



A Month of Sundays

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

President's Message

August 1

Stan Blazyk, "Trees"

Trees and humankind have always had a symbiotic relationship. Civilization, as we know it, would have been impossible without them. As such, trees also serve as key symbols for the sacred and are deeply embedded in our psyches. Today's talk will look at the practical and symbolic significance of the tree. Stan is a member of the Fellowship, a weatherman, and poker enthusiast.

Greeter: Fanny DeGesero

Board Member: Cheryl Henry

Facilitator/Music: Margaret Canavan

August 8

Larry Janzen, "Favorite Hymns"

Larry Janzen, longtime member of UU and "tenor extraordinaire," will lead the Fellowship in a spirited worship service of members' favorite hymns. This service promises to be uplifting, spiritually satisfying, and just plain fun. Please join us! Larry is a longtime member and Past President of UUFGC.

Greeter: Vickie Francil

Facilitator: Cheryl Henry

Board Member: Mike Hennen

Music: Woody Dickson

August 15

Shirley Haulotte, "Embracing the Darkness"

At one time or another a person goes through a period of sadness, trial, loss, frustration, or failure that is disturbing and long-lasting. That darkness ("night work") contains important gifts if one is open to receive. Reverend Shirley Haulotte, a Chaplain and an experienced social worker explores the existential and spiritual aspects of night work. Religion and philosophy provide insights into this crucible that has the potential to provide meaning, character, and substance.

Greeter: Stan Blazyk

Facilitator: Bets Anderson

Board Member: Billie Rinaldi

Music: Steve Hodgson

August 22

Gerry Carr, "What Is the Religious Life and How Can I Get One? Part II"

Gerry will share her continuing quest for the religious life. A lover of all things religious, the skeptical side of Gerry has reared its head again. What does this mean? What can we learn as we continue our journey together? Gerry is Chair of the UUFGC Program Committee & Past President of the Fellowship.

Greeter: Dorothy Treviño

Board Member: Woody Dickson

Music: Steve Hodgson

August 29

POT LUCK AFTER THE SERVICE

Michelle Sierpina, "After the Storm, Silver Linings!"

Join a UTMB gerontologist for a look at how we can successfully rebound after significant loss, disappointment, and set-backs in life. Come and engage in a conversation about how experiences that challenge our resources, resilience, and ability to recover can open us to discovering the silver linings in every cloud and the rainbows in every rain storm. Dr. Michelle Sierpina is the Director of OSHER Lifelong Learning Institute in Galveston.

Greeter: Vickie Francil

Facilitator: Cheryl Henry

Board Member: Kathy Domsky

Music: Tony DiNuzzo

August takes us into the dog days of summer in Galveston, and into increasing awareness of what weather patterns may be developing in the tropics. As in years past, the leadership of the Fellowship will be discussing emergency planning and preparation for tropical events that could pose a threat to us. All members are welcome to participate in such preparation. Watch this column and other announcements for details.

Much improvement in the condition of the landscape around our building has been obvious of late. Thanks to **John Hunger** and to landscaper Alex Flores for the good work. Part of John's efforts has been the new chain-link fence in our back yard. That, along with the improved wooden fence at Whataburger has made that area look much better.

I am happy to report that the special collection taken for Kiva, the on-line platform for fomenting microfinancing of budding entrepreneurs in third-world countries brought in a very respectable \$287. Kiva operates with local 0%-interest lenders in some 53 countries. According to Kiva's website, it has initiated \$148,462,125 in loans since it began in 2005, and has had a 98.33% repay-

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.

ment rate by borrowers. Kiva reports that 82.14% of the loans have gone to women, and that the average loan amount is \$386.90, some of which represent loans to groups. Our special collection can have a real impact and I am proud of our Fellowship's generosity.

Keep your eye on the *Galveston Daily News* for increasing visibility of ads about activities of our Fellowship. **Madeleine Baker** and the publicity committee worked with **Mary Hodgson** and the social action committee to come up with budgeted monies to buy into a special advertising offer from the newspaper. It will allow greater flexibility in letting the public know about activities and events at the Fellowship along with greater frequency and size of ads. Thanks to these two committees for their quick response to an opportunity that had a limited-time availability.

