



A Month of Sundays

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

President's Message

June 1

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AFTER SERVICE

Gerry Carr, "What does Galveston and the World Need From UUFGC and Liberal Religion?"

As we begin our new year, this talk will look at what the world needs from us. This was the theme of the UU Southwest District Conference Gerry attended in Austin in April. Gerry is completing her year as Past President of the Fellowship.

Greeter: Judy Glaister Board Member: Bets Anderson Music: Margaret Canavan

June 8

Margaret Anderson, "Why Can't They Just..."

...be more logical? ...prevent the problem now instead of waiting to repair its effects? ...see that there's a pattern here? When people frustrate us, when we can't fathom their decisions and actions, temperament differences often play a role. Groups can have temperaments too. Margaret Anderson, a professional persuasion and communication skills trainer, explores the temperaments of different religions, what they say about our roles in society, and how we can communicate better with those who differ from us. Margaret will offer a workshop in the afternoon, "Miscommunications you never knew you had and what to do about them". See page 6 for details.

Greeter: Red Henry

Facilitator: TBA

Board Member: Gerry Carr

Music: Steve Hodgson

June 15

Margaret Canavan, "Fathers' Day"

In addition to the obvious biological aspect, fathers play an critical role in our lives, whether they are present or absent. Our congregation will use this participatory service to honor those who have fathered them. Margaret is part of the Fellowship A-Team and loves the garden.

Greeter: Vickie Francil

Board Member: Bets Anderson

Music: Steve Hodgson

June 22

Laura Emerson, "Thoreau: Our Hapless Prophet"

A thoroughly talented man, Unitarian Henry David Thoreau sabotaged his own potential success by alienating virtually everyone who knew him. Does this sound like anyone you know? Does it sound like you? Let's re-acquaint ourselves with this fascinating man and discover any lessons for ourselves and our congregation. Laura is a frequent speaker to our Fellowship and is a member of Emerson congregation.

Greeter: Stan Blazyk

Facilitator: Cheryl Henry

Board Member: Susan Persons

Music: Margaret Canavan

June 29

POT LUCK AFTER THE SERVICE

Shirley Haulotte, "End of Life?"

An overview of spirituality and dying based on the speaker's experiences as a Hospice Chaplain, a former Social Worker in Long Term Care, and a researcher of children's spirituality. Shirley Haulotte is currently a Chaplain with Lighthouse Hospice in Austin and a clinical faculty member at The School of Social Work, University of Texas at Austin.

Greeter: Vickie Francil

Facilitator: Amanda Prather

Board Member: Bets Anderson

Music: Margaret Canavan

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Our pledge drive, I am happy to report, met our goal and will help us continue the fine work of this Fellowship. This coming year [July 1-June 30] we will be able to

- pay the mortgage and insurance on our building;
- cover the utility bills and water for our lovely lawn and gardens;
- maintain our wonderful space that is used for worship, dancing, showing provocative films, sharing pot luck lunches, holding weddings and memorials, conducting meetings of the Fellowship, constructing ceramic bowls, exploring our spiritual beliefs and practices, and promoting a welcoming place for any number of community events;
- pay for services such as cleaning and yard mowing;
- promote our liberal religion through newspaper advertisements and the yellow pages;
- underwrite programming by providing an honorarium for our guest speakers;
- keep our "A Team" [those intrepid volunteers who keep everything running] in paper, toner, envelopes, and other necessary supplies;
- it's been said no one reads

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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.

Empty Bowl Highlights

UU "Bowlers" continue to meet twice monthly to make bowls for the annual "Empty Bowl" fundraiser in the fall. Our participation & leadership in this fundraising event for the Jesse Tree is our major "faith in action" event.

Last year the Empty Bowl evening at the historic Lasker House raised over \$11,000 for the Jesse Tree. Ted Hanley & the staff at the Jesse Tree state that those funds sustained their direct assistance program for the winter! Direct assistance funds are what are given out by resource coordinators to clients who need help paying their utility bills, or their rent, or need help getting another ID so they can apply for a job or for food stamps, or money to pay for a needed prescription.

