 <i>Send December information &amp; announcements to Admin, at <a href="mailto:uugalveston@gmail.com">uugalveston@gmail.com</a></i></p>	<p>18 10am Mind Body Course 5pm Bowlers 8p AA Phoenix</p>	<p>19 5:30p Board Meeting</p>	<p>20 1p Handcraft Group</p>	21
<p>22 9:00a Adult Forum 10:30a Bets Anderson, "Moravian Love Feast". 6:30p Game Night 8p AA Phoenix</p>	23		<p>25 2p Christmas Potluck</p> 	26	27	28
<p>29 <u>Potluck Lunch</u> 10:30a Cheryl Sanders Henry "Reflections on the Year" 8p AA Phoenix</p>	30		 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steve Townley 12/1</li> <li>• Nathalie Egalite 12/7</li> <li>• Vickie Francil 12/9</li> <li>• Mary Case 12/17</li> </ul>			