



Sunday Activities: Adult Forum, 9:00 a.m.; Services 10:30 a.m.; Children and Youth Religious Education, 10:30 a.m.

President's Message—Gerry Carr



Greetings!

Many thanks to all of the volunteers who have kept things running smoothly. The Board continues to do goal setting based on the information from our special congregational meeting in December. Here's a summary of our goals and actions so far:

1. Improve Communication—Board meeting minutes are now posted on our website. In addition we will open the floor for a brief discussion about Board activity and needs at our monthly potlucks. The Fundraising taskforce is working on brochures to better publicize who we are and what's available for members.
2. Increase and Maintain Membership—The membership committee is sending letters to visitors and including some information about Unitarian Universalism. The administrative team is working on our mailing list and an updated directory of members. Other ideas are to start a newcomer's group and to publicize district events.
3. Improve Financial Status—The Fundraising Task Force is working on a proposal for new fundraising activities and the Finance Committee is publicizing more information about our budget.
4. Increase Connection to Other UU's and the UUA—Laura Murrell will represent UUFGC at the monthly meeting of the Houston Network of UU Fellowships and Churches.

A new goal added at the last Board meeting was to explore forming a Caring Committee. Please plan to be at the potluck lunches and share your thoughts.

Please let me or any other Board member know your thoughts—this is our church—we can make it what we want and need.

See you Sunday!

Faithfully, **Gerry**

Administrative Team Update

Administrative "team" volunteers Bets Anderson, Madeleine Baker, Margaret Canavan, and Judy Glaister are working to keep administrative functions working properly. This involves answering phone messages and emails, producing and duplicating the weekly order of service, checking and routing the mail, updating our membership database, watering the ficus tree, etc. If you would like to contribute, contact any of the above and they will be glad to identify ways for you to help out.

Recycling: Please remember to bring your **clean plastic grocery bags** for Shirley Hollingsworth, who needs them for the Saturday project to feed breakfast to the homeless. Leave them in the small room behind the kitchen. We can get free paper with your **used printer cartridges**.

How we look: if we all pitch in just a little, we can keep litter picked up around the outside of the Fellowship. If everyone picks up just one piece, the yard will be spotless!

The Program Committee Needs YOU!

The Program Committee is the group that plans our Sunday services. Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 22 at 6:15 pm at the Mosquito Cafe at 614 14th Street in Galveston. Please come if you have ideas about programs, would like to provide a program, or just want to talk in a group about our programs. Contact Margaret Canavan or Katrina Chamberlain for information.

We need YOU!

Right Relations Covenant

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

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.

A Month of Sundays

(All Services are held from 10:30-11:30 a.m.)

February 4

TOPIC: Spiritualism and German Philosophy
SPEAKER: Dr. Jim McGlathery
FACILITATOR: Stan Blazyk
BMOD: Karen Brykczynski

Jim will share his view of the origin and nature of human spirituality, and about how that sort of spirituality is reflected in the big ideas of German philosophers down through the centuries to the recent past. Dr. McGlathery holds a PhD in German literature and taught at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for 35 years, until his retirement in 2000. Jim was raised in Galveston and returns to his roots by wintering here with his wife Nancy.

February 11

TOPIC: Singing the Journey
SPEAKER: Reid Swanson
FACILITATOR: Margaret Canavan
BMOD: Woody Dickson

Since the publication in 1993 of our hymnal, **Singing the Living Tradition**, there has been a demand for more musical material reflecting our theological diversity and our respect for a variety of cultural expression. In response, the Unitarian Universalist Association commissioned a supplement to our hymnal. Join us in a service to celebrate and sample a portion of the rich musical resources found in **Singing the Journey**, the new supplement to our UU hymnal. Reid Swanson is a talented musician and a former member of our Fellowship who now lives in California.

February 18

TOPIC: Feasting & Fasting: What's Mardi Gras got to do with Lent?
SPEAKERS: Margaret Canavan & Gerry Carr
BMOD: Mike Hennen

Each year during late winter the revelry of Mardi Gras leads into the traditional Christian Lenten season, which continues through Easter. By examining the ancient origins, symbolism and meanings of this ritual celebration, we can explore how UU's can use this season to deepen our own understanding in these turbulent times. Gerry Carr is President of our Fellowship and works at the Transitional Learning Center. Margaret Canavan is our pianist and gardener and is retired from UTMB.



