

A Month Of Sundays

Our theme this month is freedom. Join us as we explore the roots of our American freedom from historical, political, poetic and religious points of view.

Mike Hennen

JULY
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“Democracy in the USA: Does it still work?”

Mike Hennen, a Galveston lawyer and observer of the democratic process, asks the question of whether or not, in this time of social and political polarization, the influence of Big Money, *Citizens United vs. Federal Election Commission*, the executive power of the President, etc., we still have a “democracy” of the people, by the people, and for the people. Mike Hennen is a member and past president of the board.

Greeter: Cheryl Henry

Music: Margaret Canavan

BMOD: Bets Anderson

JT Waddell

JULY
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“Thomas Jefferson and the Free Exercise of Religion”

Thomas Jefferson requested that his tombstone carry the following inscription: “Here was buried Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, of the Statue of Virginia for Religious Freedom, and father of the University of Virginia.” Mr. Waddell’s talk will explore what we know and don’t know about Jefferson’s views on religion and the role that governments should take with regard to its powers and duties with regard to religion.

M. Theron Waddell, also known by his nickname Bujo, is a native Texan. He attended the Baytown public schools and graduated from R.E. Lee High School, received his AA from Lee College, his BA and MA degrees from the University of Texas in Austin, where he also did additional graduate studies in political science and history.

He has worked as a legislative aide, taught college for 48 years, and been active in Texas politics, having served as Galveston County Democratic Chair from 1980 to 1990.

He is married to Jeri Lynnette Jaquis, who is an Assistant Professor of Nursing at UTMB.

Facilitator: Susan Baker

Greeter: Claudia Maveety

Music: Bunny Andrews

BMOD: TBA



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John Gorman

JULY
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“Freedom and Emerson”

Transcendentalist and Unitarian Minister Ralph Waldo Emerson celebrated the diversity and freedom he found in American life. He urged his fellow citizens to exercise their freedom by showing independence in their personal lives.

John Gorman, Professor of English at UHCL will share some of the poetry of Emerson.

Facilitator: Susan Baker

Greeter: Fanny DeGesero

Music: Tony DiNuzzo

BMOD: Stan Blazyk

Dae Gak

JULY
22

“Freedom from Knowing”

Please join Zen Master Dae Gak as he explores these questions:

Is it possible to live a life not dictated by one’s thinking mind? Not directed by evaluation, measure and critique?

Can we live a life acting from the actual rather than from our opinions about the actual?

Zen Master Dae Gak is the Founder, Abbot and Guiding Teacher of Furnace Mountain. He has practiced Zen for almost forty years. He leads the retreat programs at Furnace Mountain and also in affiliated centers across America, Europe and South Africa. Zen Master Dae Gak has directed his life toward supporting people in their efforts to realize their original nature of fearless immediacy and unbounded compassion. Following the

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Meetings are at the Fellowship unless otherwise noted. Everyone is invited and welcome to all listed activities

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.

Bowlers will meet at 5 pm each Wednesday to create "Empty Bowls" for the annual Jesse Tree fundraiser. Please check availability before showing up.

Course in Miracles Study Group meets every Friday at 1pm. Contact Laura Murrell for info: lauramurrell@att.net.

Dance Classes: Galveston Dance Club offers classes each Tuesday & Thursday at 7pm. Questions, call Betty at 281-337-0441. See <http://www.galvestondanceclub.com>.

Program/Worship Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm, at the Fellowship. Join them or contact Gerry Carr if you have a program to suggest.

"Spirituality of Poker" Group meets the third Sunday of each month in a member's home to play "dealer's choice."

Location is in the monthly calendar and is announced in weekly emails and the Sunday bulletin. 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 welcomes 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 (gcar@comcast.net) or visit <http://galvestonzen.org/>.

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

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teaching of the Zen Ancestors and his own realization, he supports the practice of spiritual inquiry in a way that cannot be fixed, organized or institutionalized. His second book, Upright with Poise and Grace, was just published in April 2012.

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Music: Stephen Hodgson

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David Michael Smith **POTLUCK**



"Freedom, Social Justice, and Individuality: Some Critical Reflections"

David Michael Smith received his Ph.D. in Political Science from the City University of New York. His writings have appeared in the International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest, Journal for the Study of Peace and

Conflict, Peace Review, Socialism and Democracy, Vanguardia Dossier (Spain), and other publications. He is Professor of Government at College of the Mainland and President of COM-Unity, the employee union. Dr. Smith can be reached at DSmith@com.edu.

Facilitator: Susan Baker
Music: Margaret Canavan

Greeter: Red Henry
BMOD: TBA

Juneteenth Parade A Success For UUFGC

The Fellowship participated in the juneteenth parade. The participants were Margaret Canavan, Stan Blazk, Curtis Jones, Al Smith, Mardi Mitchell, Daniel Hodgson, Steve Hodgson and Mary Hodgson. We handed out children's books as we walked the parade route.

Provocative Film Series

Friday, July 6, 7 p.m.

502 Church Street, Galveston

WAITING FOR SUPERMAN

Filmmaker Davis Guggenheim reminds us that education "statistics" have names: Anthony, Francisco, Bianca, Daisy, and Emily, whose stories make up the engrossing foundation of **WAITING FOR SUPERMAN**. As he follows a handful of promising kids through a system that inhibits, rather than encourages, academic growth, Guggenheim undertakes an exhaustive review of public education, surveying "drop-out factories" and "academic sinkholes," methodically dissecting the system and its seemingly intractable problems.

Bring a friend and a snack to share.



