

UUF Galveston Gazette

October 2009



Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Galveston County

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A Month of Sundays

Services and Children's Religious Education 10:30 a.m. Adult Forum 9am

October 4

Vickie Francil & Diane Olsen, "St. Francis & Blessing of the Animals"

"All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures," said St. Francis of Assisi. In honor of him, as well as our own love for animals, we offer this blessing of the animals service. Bring a picture or a live animal. To bring a live animal, you must bring a current vaccination certificate (the greeter will keep until the end of the service). Dogs must be on a leash (or in an animal crate/carrier) and other animals in an animal carrier/crate. Please bring only one animal per person, and only those who are friendly to other people and animals. This promises to be a lively Sunday!

Greeter: Susan Persons Board Member: Kathy Domsky Music: Margaret Canavan

October 11

Arzella Kay, "Unleashing the Power of Consciousness, Matter and Miracles in My Life"

This program will include Arzella's personal experiences related to healing and her intense search for understanding through study that includes the works of Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, Ken Wilbur, Fritjof Capra, Gary Zukav, Deepak Chopra and many more. She is the Executive Director of the High Plains Institute for Applied Ecology.

Greeter: Dorothy Treviño
Facilitator: Alison Rutledge

Board Member: John Hunger
Music: Woody Dickson

October 18

John Pepper, "The Miracle of Fellowship"

Fellowship is a word we often take for granted but when we come together for a larger purpose, the power of fellowship can be almost miraculous. Please join me as I explore the power often generated by a group of committed individuals

Greeter: Vickie Francil
Facilitator: John Hunger

Board Member: Pete Olsen
Music: Tony DiNuzzo

October 25 POT LUCK AFTER THE SERVICE

Laura Emerson, "John Murray: Universalist Dickens Character"

John Murray, sometimes referred to as the "father of American Universalism" lead such a picaresque life that it reads like a Dickens novel: a stern Calvinist father, a runaway, a shipwreck, debtor's prison, trumped up lawsuits, and serendipitous meetings with powerful friends and future relatives. Murray is important not only to UU history, but to US history, for an early and decisive battle separating church and state. More personal perhaps, are the lessons we can apply to ourselves: how do we handle what life throws at us – both the good and the bad, and never at a time when we are prepared for either?

Greeter: John Hunger
Facilitator: Gerry Carr

Board Member: Susan Persons
Music: Stephen Hodgson

President's Message

Dear UUFGC Colleagues,

The memorial service for Ken Vaughan this afternoon was a fitting tribute to a very special man.

Your Board met on Monday, September 14, attending to the affairs of our Fellowship. I am pleased to report...not much is happening. A good thing to be able to say considering the events of one year ago! We are streamlining the policies and procedures for building usage, attending to maintenance details around the facility, and moving forward with parking improvements on the alley side of our property.

Fanny DeGesero and my Susan are working to upgrade our monthly book sale by using our space more efficiently. I will ask them to give you all a report of their progress in a future newsletter.

Thanks to everyone for their part in helping our Fellowship thrive.

John Hunger

Social Action Committee News

The Social Action Committee will renew its efforts to curtail the use of plastic bags. We will need volunteers to man the stations at Krogers.

Thanks to your generous donations, the special offering for the American Red Cross Disaster program totaled \$189.00.

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.

In Memoriam
Kenneth W. Vaughan
 November 13, 1919-
 September 6, 2009.

Ken was the father of Susan Vaughan, father-in-law of Michael Hennen, and grandfather of Vaughan Hennen.

He was born on a pioneer farm north of DeSmet, South Dakota, where he attended country school and high school. Ken served two-and-a-half years in the U.S. Army in the South Pacific. He married Fay Merrell and they had three children.

After graduating in civil engineering from the Missouri Scholl of Mines in 1947 he moved to Aberdeen, South Dakota where he established Aberdeen Steel and became the first national dealer for Harvestore farm storage structures.