People come to the Jesse Tree for help in all kinds of personal crises, and often need financial assistance to help them through the crisis until they can get their feet back on the ground. If the Jesse Tree doesn't have the funds, they can't help these people, and what happens to them is painful to imagine—they're evicted, or go without electricity, or cannot get the needed medication.

Our participation in making bowls, which is a pleasurable activity done right here at the Fellowship, really can make a difference in helping the Jesse Tree help people in our community.

We meet monthly on the first & third Wednesday evenings at 5:30-7:30 Join us! You'll be amazed at how quickly you learn to make a unique, functional soup bowl! If you have questions contact Madeleine Baker.

HELP HONOR NELSON MANDELA ON TV

Please help promote the repeat national UU sponsored public television broadcast to celebrate the 90th birthday of Nelson Mandela on July 18, 2008. Please act and encourage others to phone/mail/email the Program Manager of your local public TV station and urge them to repeat this one hour 1998 lively special celebration at Harvard University of the 27 year imprisoned liberator and then President of South Africa. Previously only George Washington and Winston Churchill were so honored outside of commencement.



Our microfinance fund has made \$800 in loans to people in developing countries, and donated \$55 to support the activities of Kiva. You can view our online portfolio at <http://www.kiva.org/lender/unitarianuniversal3384>.

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this so, if you do and are a member, see me and I'll donate \$5 in your name to the Fellowship;

- support our committees to do their important work; and many other day-to-day activities that make our Fellowship a spiritual 'home' for many in the community.

My deepest gratitude to those who kept us "going" this past five months [my brief tenure as President – this time around]: Karen Bryckzynski, Gerry Carr, Neil Huddleston, Amanda Prather, Susan Persons, Pete Olsen, and the "A Team" [Margaret Canavan, Judy Glaister, Cheryl Henry, Madeleine Baker, and me]. We are fortunate to have these people committed to the principles of UU in addition to the wellbeing of our wonderful Fellowship.

Now it is time to think about the "new year" for the Fellowship. We will have some new officers and board members who will want direction from you. Please participate in the Annual Meeting on July 1 to identify our goals for 2008-09.

Shalom.

Betsy Anderson

2007-2008

UUFGB Board of Directors

President	Elizabeth "Bets" Anderson
President-Elect	Karen Bryckzynski
Past-President	Gerry Carr
Secretary	Amanda Prather
Treasurer	Woody Dickson
Members at Large:	Doris Lee Pete Olsen Susan Persons

Committees

Administrative Team	B. Anderson, M. Baker, M. Canavan, J. Glaister, & C. Henry
Archives	Ellie Porter
Communications	Madeleine Baker
Landscape	Margaret Canavan
Membership	Cheryl Henry
Policies & Procedures	Tony DiNuzzo
Program/Worship	Gerry Carr
Religious Education	Neil Huddleston
Supper Circles	Judy Glaister
Social Action	Mary Hodgson
Webmaster	Amber Zainfeld

*Friendly Sunday morning "Greeters" are needed! Sign-up in the kitchen or contact **Vickie Francil**. Don't wait for Vickie to call you, go ahead & contact her or sign up in the kitchen! You know how wonderful it feels to be welcomed when you enter the Fellowship, so go ahead and plan to offer that warm welcome to others.*

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.

News & Coming Attractions

Member NUUs

Moving News:

- ◆ Former members **Rosemary & Jim Leary** have a new address, 2711 Manchester St., West Lafayette, IN 47906. We send them our best wishes.
- ◆ We will miss longtime members Don and Hetty Stubbs, who have moved to 931 North Austin Street. Seguin, TX 78155-4515. We wish them well in their new beginning!

Thinking of Youu: Please keep in your prayers and thoughts: **Woody Dickson, Doris Lee, Billie Rinaldi & Andy Walker (Bev & John Frannea's daughter).**

MANY thanks to the garden team who showed up on Friday of Memorial Day weekend, to do massive digging, removing, hauling and trimming. You will notice their endeavors out back. Workers were **Red & Cheryl Henry, Susan Persons, Vickie Francil, Stan Blazyk & Margaret Canavan.** And thanks to **Bev Frannea** for trying! Next workday is Friday the 13th!