Each Sunday we repeat an affirmation which, in part, states that our covenant is "to help one another." Your Board members have decided to call our members or friends whom we have not seen for some time at the Fellowship. It may be that these folks are on a long trip, are busy with other activities or, perhaps, are ill. If you are aware of friends or members you haven't seen in a while, consider giving them a friendly phone call just to see how they are doing. You might mention you are concerned because you haven't seen them in a while, and just wanted to be sure they are OK. Such calls might reveal circumstances showing a need for us to help one another. In any event, it's just a nice thing to do.

Finally, the work of our administration team (A-team) is about to get a bit easier. The A-team has been laboring with a five-year-old computer to accomplish their important work for the Fellowship. Of course, in computer terms, five years old is as good as ancient. Using funds it its budget, the A-team will soon have a new machine to facilitate the organizing, publishing, and budget work. Kudos to the A-team for its fine efforts on behalf of all of us.

My best to everyone for a safe summer.

Mike Hennen

Board President

Calling all singers: Do you like to sing with a group? Would you be willing to take a bit of time out of your month to rehearse music for our Sunday services? The uber-talented **Susan Vaughan** has offered to work with us once a month to do this. She like to get together with interested folks to discuss our wishes determine a direction. Since Adult Forum does not meet on our Potluck Sundays (last Sunday of the month), she asks that we gather at 9:30am on Sunday, August 29 for a discussion.



Reminders

- Bring old (clean) socks and rags for **Judy Glaister** to use for cleaning & polishing on the *Elissa*.
- **Fair Trade Coffee & Tea** sales benefit small coffee farmers & our Social Action Committee.
- **Sunday morning "Greeters"** are needed! Sign-up in the kitchen or contact **Vickie Francil**.
- We can get \$3 credit at Office Depot with your **used inkjet printer cartridges**.
- **For visitors & newcomers:** Please feel free to take copies of **UU World** magazine, from the display in the foyer.

2010 - 2011

UUFGC Board of Directors

President	Mike Hennen
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Past-President	John Hunger
Secretary	Cheryl Henry
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Communications	Madeleine Baker
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Membership	Cheryl Henry
Program/Worship	Gerry Carr
Religious Education	Neil Huddleston
Supper Circles	Judy Glaister
Social Action	Mary Hodgson

Administrative Team B. Anderson, M. Baker, M. Canavan, J. Glaister, & C. Henry

Webmaster Amber Zainfeld

"Becoming a Member"

Membership Chair **Cheryl Henry** will provide an informational session about Unitarian Universalism in general and UUFGC membership specifically. Stay after the service on **Sunday, August 15** for this informal session.



Beginning July 1, UUFGC has begun a new relationship with the Galveston County Daily News with participation in its Gold Program for advertising. We will now present a more visible presence to the community through weekly ads, each Wednesday. As you know we have been running a monthly ad which gives our Sunday program schedule as well as monthly events such as the provocative film series and the book sales. The increase in ad frequency to weekly will now allow us to publish details about these events, and others, which we hope will result in increased attendance and participation. Madeleine Baker, chair of the publicity committee, welcomes input and suggestions from members about topics to highlight in these ads. If you would like to work with her to write copy, or just to come up with suggestions for information you would like to get out to the public, please contact her at madeleinebaker@att.net.



News & Coming Attractions

NUUs from Members and Friends

Sharon Corbin sends her greetings. She says she is working too hard, including Sundays, and misses us all. She is very proud of her daughter **Rachel**, who graduated from BALL High in May and is now in a dorm at Blinn College. **Darryl (DJ)** is an A/B student and doing great. She asks that we hold in our hearts her student **Daniel Polk**, who was murdered in July.

Trey Kettle reports that he is recovering well from his May surgery, and has graduated from a walker to a cane. He is doing well and we should be seeing him sometime in August.

Doris Lee says hello to everyone. Her health doesn't allow her to attend services, but she does enjoy visitors. Doris says we need to call first so she can toss us a gate key because her son keeps things pretty well locked up.

UUpcoming Events

UUUsed Book Sale: The July book sale will be held Saturday, August 14, 9am-2pm. All volunteer helpers are heartily welcome.

