



### A Month of Sundays

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

#### July 4

##### Gerry Carr, "The Declaration of Independence"

Revisit the Declaration of Independence and it's meaning for us today.

Gerry is a member of the Fellowship and chair of the Program Committee

Greeter: Martha Terrill  
Facilitator: Cheryl Henry

Board Member: Kathy Domsky  
Music: Steve Hodgson

#### July 11

##### Tony DiNuzzo, "Long Road Out of Eden"

Emily Dickinson wrote "Eden is that old-fashioned House we dwell in every day without suspecting our abode until we drive away."

Whereas some may wonder if the Garden of Eden is a mythical place or really exists, maybe it can best be thought of as the search for home. Current state of affairs may turn our own "Eden" into a living hell and tempt us to escape and search for a better place. This service will explore Eden not from just in biblical terms but as an integral part of today's world. How do we manage this long road and what theological lessons are out there to sustain us along the journey?

Tony is a member of the Fellowship.

Greeter: Bets Anderson

Board Member: John Hunger

Music: Steve Hodgson

#### July 18

##### Gerry Carr, "Sharing Our Creativity"

Each year we dedicate one service to celebrating our many creative efforts. We often think we are not "creative" unless we sing, dance, paint or write poetry, etc. Expand your definition of creativity to include your own special talents--cooking, gardening, home repair, child-rearing, you name it. Please bring your "show and tell" pieces, or a photo of them, or a story to tell about them.

Greeter: Stan Blazyk

Board Member: Cheryl Henry

Music: UU String Band

#### July 25

##### INGATHERING TODAY POT LUCK AFTER THE SERVICE

##### Kathleen DiNatale, "Dancing With Life: Moving from Suffering to Insight"

Cultivating qualities of kindness, compassion, joy and equanimity in the face of life's up's & downs lends us the ability to dance with whatever arises and appreciate the value of each experience. The choice is ours as we access the wisdom and insight to stay the course. Kathleen teaches at Galveston's Yoga Haven, and is a member of UUFGC.

Greeter: Vickie Francil  
Facilitator: Cheryl Henry

Board Member: Dale Hogan  
Music: Margaret Canavan

### President's Message

As I take over the office of President of the Board for the coming year, I am very happy to assume leadership of a board and a congregation in remarkably good condition. We have a board of experienced and new members which I am sure will provide the guidance we need in the coming year. Our congregation has a welcoming spirit, an attitude of intellectual curiosity, and a healthy Unitarian Universalist interest in serving our Galveston community. I am grateful to past-president John Hunger for his leadership and his role in keeping our fellowship in good standing.

Given this fortunate state of affairs, I will be mindful of the admonition *primum non nocere*, or "first, do no harm."

We have a good thing going and we all want that to continue. It does not mean, however, that we cannot make improvements or strive for greater excellence. Our lay-led congregation has had great success in many areas, among them the activities of our program committee, membership committee, social action committee, and our administrative team. The new board will be attentive to all working committees and will be active to build upon our successes and to improve areas which may need a hand. I see our committees as the vehicle carrying our fellowship along the path of our covenant to dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

With your support, your ideas, your enthusiasm, your patience, and your interest in our well-being, I have no doubts that we can accomplish much.

-- Mike Hennen

*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.*

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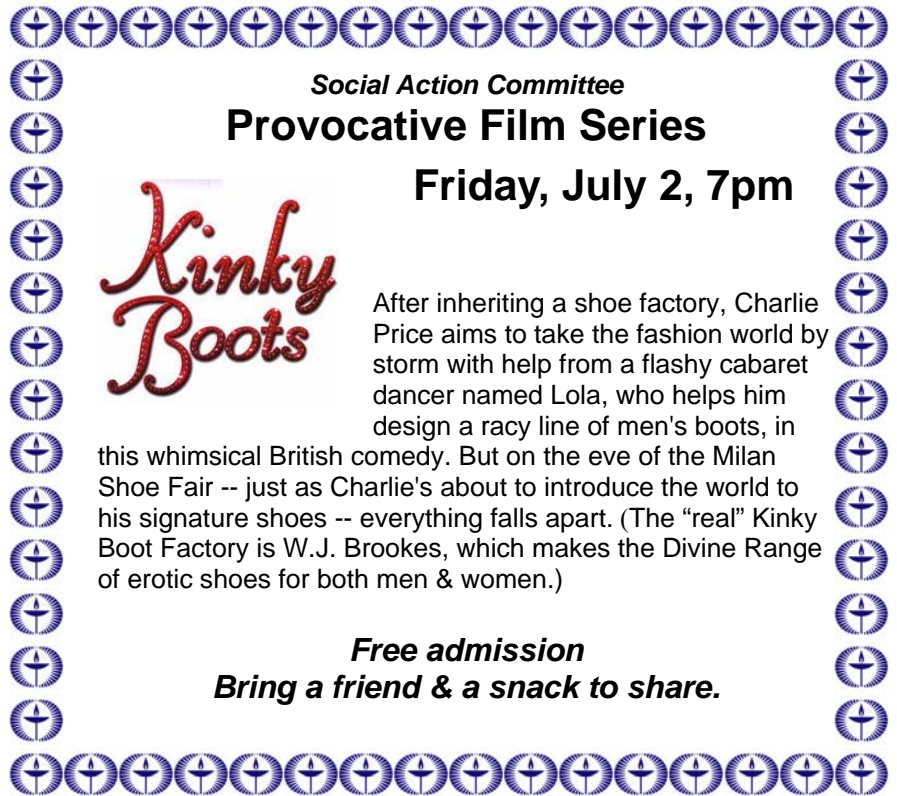
**UUFGC Board of Directors**

