



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

**Get Involved! —
Become Active in a
UUFGC Committee**

Membership Committee Requests Help

This is a plea for you to ‘step up to the plate’ and join the Membership Committee. At this time our ranks are ‘thin’ (perhaps we aren’t but our ranks are) and we need your help. The Committee’s major charges are to:

- Arrange for greeters each Sunday morning
- Share our values and materials with both members and visitors
- Be available to visitors who are interested in joining the Fellowship
- Keep an accurate and up-to-date list of members and those who have expressed interest in possible membership
- Stay abreast of members’ ‘joys, sorrows and concerns’ and to arrange for follow-up of same (this incorporates the activities once called the ‘caring committee’)
- Suggest ways to ‘get the word out’ about UU and the activities of our Fellowship
- Follow up on members who have not been seen at services and to encourage them to return, as appropriate
- Arrange for “Ingathering Services” quarterly when there are new members
- Prepare and keep updated the name tags

If you are interested in being a part of this dynamic and critical group, contact Bets Anderson, Chair, Membership Committee, at 409-762-4273 or betsanderson@sbcglobal.net.

President’s Message—Gerry Carr

Happy New Year!

Exciting things are happening at UUFGC!

On December 10 the membership approved the nomination of Laura Murrell as President-Elect. Congratulations, Laura!

In addition, we had a brief but productive discussion of our strengths and weaknesses as well as setting some goals. It was great to have so much input from members! We agreed that we want more members as well as to deepen our commitment to this faith. And of course we can always use more money to spread our good news. Out of this came two concrete plans to work toward these goals. First Laura Murrell, committed to being our representative to the UU Network. This is a group representing all of the UU Churches and Fellowships in the Houston/Galveston area. Second, a fund-raising task force was formed to begin to look at other ways we can raise funds in addition to our annual pledges. The group, Susan Persons, Janyce Blozinski, Andi Hodgson, Mardi Mitchell and Fanny DeGesero) has already met and presented their initial ideas to the Board. Stay tuned!

Many thanks to everyone for their service this past year.

Faithfully,

Gerry

Mission Statement

We the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Galveston County, affirm the right of people of all ages to develop their own views concerning spirituality. It is our purpose to be a visible, enduring, liberal presence in our community. We believe this can be accomplished through creative worship, religious education, intellectual stimulation, supportive fellowship, and community service. We unite in the spirit of the Unitarian Universalist principles and purposes to welcome and appeal to the full range of human diversity, that is age, race, gender, sexual orientation and ethnicity.

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.

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

Katrina Chamberlain & Program Committee



This Month's Events

JANUARY 7

Speaker: Stan Blazyk

Facilitator: Vicki Francil

Title: Call and Response: Variations on a Spiritual Theme

Stan will examine the theme of "call and response" from two very different but related points of view: that of African and African-American music and religious practice, and that of "call and response" as a major theme in world spiritual traditions. In a departure from our usual format, the service will be broken into two brief sermons and an eclectic collection of songs designed to complement the broad theme of the program. Stan "the Weatherman" Blazyk is a member of our Fellowship.

JANUARY 14

Speaker: Andrea Hodgson

Facilitator: Vickie Francil

Title: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Andrea Hodgson, a member of the congregation, will present her research on the life and work of Martin Luther King, Jr. She sees him as a prophet and will explore his work from the perspective of Aesthetic Realism and Civil Liberties.

JANUARY 21

Speaker: Gerry Carr

Facilitator:

Title: The Inherent Worth and Dignity of Every Person

Gerry will explore the foundations of our first principle as well as her own thoughts and struggles. This is the first in a series of monthly services highlighting the Principles and Purposes of our faith. Gerry Carr is currently President of our Fellowship.

JANUARY 28

Speaker: Margaret E. Anderson

Facilitator: Margaret Canavan

Title: UU Wisdom from Middle Earth: Were Frodo and Gandalf Among the First Unitarians?

Like ourselves, these characters in the classic Lord of the Rings fantasies lived in troubling times, threatened by those who craved control over others. Frodo's Fellowship used many UU traits to cope, traits that can supply us with comfort, direction, beauty, and even fun as we work toward our own goals for a better world. Margaret E. Anderson is an executive coach and corporate trainer specializing in persuasion and communication skills. She teaches people to get what they need from others in ways that build bridges, rather than burning them. Her clients include large and small corporations as well as individual executives and professionals. A Harvard-trained negotiator, Margaret designed and teaches courses in interpersonal persuasion for the Rice University School of Continuing Studies and has lectured for the University of Houston's MBA and engineering programs and for Texas State University. Born and raised in Galveston, Margaret is a Unitarian Universalist now residing in Houston.