Book Club will meet Wednesday August 11 at 7pm to discuss **The Help** by Katherine Stockett. Upcoming reads include **A Mighty Long Way**, by Carla Walls Lanier (September 8); **The Medusa Tree**, by Mylene Dressler (October 13); **In Transit**, by Ute Carson (November 10); and **The Year of the Flood**, by Margaret Atwood (December 8).

"Spirituality of Poker" & Game Night: Enjoy poker at Red Henry's Sunday, August 22 at 6:30pm. Other games TBA

Supper Circle: **Gerry Carr** and **Joseph Simmons** are hosting the August

Supper Circle on Saturday August 14 at 6pm. They will be fixing fajitas and folks can bring side dishes. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

We need a host for the October Supper Circle and our calendar will be filled. Anyone interested in hosting this dinner, please notify **Judy Glaister** or sign-up on the bulletin board.

Around UU

Microfinance Update: The July compassionate collection went toward our microfinance efforts. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation we collected new donations of \$287. We added this to recently repaid prior loans and were able to provide 13 new loans. Since May 2007 we have made 128 loans totaling \$3925, and donated \$247 to support the operations of Kiva. We make new loans as we receive donations and re-lend as existing loans are repaid. All are welcome to help select loan recipients. We are part of the Unitarian Universalist lending team which now has 406 members. See our "portfolio" of all loans we have made at <http://www.kiva.org/lender/unitarianuniversalists3384>.

Social Action Committee: August compassionate collection will be for the Galveston Island Tree Conservancy, to assist with the reforestation of Galveston island. GITC is a non-profit which was formed after Ike to address our horrendous tree loss. This group has already facilitated the planting of almost 5,000 trees in its first year, and has the goal of 5,000 trees per year over five years.

Adult Forum (Religious Education): will resume weekly meetings on Sunday, August 1, at 9am. They will begin discussion of **Follow me to Freedom: Leading and Following as an Ordinary Radical** by Shane Claiborne and John M. Perkins. Books are available at the Fellowship.

Gulf Coast Interfaith update: GCI had

well attended orientation and training sessions in June and July with several of our congregation there. August meeting will be Tuesday August 24, 6 - 9 pm at Moody Methodist Church (2803 53rd St & Avenue U) in the Fellowship Hall (south side of church). If you are interested in being part of the effort to work with members of congregation across the county to create real social power using the IAF method, please reserve the date. If you are interested and aren't on the GCI mailing list, please e-contact her at LauraMurrell@att.net and she will add you to the list.

UUFGC 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.*

--adopted 12/05

*Send us your news! Provide information to administrator@uugalveston.org or
phone 409-765-8330, or leave a note at the Fellowship.*

Social Action Committee

Provocative Film Series

Friday, August 6, 7pm

For the Bible Tells Me So

Director Daniel Karslake goes to the Bible to examine the ways in which conservative Christian groups have used -- and sometimes exploited -- holy Scripture to deny human rights to gays and lesbians around the world. Highlights include interviews with V. Gene Robinson, the first openly gay bishop in the Anglican Communion, and Chrissy Gephardt, the lesbian daughter of former U.S. Rep. Dick Gephardt.

Free admission

Bring a friend & a snack to share.

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 U U F G C

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. They do not meet on potluck Sundays. Contact Neil Huddleston at (409)744-2369.

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

Book Club meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Contact Fanny DeGesero if you have suggestions for readings.

Used Book Sale monthly on second Saturday, 9am-2pm.

Bowlers meet on Wednesday evenings to make bowls for the annual "Empty Bowl" fundraiser for Jesse Tree. Contact Madeleine Baker for more information.

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

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

Program/Worship Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6pm, at Mosquito Café in Galveston. Meetings are open to all. Contact Gerry Carr if you have a program to suggest.

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. Help plan our "deeds not creeds".

Spirit Circle Covenant Group meets each second and fourth Tuesday at 6:15pm. Contact Gerry Carr at gcarr@tlc-galveston.org for information.

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 (gcara@comcast.net) or visit <http://galvestonzen.org/>. *Natural Awareness Meditation* meets Thursdays at 5:15pm, contact Terry Conrad (409)599-7268. Note that this group will meet only once in August.

AUGUST 2010

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Galves-

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