President	Mike Hennen
President-Elect	Billie Rinaldi
Past-President	John Hunger
Secretary	Cheryl Henry
Treasurer	Woody Dickson
Members at Large:	Kathy Domsky
	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
Webmaster	Amber Zainfeld



**Social Action Committee**

**Provocative Film Series**

**Friday, July 2, 7pm**

*Kinky Boots*

After inheriting a shoe factory, Charlie Price aims to take the fashion world by storm with help from a flashy cabaret dancer named Lola, who helps him design a racy line of men's boots, in this whimsical British comedy. But on the eve of the Milan Shoe Fair -- just as Charlie's about to introduce the world to his signature shoes -- everything falls apart. (The "real" Kinky Boot Factory is W.J. Brookes, which makes the Divine Range of erotic shoes for both men & women.)

**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 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 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. 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 .

**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. Meetings are open to all.

**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** is on break until June. Contact Gerry Carr at [gcarr@tlc-galveston.org](mailto: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 ([gcar@comcast.net](mailto:gcar@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 a month in July & August.

# News & Coming Attractions

## Member News

As we welcome our new Board leadership we those who are "retiring" at this time: **Susan Persons, Pete Olsen, Fanny DeGesero** and **Patrick McGuffey**. We acknowledge your service and know you will stay involved!

## Upcoming Events

**Used Book Sale:** The July book sale will be held Saturday, July 10, 9am-2pm. Help is ALWAYS appreciated!

**Supper Circle:** Gather at **Pete & Diane Olsen's** at 6pm on Saturday, July 10 for a backyard dinner. Be sure to sign up beforehand on the UU bulletin board. We appreciate those who offer their homes for our monthly dinners. They put a lot of effort into planning for the expected number of guests. So as a courtesy to our hosts, please attend if you have signed up, or let them know if you must cancel.

**Book Club meets Wednesday** July 14, 7pm to discuss Stieg Larsson's **The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo**. August selection is **A Mighty Long Way** by Carla Walls Lanier

**Ceremony of Ingathering July 25:** This ceremony is a celebration of new members of UUFGC. If you have been thinking about accepting the joys and

responsibilities of membership, now is the time! Contact Membership Chair Cheryl Henry, email administrator@uugalveston.org, or leave a message at (409) 765-8330. If you do so soon, your name can be included in our soon-to-be-updated Membership Directory.

**"Spirituality of Poker" & Game Night Sunday, July 25:** Enjoy poker at **Stan Blazyk's**, and other games at **Judy Glaister's**. Fun begins at 6:30pm. All are welcome!

## Around UU

**Social Action Committee:** Mayor Joe Jaworski met with the Social Action Committee on June 13, and said that he supports our campaign to curtail the use of plastic bags in Galveston. We are looking for other sponsors and organizations to help with this project. We will be looking for volunteers to help. If you are interested in this, please speak with **Marilyn Schulz, Holly Fortenberry** or **Mary Hodgson**. The June compassionate offering for the **Ronald McDonald House** was \$196.00. July offering will go to the **UUFGC microfinance fund**, which makes loans through Kiva.

**Microfinance Update:** Our microfinance "revolving" fund added five loans this month. We have now used & "recycled" a few hundred dollars to make **115 loans, totaling \$3625**, to recipients in developing countries and the US, and have donated \$210 to support the activities of Kiva. We make 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 398 members. See our "portfolio" at <http://www.kiva.org/lender/unitarianuniversali3384>.

**Adult Forum:** The next book for discussion is **Follow Me to Free-**

**dom: Leading as an Ordinary Radical** by John Perkins and Shane Claiborne. If you are interested in ordering the book and joining the discussion, please contact **Madeleine Baker** at [madeleinebaker@att.net](mailto:madeleinebaker@att.net). All are welcome.



## 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

## Reminders

- **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 **used inkjet printer cartridges**.
- **For visitors & newcomers:** Please feel free to take copies of **UU World** magazine, from the display in the foyer.


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



# JULY 2010

*Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Galveston County*

*Activities are held at the Fellowship unless otherwise indicated*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Happy Birthday to:</b></p> <p><i>Fanny DeGesero 07/02      Sharon Corbin 07/11</i>  <i>Shirley Hollingsworth 07/13      Tony DiNuzzo 07/17</i>  <i>Karen Brykczynski 07/18      Bets Anderson 07/24</i>  <i>Karla Klay 07/26      Eleanor Porter 07/30</i>  <i>Pete Olsen 07/31</i></p>				<p>1 7pm - Dance lessons</p>	<p>2 7pm - Provocative Film, <b>Kinky Boots</b></p>	<p>3</p> 
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<p>18 9am - Adult Forum 10:30am - Adult Service, "Creativity"; Children/Youth Religious Ed 8pm - AA Phoenix Group</p>	<p>19 11am - Course in Miracles 5:30pm - Zen Meditation</p>	<p>20 7pm - Dance lessons</p>	<p>21 8pm - AA Phoenix</p>	<p>22 7pm - Dance lessons</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
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