February 25 **POT LUCK AFTER THE SERVICE**

SPEAKER: Madeleine Baker
TOPIC: Justice, equity and compassion in human relations
BMOD: Gerry Carr

This program is based on our UU Second Principle: Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations. We live in a community in which we have ample private, governmental and religious resources to care for our own citizens in need, right? A video presentation made in Galveston will demonstrate the gaps in the safety net in our own community and challenge us to re-examine our assumptions. Madeleine is a member of our Fellowship.

News Items

February Supper Circle

Bets Anderson is hosting a Supper Circle on Friday, February 16, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. Space is limited to the first 12 who sign up. Please add your name to the "sign up" sheet on the bulletin board and check there for details.

Garden Work Day

Saturday, February 17 from 9-11 a.m. will be our next garden workday. Yes we know its Mardi Gras time, but come if you can. We need to do some late winter pruning to keep our plants from taking over the universe, and a little early season weeding will save us lots of work next summer. Bring your favorite tools and gardening gloves. Donuts are a distinct possibility.

Science and Public Policy of Stem Cells

Houston area UUs are invited to the twentieth Kilgore Lecture at Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church on Sunday, February 11, at 5:00pm. This year's lecture will be given by Dr. William R. Brinkley, Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at Baylor College of Medicine. His presentation is entitled "The Science and Public Policy of Embryonic Stem Cells." The church is at 1900 Bering Drive. A reception will follow the lecture.

Birthdays this Month

Judy Glaister (2/11) Andrea Hodgson (2/1);

Marilyn Schultz (2/1)

FEBRUARY 2007

Activities are held at the Fellowship unless otherwise indicated

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 9:00 am—Zen Meditation
4 9:00 am—Adult Forum 10:30 am—Adult Service & Children/Youth RE Program	5	6 Weekly Bulletin Deadline 8:00 pm—UU Net, Em-	7	8 7:00 pm—Course in Miracles Covenant	9	10 9:00 am—Zen Meditation <i>Mardi</i>
11 9:00 am—Adult Forum 10:30 am—Adult Service & Children/Youth RE Program	12	13 12 pm—Social Action Weekly Bulletin Deadline	14 5:45 pm—Board Mtg	15 7:00 pm—Course in Miracles Covenant	16 <i>News-letter Deadline</i> 6:30—Supper Circle, at Bets Anderson's	17 9:00 am—Zen Meditation 9-11 a.m—Garden Workday <i>Mardi</i>
18 9:00 am—Adult Forum 10:30 am—Adult Service & Children/Youth RE Program	19	20 Weekly Bulletin Deadline	21	22 6:10 pm—Program Cmte@ Mosquito Cafe 7:00 pm—Course in Miracles Covenant	23	24 9:00 am—Zen Meditation
25 9:00 am—Adult Forum 10:30 am—Adult Service & Children/Youth RE Program <i>Potluck Lunch after Service</i>	26	27 Weekly Bulletin Deadline	28			

Adult Forum meets every Sunday Morning at 9am!

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Get Connected with UUFGC
Meetings are at the Fellowship unless otherwise noted.

Adult Forum meets Sundays at 9:00 am to explore topics in religion, philosophy, history and politics. For information, contact Neil Huddleston at 409/7442369.

Course in Miracles Study Group meets every Thursday at 7pm. For more information, contact Laura Murrell LauraMurrell@houston.rr.com or Susan Persons at SPersons@houston.rr.com

Empty Bowlers Contact Madeleine Baker to find out when bowl making will resume at :madbaker@houston.rr.com .

Program Committee meets every third Thursday at 6:30 pm at the original Mosquito Café to plan Sunday services. The next meeting is February 22. Please come if you want to suggest or provide a program, participate as a facilitator, or just talk about our Sunday services. Contact Margaret Canavan, Gerry Carr, or Katrina Chamberlain.

Social Action Committee meets every 3rd Tuesday at 12 noon at UUFGC. Come and share your ideas, energy and enthusiasm for Social Action projects. Contact Mary Hodgson at 409-762-0193.

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;

UUFGC Board Members meet every third Wednesday 5:45 p.m. Committee members are invited to send Committee reports or present them in person at the meeting. Interested members/friends are also welcome to attend. Contact Gerry Carr, President, at 1

UU Gardeners meet monthly to weed and maintain our hearty native foliage and flower beds. For more information contact Margaret Canavan at :margaret@galveston.com

UU Social Club needs your input and participation. Contact Susan Persons at SPersons@houston.rr.com or at 765-7907.

Zen Meditation meets Saturdays at 9am, and is an activity of the Zen Island Fellowship. If you wish to learn more about Zen Buddhist practice, contact Cara Geary at gcara@houston.rr.com.

- 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;

UUFGC Board of Directors

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