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From The President

July marks the beginning of a new church year, signaling a change in our UUFGC Board. When you see our outgoing Board members, please thank them. Retiring from service on the Board are: Holly Fortenberry, Margaret Canavan, John Frannea, Mike Hennen, and Woody Dickson. They have been faithful, dedicated members of the UUFGC Board and we owe them our gratitude.

And, please welcome the new Board members: At-Large Members - Rick Altemose, Stephanie Nwadieli, and Al Smith; and Treasurer - Stan Blazyk. Bets Anderson will continue her term as Secretary in the coming year, and Billie Rinaldi remains on the Board as the immediate Past President. We also owe a big thank you to Neil Huddleston, who officially assumes the role of Assistant Treasurer this year.

As you all know, our Fellowship is

managed completely by volunteers. Please consider volunteering in some way in the coming year. There are many committees that need your help and many projects that could benefit from your particular talent.

The coming year presents both challenges and opportunities for our Fellowship. Our financial stability is always a concern to us and this year is no different. If you have not pledged this year, please consider how much this Fellowship means to you and make it a priority to contribute to its financial health.

We also have wonderful opportunities this year. We are in the process of becoming an official "Welcoming Congregation." This designation by UUA requires specific tasks to be accomplished during the next several months. Of course, we already pride ourselves on being a warm and hospitable Fellowship, and this process will take us even further. Committing to attaining the official designation means that we will be taking intentional steps to become more welcoming and inclusive of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. Our

congregation has voted overwhelmingly to engage in this path during the coming months.

I want to thank you for your confidence in me to serve as President this year. I will do my very best to live up to your expectations. I am excited about working with our Board members and you to continue the work we do in the community. I hope we can become even better known to our neighbors as a loving place where everyone is welcomed, accepted, and supported in their search for a meaningful faith.

Because of the diversity and talents of our members, we have much to offer our community. Please let me or any member of the Board know if there are specific goals you would like our Fellowship to accomplish this year.

Thank you for your talents, your time, your faithfulness, and your commitment to share yourselves with our UU Fellowship and our community.

Love and peace,

Cheryl

Cheryl Henry, President

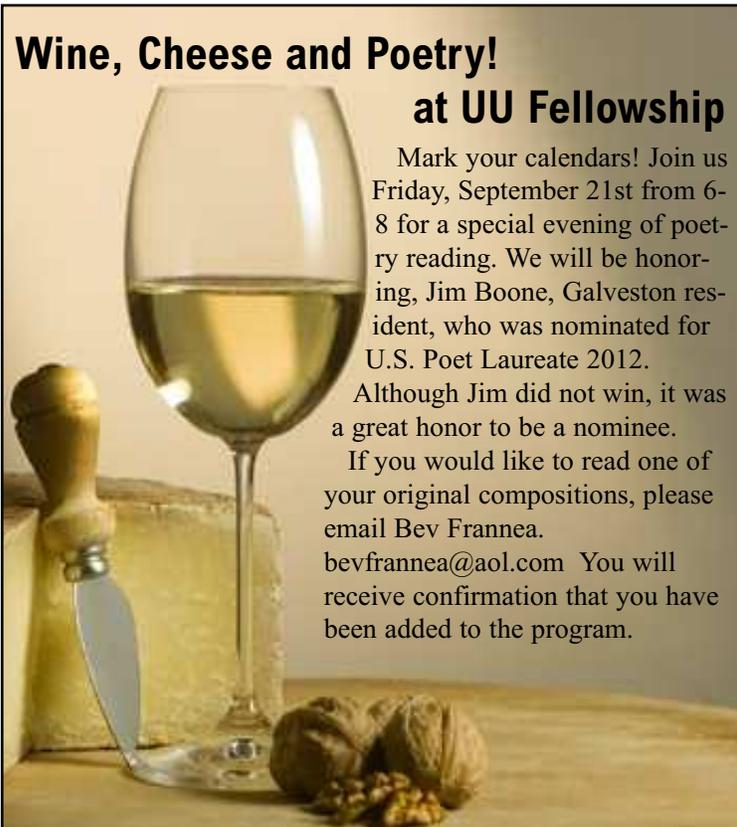
Wine, Cheese and Poetry! at UU Fellowship

Mark your calendars! Join us Friday, September 21st from 6-8 for a special evening of poetry reading. We will be honoring Jim Boone, Galveston resident, who was nominated for U.S. Poet Laureate 2012.

Although Jim did not win, it was a great honor to be a nominee.

If you would like to read one of your original compositions, please email Bev Frannea.

bevfrannea@aol.com You will receive confirmation that you have been added to the program.



UU News & Events



Book Sale: The UU Book Sale will be held on Saturday, July 14, 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 July 11 at 7 pm in the living room at the fellowship to discuss *The Time It Never Rained* by Elmer Kelton.

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: The July Supper Circle will be hosted by Diane and Pete Olson on Saturday, July 7 at 6 pm. There is no limit on the number of guests, but please sign up on the bulletin board so that they can better plan.

THE SIGN-UP SHEET FOR THE 2012 SUPPER CIRCLES is on the bulletin board. Please sign up for the month that you would like to host a Supper Cir-

cle at your house. Recently the Supper Circles have been filling up. We are now posting an additional sheet for a second Supper Circle. Please sign if you are interested in either attending or hosting a second Supper Circle. If this works, we will continue this practice. Let Judy know if you have ideas for a non-traditional supper circle, you can contact Judy at judyglaister@yahoo.com.

"Spirituality of Poker" will meet at 6:30pm, Sunday, July 15 at a place still to be determined. There is a \$20 buy-in, and is Dealer's Choice. Everyone is invited to participate

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.

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