Martin Luther King Parade, Monday, January 15

Monday, January 15, 2007 is Martin Luther King Day and UUFGC will once again participate in the City of Galveston's MKL Day Parade. Members and friends interested in riding on, or walking beside, the "pink train" should meet at the Fellowship no later than 11:30 a.m. on the 15th. The parade begins at 1:00 p.m. This is a great way to express our commitment to the 1st UU Principle supporting "the inherent worth and dignity of all people." For more information contact Mary Hodgson, maryhodgson97@hotmail.com.

Al Gore Film, "An Inconvenient Truth"

Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, January 19, in the Fellowship Hall for a showing of the Al Gore film on global warming. A discussion will follow. Please bring light refreshments to share.

January Supper Circle

Tony DiNuzzo is hosting the January Supper Circle on Saturday, January 20th at 6:30 p.m. at his home at 1419 Ball Street, 409-762-5348. Bring your favorite wine, cheese or finger foods to share. Please add your name to the "sign up" sheet on the bulletin board if you plan to attend so Tony will know how many to expect at this popular monthly event.

Potluck Lunch After Service

Our monthly potluck lunch will be held after service on Sunday, January 28, 2007. All are welcome. Please bring a dish to share.

Southwestern Unitarian Universalist Conference Events

GUUIf Coast Youth Rally, 2007: January 12-14, 2007 at Emerson Unitarian Church in Houston.

Groundwork: Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression Training (sponsored by the Young Adult Network- open to all), First Jefferson Church, Fort Worth, TX, January 19-21, 2007

For details and to register visit :

<http://www.swuuc.org/HARE/index.htm>



Got News? E-mail it to
administrator@uugalveston.org

JANUARY 2007

Activities are held at the Fellowship unless otherwise indicated

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	6	6
		Weekly Bulletin		7:00 pm—Course in Miracles Covenant		9:00 am—Zen Meditation
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:00 am—Adult Forum 10:30 am—Adult Service & Children/Youth RE Program		Weekly Bulletin Deadline 8:00 pm—UU Net, Em-		7:00 pm—Course in Miracles Covenant		9:00 am—Zen Meditation
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:00 am—Adult Forum 10:30 am—Adult Service & Children/Youth RE Program		12 pm—Social Action Weekly Bulletin Deadline		5:45 pm—Board Mtg 7:00 pm—Course in Miracles Covenant	News-letter Deadline	9:00 am—Zen Meditation
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:00 am—Adult Forum 10:30 am—Adult Service & Children/Youth RE Program		Weekly Bulletin Deadline		6:30 pm—Program Com. @ Original Mexican Café 7:00 pm—Course in Miracles Covenant		9:00 am—Zen Meditation 9-11 am—Garden Workday
28	29	30	31			
9:00 am—Adult Forum 10:30 am—Adult Service & Children/Youth RE Program <i>Potluck Lunch after Service</i>		Weekly Bulletin Deadline				

Adult Forum meets every Sunday Morning at 9am!

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January 2007

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 are not meeting in January. Contact Madeleine Baker at :madbaker@houston.rr.com for an update.

Program Committee meets every third Thursday at 6:30 pm at the original Mexican Café to plan Sunday services. All are welcome! Contact Katrina Chamberlain at kelarion7@yahoo.com

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

UUFGC Board Members meet every third Thursday at 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 is thriving and growing. Past events include a visit to the Haak winery, dinner and Art Walk, and Friday dance class sponsored by Galveston Dance Club. More great activities are being planned. 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.



★ **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.



UUFGC Board of Directors

President	Gerry Carr
President-Elect	Laura Murrell
Past-President	Tony DiNuzzo
Secretary	Amber Booth
Treasurer	Woody Dickson
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	Michael Hennen
	Doris Lee

Committees

Administrative	Madeleine Baker
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Communications	Madeleine Baker
Landscape	Margaret Canavan
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Music	Woody Dickson
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Newsletter Editor	Maggie Pinson
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Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Galveston County



Membership Verification Form

It's that time of year when we report to the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) on the status of our membership. To help us in this endeavor please follow instructions below:

Option A

Mark the box in front of the committees in which you would like to participate and fill out your contact information below. Place the completed form in the "Membership Verification" box on the table in the Foyer of the Fellowship or mail it to: UUFGC, 502 Church St., Galveston, TX 77550.

Committees:

- Board of Directors (elected)
- Membership—Welcome, follow-up, provide support to visitors/members
- Program — Plan weekly services
- Social Action — Respond to and be proactive about social action issues
- Gardeners — Help maintain our grounds
- Bowlers — Create ceramic bowls for annual Jesse Tree fundraiser
- Supper Circles — Recruit monthly hosts for small dinner parties
- Adult Religious Education — Plan and participate in weekly educational sessions

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Work/Other) _____

E-Mail: (Personal) _____ (Work/Other) _____

Option B

Copy the above form, paste it into an e-mail message, complete the requested information and send the e-mail message to: administrator@uugalveston.org