

# UU Galveston Gazette

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Galveston County

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## A Month Of Sundays

**Ted Hanley**, “*Those Who Live Among Us*”

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Since 1984 Ted Hanley has had the privilege of meeting individuals whose lives are often lived on the fringe, in the shadows or in our faces. Ted will offer reflections from these many years of interactions with interesting individuals who have lived among us; their stories, their lives and where they went., with the intent of sharing insight into lives lived on the edge, to provoke thought or introspection into social conditions, to find humor in unexpected places and perhaps to bring closure to unanswered questions. Do you remember the fellow who used to stand by the Gas Company on 25th Street? You could see his stare from a block away. Or the little guy with the ten gallon hat and a bullwhip coiled over his shoulder? Ted knew them well. Over the years, Ted has attempted to learn more about himself by looking mercifully at others. He is the Director of Galveston 's Jesse Tree.

*Greeter: Margaret Canavan*

*Board Member: Billie Rinaldi*

*Facilitator: Bets Anderson*

*Music: Steve Hodgson*

**Tony DiNuzzo**, “*The Continuous Spiritual Journey of Aging*”

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It is well documented that with advancing age, one has a tendency to re-evaluate one's life, possibly to fulfill the need to explore new meaning or in preparation for the 'final hour.' Does having a strong faith or spiritual belief provide a needed level of comfort during this re-evaluation life stage? This service will explore coming to terms with the process of aging and exploring our life's journey, the role of faith, and the need for spiritual guidance. Tony is director of the UTMB East Texas Geriatric Education Center, a member and past Preseident of our Fellowship.

*Greeter: Vickie Francil*

*Board Member: Dale Hogan*

*Music: Margaret Canavan*

**Cherie Ray**, “*Truth or Dare: Creativity as a Spiritual Practice*”

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Incorporating creativity into your spiritual practice provides you the opportunity to explore, experiment, learn, and embody life's largest Truths without the painful consequences. You've learned through pain; that is no



longer necessary. Now receive the gifts of your spiritual journey through ease and joy. Cherie Ray, founder of True You Creativity Studio ([www.trueyoucreativity.com](http://www.trueyoucreativity.com)), is a specialist in Soul Expression with a Master's degree from Texas A&M University and a career history as an entrepreneur in business development. In her coaching practice and workshops she works with those who know there is more to life than what they are currently experiencing. She supports them in marrying the spiritual with the earthly aspects of navigating a brilliant life filled with authenticity, purpose, meaningful relationships, joy, and ease.

*Greeter: Dorothy Trevino*

*Board Member: Cheryl Henry*

*Facilitator: Cheryl Henry*

*Music: Woody Dickson*

### POT LUCK AFTER THE SERVICE

**Amanda Prather**, “*Creativity Sunday Showcase*”

Amanda will discuss the role of chance in the relationship between creator and creation, making a case that “adaptability” is synonymous with “creativity.” She believes that each of us exhibits a measure of artistry in some aspect of life. Congregants are invited to share examples that bear out this credo, speaking briefly on their process or product. Bring a creative dish to share for today's potluck! Amanda joined the Fellowship on June 27, 2004 and teaches art at the secondary level.

*Greeter: Stan Blazyk*

*Board Member: John Hunger*

*Music: UU String Band*

## Share Your News, Views and Ideas...

Beginning this month you will notice a different look to this newsletter. Over the next few months we will be refining the look and content of our newsletter to better reflect our Fellowship and its members. We want to create an informative, useful tool that will help spread the



word of the UU Fellowship of Galveston County, allow the members to share their joys, sorrows and concerns with others, and provide insight into happenings that affect our Fellowship and community.

If you have some joys, sorrows or concerns you would like to share, or if you have an interesting topic you would like to see discussed or covered with a news story, feel

free to send us the information. This newsletter is a communication tool for all of us to use. We would also love to hear any feedback you, as a reader, would like to see in future publications. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to help grow and expand this Fellowship.



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## From The PRESIDENT

June is my final month as President of your Fellowship's Board of Directors. It has been an honor and a privilege for me to serve the Fellowship as President-elect and as President. I will now take John Hunger's place on the Board as Past-President.

In assuming office last year, and in light of the well-run administration and the growing membership rolls of the Fellowship, my first reaction was one of "do no harm." Of course, my hope is that no harm was done on my watch, and that I made some contribution to making the Fellowship better in some way.

My service on the Board has shown me what dedicated and competent hands we have behind the scenes making things work from day to day, week to week, and month to month. All of the hard work is done on a volunteer basis. I encourage all members and friends to choose a committee in which

to become active, or to join the administrative team. Your time and talents are needed and will be appreciated.