Mike Hennen announces a very special concert in the Galveston Island Arts Academy Series. Monday evening June 2 will feature Anthony Kitai (Cello), Chris Schubert (Clarinet), and Shannon Hesse (Piano) in a concert that promises to be excellent. Tickets are \$15, call 409-771-4438 to reserve yours.

One of the gardens on the Clean Galveston Backyard Garden tour will be the home of **Stan Blazyk & Margaret Canavan.** The official tour is the weekend of June 7-8, but of course you are welcome anytime.

May Supper Circle at **Cheryl & Red Henry's** was a great picnic. Red does a great barbecue. Their new home was properly celebrated, by friends old and new.

UUpcoming Events

Supper Circle: Maggie Pinson & Robin Panagakos will be hosting the June Supper Circle on Friday evening, June 20 at the Fellowship for an evening buffet and dancing. As usual, sign up on the bulletin board or call Judy Glaister.

Book Club: will be meeting on Wednesday, June 7th at 7:00 p.m.. The book for June is **The March** by E.L. Doctorow. For the July 9 meeting, start reading **A Thousand Splendid Suns**, by Khaled Hosseini. All are welcome to participate in this group.

Announcements

Susan Persons is beginning to plan for next fall's service auction, and would like feedback regarding last year's event. Let her know your experience so we can do an even better job this year.

Hosts are needed for Supper Circles in July, August, September, October, and November. Please consider hosting a gathering at your house. It is great fun, delicious food, and a wonderful way to share with others. Contact **Judy Glaister** at 762-8187 if you are interested and she can fill you in on the details.

Our workdays need help! We need several people to volunteer to coordinate a workday a couple of times a year. No particular skills are needed, just a bit of your time! Please contact **Margaret Canavan** or leave a message at the Fellowship.

Have you been wondering about the display on the foyer bulletin board? **Mardi Mitchell** has created a display of "carbon footprints", on which boots are replaced with moccasins when we share a way to tread more lightly on the earth. There are also numerous environmentally friendly tips. Please add what you do to help our environment, and ideas to share with others.

Adult Children of Alcoholics will begin holding Tuesday evening meetings at the Fellowship on Tuesday, June 17 at 6:30pm. They will meet in the back RE room. This is an open support group for persons who grew up in a family with an alcoholic parent or one with any kind of addiction. Information about ACA is available at <http://www.adultchildren.org>. For information about this group, contact Carolyn B. at (409) 939-3518.

Galveston Dance Club Dance Classes Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7-9pm through June: Learn a different dance each hour! Tuesdays include Rhumba and Tango, and Thursdays are West

Coast Swing and Cha-Cha. Classes are free to members of the Dance Club. First lesson is free. UU members can enjoy a full year's membership for half-price of \$30 per person. Come join us for fun and exercise. Questions, call Betty at 281-337-0441. See

<http://www.galvestondanceclub.com>.

Other Events

General Assembly (GA) June 25-29:

2008 Ft. Lauderdale, FL: The UUF Board of Directors encourages everyone to consider attending GA, the annual meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations. This is where & when UUA makes overall policy for carrying out the purposes of the Association & directs & control its affairs. This is our link to UUs throughout the world. Members who have attended in previous years have come back with renewed enthusiasm & sense of community. It is normal for our congregation to make a small grant to those attending to assist with fees & expenses. This year GA is centered on the theme of the "Common Threads" that weave together the fabric of our UU faith & community. More information is available on the web at: <http://www.uua.org/events/generalassembly/index.shtml>

Reminders

- Please bring **clean plastic grocery bags** and small **plastic food containers with lids** 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 on the **Elissa**.
- We can get reduced-price paper with your **used inkjet printer cartridges**.
- **Fair Trade Coffee and Tea** sales in our foyer benefit small coffee farmers and also our Social Action Committee.
- **For visitors & newcomers:** Our members receive the **UU World** magazine, & donate copies of past issues to share with you. Feel free to take copies from the display in the RE hallway.



Social Action Committee meets the first Sunday of each month after service and welcomes your ideas, energy and enthusiasm. Contact Mary Hodgson at 409-762-0193. *Equal Exchange* fair trade coffee and tea sales benefit the activities of this committee.

UU Bowlers meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month to make and decorate bowls for the fall Jesse Tree fundraiser. All are welcome to participate, no experience necessary..