Ken contributed greatly to his community and continued this service when he moved to Galveston. While in Galveston, he was active in the Sons of the American Revolution and served on the founding board of the Galveston Island Arts Academy.

We will miss Ken's intelligent wit, his challenging dialogues, and his constant presence on the front row of the sanctuary every Sunday. We are sure that he is off on a fabulous new adventure.

2009-2010

UUFGC Board of Directors

President	John Hunger
President-Elect	Mike Hennen
Past-President	Susan Persons
Secretary	Cheryl Henry
Treasurer	Pete Olsen
Members at Large:	Fanny DeGesero
	Kathy Domsy
	Patrick McGuffey

Committees and Task Forces

Communications	Madeleine Baker
Landscape	Martha Terrill
Membership	Cheryl Henry
Program/Worship	Gerry Carr
Adult Religious Education	Neil Huddleston
Children's Religious Educ.	Fanny DeGesero
Supper Circles	Judy Glaister
Social Action	Mary Hodgson

Administrative Team	B. Anderson, M. Baker,
Webmaster	M. Canavan, J. Glaister, C. Henry, S. Sullivan,
	Amber Zainfeld

**Right Relations
 Covenant**

We will communicate openly, honestly & respectfully. We will listen carefully with open minds & open hearts. We will assume good intentions, practice tolerance & resist the temptation to become offended. We will take responsibility for our speech, actions & feelings, & we will be sensitive to possible conflicts & willing to work toward solutions. We will consider other perspectives & will strive not for unanimity but for mutual respect. We will honor our own boundaries & the boundaries of others. We will respect & support the diversity within our congregation & work to foster a welcoming environment.



**Social Action Committee Provocative
 Film Series**

**7pm Friday
 October 2**

**The SINGING
 REVOLUTION**

James and Maureen Castle Tusty's moving documentary recounts Estonia's fight for independence from Soviet occupation, telling the remarkable story of the hundreds of thousands of protestors who gathered in public to voice their dissent through song. After 50 years of rule by the oppressive Soviet regime, the people of Estonia gave life to a grassroots movement for change by staging passionate rallies and singing forbidden patriotic songs.

**Free Admission
 Bring a friend and a snack to share.**

Reminders

- Please bring **clean plastic grocery bags** for **Shirley Hollingsworth's** Saturday work to feed the homeless. Leave them in the box outside the Administrator office.
- Bring old (clean) socks and rags for **Judy Glaister** to use for cleaning & polishing on the *Elissa*.
- We can get \$3 credit at Office Depot with your **used inkjet printer cartridges**.
- **Fair Trade Coffee and Tea** sales in our foyer benefit small coffee farmers & our Social Action Committee.
- **For visitors & newcomers:** Our members receive the **UU World** magazine, & want to share with you. Feel free to take copies from the display in the foyer.
- **Friendly Sunday morning "Greeters"** are needed! Sign-up in the kitchen or contact **Vickie Francil**.

Send newsletter information to administrator@uugalveston.org or phone 409-765-8330, or leave at note at the Fellowship.

News & Coming Attractions

Member NUUs

Thinking of YoUU: Please keep in your prayers & thoughts: those persons in need of some extra positive energy.

Mardi Mitchell is the extremely proud grandmother of tiny twin boys. Adrian Oliver (4lbs 10 oz) and Andrew Clayton (3lbs 4oz) Hancz are thriving and are now home. Mom Shaundra is doing well. Ask Mardi to show you pictures!

Bets Anderson invites everyone to the opening of her watercolor exhibit at Mosquito Café, during Artwalk evening on October 10. Her paintings of "Doors of Galveston" will be on display for six weeks.

Weekly email: If you do not currently receive our weekly email of activities, and would like to, send an email with that request to administrator@uugalveston.org. We offer this informational update to our friends as well as our members.

UUpcoming Events

Book Club: Meets on Wednesday October 14 to discuss **The Color of Water** by James McBride.