Our annual meeting will take place June 5 after the Sunday service. Presentation of the results of the recent congregation survey will take place, in addition to the election of officers for the coming year. I hope to see you at the annual meeting, and thank all of you for the support and encouragement you have given me during my term as President.

— Michael Hennen



## Get Connected with UUFGC



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 5:15pm.

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

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

**Bowlers** will resume their work at 5pm Wednesdays, beginning June 1, creating "Empty Bowls" for the annual Jesse Tree fundraiser.

**Choir rehearsals** are on the second Sunday of the month at 11:45, and potluck Sundays at 9:15. All are welcome.

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

**Garden Work:** This is scheduled for the second Saturday of each month, at 9am. Contact Martha Terrill or John Hunger.

**Program/Worship Committee** meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6pm, at Mosquito Café in Galveston. Join them or 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. Game night is in need of hosts!

**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/>. *Natural Awareness Meditation* meets Thursdays at 5:30pm, contact Terry Conrad (409)599-7268.

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



## Provocative Film Series Friday, June 3, 7 p.m. 502 Church Street, Galveston WASTE LAND

Renowned artist Vic Muniz embarks on one of the most inspired collaborations of his career. He journeyed from his home base in Brooklyn to his native Brazil and the world's largest garbage dump, Jardim Gramacho, located on the outskirts of Rio de Janeiro. There he photographed an eclectic band of "catadores" — self-designated pickers of recyclable materials. Muniz's initial objective was to "paint" the *catadores* with garbage. However, his collaboration with these inspiring characters as they recreate photographic images of themselves out of garbage reveals both the dignity and despair of the *catadores* as they begin to re-imagine their lives. The film offers stirring evidence of the transformative power of art and the alchemy of the human spirit.

**Bring a friend and a snack to share.**

### 2010 - 2011 UUFGC Board of Directors

President	Mike Hennen
President-Elect	Billie Rinaldi
Past-President	John Hunger
Secretary	Cheryl Henry
Treasurer	Woody Dickson
Members at Large:	Kathy Domsy Holly Fortenberry Dale Hogan

### Committees and Task Forces

Communications	Madeleine Baker
Landscape	Martha Terrill/John Hunger
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
Newsletter	Jimmy Rainey
Webmaster	Neil Huddleston



**Book Club:** Will Meet June 8 at 7pm to discuss *The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafón; . All are welcome to participate. Upcoming reading includes *World and Town* by Gish Jen (July), and *The Sonderberg Case* by Elie Wiesel (August:)

**Bowlers:** Will resume working on Wednesday, June 1, and will meet each week at 5 pm. Come lend a hand.

**Garden Committee:** Has scheduled the second Saturday of each month as work date, from 9am until you are ready to stop. This means June 11th. Check with *Martha Terrill* or *John Hunger* of the Garden Committee.

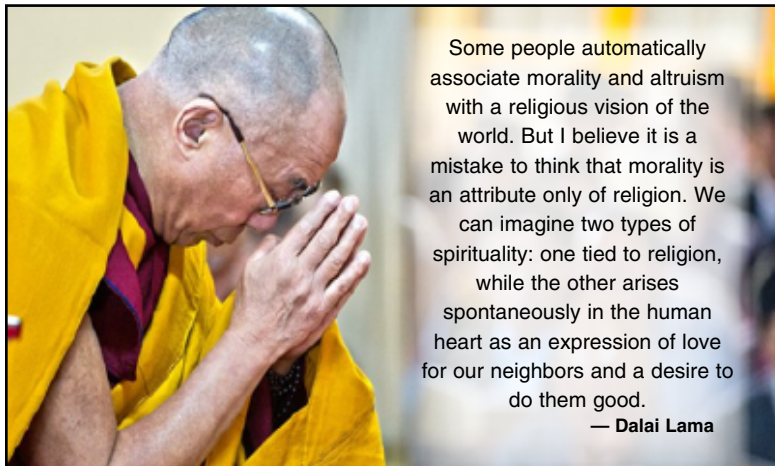
**Supper Circle:** The June Supper Circle is a Church Picnic scheduled for Sunday, June 26th at the

Fellowship in place of the regular Pot Luck luncheon.

**"Spirituality of Poker"** will be Sunday evening, June 26 at 6:30, hosted by Red Henry. *PS to poker folks:* mark your calendars! Roy, we'll get you later, Red hasn't hosted in a long time and really wants to.

**Ingatherings** are scheduled once a quarter on the last Sunday of the month: June 26, September 25, and December 25. If you are not already a member, think about accepting the joys and responsibilities of membership in this Fellowship. Please contact Cheryl Henry, Membership Chair, if you are interested in "signing the book".

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Some people automatically associate morality and altruism with a religious vision of the world. But I believe it is a mistake to think that morality is an attribute only of religion. We can imagine two types of spirituality: one tied to religion, while the other arises spontaneously in the human heart as an expression of love for our neighbors and a desire to do them good.