Spirit Circle meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. The purpose of this group is to deepen our relationships to each other and our Unitarian Universalist faith through deep listening & sharing. Discussion revolves around meaningful life & spiritual issues and newcomers are welcome at any time. Please contact Gerry Carr at gcarr@tlc-galveston.org for more information or questions.

Board meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 5:45 pm. Committee members are invited to send Committee reports or present them in person at the meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Program Committee meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:15 pm at the Mosquito Café to plan Sunday services. If you have an idea for a speaker, would like to provide a talk yourself, wish to facilitate a service, or have other ideas about services, please contact **Gerry Carr**. Meetings are open to all who would like to attend.

Course in Miracles Study Group meets every Thursday at 7pm, and meets for dinner. Contact Susan Persons (slpersons@comcast.net).

Book Club meets the second Wednesday of each month. Books are announced in this newsletter, and all are welcome to join at any time. Contact Fanny DeGesero for information at (409) 740-2355.

Adult Forum meets Sundays at 9:00 am to explore topics in religion, philosophy, history and politics. For information, contact Neil Huddleston at 409/744-2369.

Gardeners and Other Maintainers meet monthly for indoor and outdoor work that is so important to keeping our Fellowship looking good & working properly. Work dates are on the calendar.

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

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 Sundays at 4pm as an activity of the Zen Island Fellowship. To learn more about Zen Buddhist practice, contact Cara Geary (gcara@comcast.net) or visit galvestonzen.org.

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

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.

Social Action Committee Provocative Film Series Children of Heaven Friday June 6, 7pm

A delightful Iranian movie about a boy who accidentally loses his sister's shoes and must share his own shoes with her. Finally the boy enters a foot race where the prize is a pair of sneakers. This acclaimed film is an example of a current trend in Iranian cinema where children are used as central characters in order to circumvent censorship issues. Nominated for Best Foreign Language Film. Children of heaven is just that--heavenly.

Free Admission - Bring a snack to share - Bring a friend

HYBASIA INC. (Helping Your Brothers And Sisters In Africa)

HYBASIA is seeking to begin fundraising efforts. The first fundraising event planning committee is organizing now. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the Fellowship foyer.

Come join in on the fun of making a difference! We are looking for volunteers who can offer their ideas, talents and time to serve on this committee. Fundraiser will benefit Rev. Martin Memorial Secondary School, in Issele-Uku, Nigeria. A hygiene program, started by HYBASIA Inc. in 2007 will be broadened to encourage more students to use proper handwashing with soap and water. Toilets and handwashing stations will be purchased and installed as a vital part of this program. Clean hands saves lives!

See the website at <http://www.hybasia.org> /409-750-9095. For more information contact Stephanie Nwadie, Margaret Canavan or Bev Frannea.

JUNE 2008

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Galveston County

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The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Galveston County
presents:



Miscommunications You Never Knew You Had and What To Do about Them

June 8, 2008, 1:00-3:00 PM
502 Church St.
Galveston, TX 77550

Price: Gen. Adm. \$25; Galveston UU members \$10
Pre-registration recommended: 409-765-8330
or e-mail administrator@uugalveston.org
<http://uugalveston.org>

What you don't know *can* hurt you, and so can what you think you *do* know. It's the rule, not the exception, for a speaker and a listener to have different understandings of a statement. These different interpretations can masquerade as, or build into, conflicts. In this workshop, you'll have fun with the "You Can't Lose Communication Quiz"—guaranteed to produce *different* answers, but *no wrong* answers. (You can't lose!) Learn the reasons behind various interpretations of the quiz questions, and practice skills for heading off miscommunications and resolving them when they do occur.

Highlights:

- Three top causes of hidden miscommunications
- Top tips for minimizing miscommunications
- Skills practice to solidify learning
- Customized segments relating communication skills to UU values of love, quest for truth, and service



Course developer and trainer **Margaret E. Anderson** brings decades of actual use of these communication skills to the table, enriching the program with diverse real-life examples and outstanding ability to field questions. Her clients include large and small companies, churches, and individuals. A Harvard-trained negotiator, Margaret designed and teaches courses for Rice University's School of Continuing Studies and has lectured for the University of Houston and Texas State University.

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