Used Book Sale: Saturday, October 10 from 9am-2pm. **Fanny DeGesero** and **Susan Baker** would love to have help!

"Spirituality of Poker" and Game Night Sunday October 11: Enjoy poker at **Tony DiNuzzo's**, or other games at **Bets Anderson's**. Festivities start at 6:30pm.

Supper Circle: Ilse & Basil Benard are hosting the October Supper Circle on Saturday, October 17 at 6:30 pm. Ilse is making a large chicken and lamb potpie. Please sign up on the bulletin board. There is room for the first 12 persons to sign-up.

Garden Workday October 31: Landscape Chair Martha Terrill hopes you can take a couple of hours out of your busy life and come help tidy the UU garden on Saturday, October 31. She plans to be there around 9:30. Costumes are optional.

Microfinance at UUFGC: Our microfinance "revolving" fund has made 77 loans, totaling \$2575, to recipients in developing countries, and we have donated \$135 to support the activities of Kiva. We make loan as we receive donations and re-lend as existing loans are repaid. All are welcome to help se-

lect loan recipients. Take a look at our current microfinance portfolio at <http://www.kiva.org/lender/unitarianuniversalist3384>.

The Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

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 evenings at 8pm. Contact Robert G. for information at 409-392-7005.

Adult Forum meets Sundays at 9am to explore topics in religion, philosophy, history & politics. Contact Neil Huddleston at (409)744-2369.

Board of UUFGC meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 5:15 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Book Club meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Contact Fanny DeGesero if you have suggestions for readings..

Used Book Sale monthly on second Saturday, 9am. Come help out! Donate your used books!

Bowlers meet throughout the year on Wednesday evenings to make bowls for the annual "Empty Bowl" fundraiser for Jesse Tree.

Comedy Defensive Driving: "Pokey" Simmons teaches this three Saturdays each month, for \$35. Contact him at (409) 789-8451 to sign up.

Course in Miracles Study Group meets every Monday at 11 am. Contact Laura Murrell for information(lauramurrell@att.net).

Dance Classes: Meet each Tuesday & Thursday, 7pm:

Questions, call Betty at 281-337-0441. UU members can join for half price. See <http://www.galvestondanceclub.com>.

Gardeners meet monthly for work that is important to keeping our Fellowship looking good & working properly. See calendar for work dates.

Program/Worship Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6pm, at Mosquito Café in Galveston. Meetings are open to all.

Poker and Game Night is monthly and held in members' homes, open to all. Check the calendar & weekly announcements for date & location.

Social Action Committee meets the first Sunday of each month after service and welcomes your ideas, energy and enthusiasm.

Spirit Circle Covenant Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6pm. Contact Gerry Carr gcarr@tlc-galveston.org or leave a message at the Fellowship if you would like to be contacted by phone.

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

Zen Meditation meets Mondays at 5:30pm, and Thursdays at 5:15pm. Contact Cara Geary (gara@comcast.net) or visit galvestonzen.org about Mondays, or Terry Conrad (409)599-7268 about Thursdays.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
Happy Birthday to: Bev Frannea 10/7 Neil Huddleston 10/7 Jean Baker 10/22 Alan Griffin 10/23 Lee Willcock 10/28						1 5:15pm - Zen Meditation 7pm - Dance lessons	2 7pm - Provocative Film, The Singing Revolution	3
4 9am - Adult Forum 10:30am - Francil & Olsen, "Blessing of the Animals"; Children/Youth Religious Ed 12n - Social Action Committee 8pm - AA Phoenix Group	5 11am - Course in Miracles 5:30pm - Zen Meditation	6 7pm - Dance lessons	7 5pm - Bowlers 6pm - Program Cmte at Mosquito 8pm - AA Phoenix	8 5:15pm - Zen Meditation 7pm - Dance lessons	9	10 9am- Defensive Driving 9am-2pm - Used Book Sale		
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