— Dalai Lama

## Monthly dancing at Island Community Center

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UTMB will be offering a monthly dance practice on the first Friday of each month (June 3). The dance is at the Island Community Center (Community Room) at 4700 Broadway in Galveston from 6-9 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person. All

dancers are invited to enjoy the large floor, excellent A/C, and good, danceable music. Attire is dressy/casual. There are no children allowed, and dancers can bring their own beverages, but no alcohol allowed. Please RSVP to Betty Whistler at (281) 337-0441.

## Make your 2011-2012 pledges now!

The 2011-2012 Pledge Drive began on April 3 and is continuing. At present, we are behind where we were last year in pledges received. If you have not yet got around to completing your Pledge Form, please do so right away. Your Board of Directors is putting together the budget for the coming fiscal year. Having all the pledges in helps the Board evaluate resources and allocate funds for various operations and needs of the Fellowship.

So, time is of essence, let's get all the pledges completed and returned.

## Annual Meeting

Our 2011 Annual Meeting will convene on Sunday, June 5th, immediately following the worship service. Lunch will be provided. It is important that you attend in order to convene a quorum that can conduct Fellowship business. If you are unable to attend, please give your proxy either by e-mailing me to that effect or by completing and delivering your written proxy to any Fellowship member in good standing you know will be attending the meeting.

Important Fellowship business to be voted on includes approval of a new budget and the election of a new slate of officers. You should have received an agenda and a proxy statement in an earlier e-mail.

We hope to see you at the meeting on June 5th!

## Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Galveston County Annual Business Meeting

June 5, 2011

### Agenda

**Welcome:** Meal served and Opening Words

**Approval of Minutes from 2010 Annual Business Meeting**

**President's Report**

**Treasurer's Report**

**Committee and Task Force Reports**

Social Action

Landscape

Membership

Publicity

Program - Discussion of results of Congregational Survey 2011

**Old Business**

**New Business**

Review and vote to approve proposed Budget for 2011-2012

Nominations and vote on new slate of Board

nominees to fill vacancies:

President Elect

At Large (2)

Secretary

## Microfinance Update

Yikes, we have been letting our microfinance repayments add up! So this month we made EIGHT loans through Kiva, totaling \$325, and donated \$16 to Kiva for operating expenses. And this time two of our loans are in Texas! Our total loans are now up to 156. We have used & "recycled" a few hundred dollars to make loans totaling \$4925 to recipients in developing countries, and have donated \$318 to support the activities of Kiva. We make loans as we receive donations and re-lend as existing loans are repaid, and currently have \$794.62 out in loans. All are welcome to help select loan recipients. We are part of the UU lending team which has 540 members. See our "portfolio" at <http://www.kiva.org/lender/unitarianuniversalist3384>.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:</b></p> <p>Susan Persons 6/2 Linda Price 6/12                      Patrick McGuffey 6/19 Don Higbee 6/22                      Joan Klein 6/24 Karma Rainey 6/25                      Amanda Prather 6/27 Wendy Baker 6/28</p> <p><i>Activities are held at the Fellowship unless otherwise noted.</i></p>			<p><b>1</b></p> <p>5pm - Bowlers                      6pm - Program Cmte (Mosquito)                      8pm - AA</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>5:30pm - Meditation                      7pm - Dance Lessons</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>7pm - Provocative Film, <b>Waste Land</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>
<p>9am - Adult Forum <b>5</b></p> <p>10:30am - Ted Hanley, "Those Who Live Among Us"; Children/Youth Religious Education                      12n - Annual Meeting.                      8pm - AA Phoenix Group</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>11am - Course in Miracles                      5:30pm - Zen Meditation</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>7pm - Dance Lessons</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>5pm - Bowlers                      7pm - Book Club                      8pm - AA</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>5:30pm - Meditation                      7pm - Dance Lessons</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>9am - Garden Workday                      9am - 2pm - Book Sale</p>
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<p><b>POTLUCK 26</b></p> <p>9:15am - Choir Practice                      10:30am - INGATHERING of new members; Amanda Prather, "Creativity Sunday Showcase"; Children/Youth Religious Ed.                      12n: Potluck picnic is our "Supper Circle" for the month                      6:30 - Poker at Red Henry's                      8pm - AA Phoenix Group</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>11am - Course in Miracles                      5:30pm - Zen Meditation</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>7pm - Dance Lessons</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>5pm - Bowlers                      8pm - AA</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>5:30pm - Meditation                      7pm - Dance Lessons</p>	<p><i>Please send items for the newsletter by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, for the following month's edition. Send to <a href="mailto:administrator@uugalveston.org">administrator@uugalveston.org</a> and put "for newsletter" in the subject line.</i></p>	