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.WE COVENANT TO PROMOTE:

The inherent worth and dignity of every person;  
Justice, equality, and compassion in human relations;  
Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth,  
A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;  
The right to conscience and the use of the democratic process;  
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.

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Notice to Contributors

Be advised that the newsletter deadline is the first Sunday after the CUUC board meeting on the second Wednesday.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Apr 16: Choir Practice
- Apr 20 "Show and Tell," Ron Clarke
- Apr 20: Hatha Yoga with Kitty Beavis, 1:30 pm
- Apr 20: Remarkable Films, "Young Frankenstein" - 6:30pm
- Apr 25-27: UU Southwest Spring ConferenceApr 26 Work & Maintenance party, 9:00 am
- Apr 27 "No Such Thing as God, No Such Thing as Atheists," Rev. Phil Schulman
- Apr 27 Soup Lunch, CUUC Board
- Apr 27: Hatha Yoga with Kitty Beavis, 1:30 pm
- Apr 27: Men's Group, 6:30 pm
- Apr 28 Women's Group, 7:00 pm
- May 04: "Beltane," Estella Boyes
- May 04: Brown Bag Socrates Cafe, 12:15 pm
- May 04: Hatha Yoga with Kitty Beavis, 1:30 pm
- May 11: " The Fourth purpose of UU Congregations" Rev. Phil Schulman
- May 11: Hatha Yoga with Kitty Beavis, 1:30 pm
- May 11: Men's Group, 6:30 pm
- May 12: Women's Group, 7 pm
- May 14: CUUC Board meeting, 7 pm
- May 18: RE Closing Service, RE Children and Glenna Jones-Kachtik
- May 18: Hatha Yoga with Kitty Beavis, 1:30 pm
- May 18.:Newsletter Deadline
- May 24: Work & Maintenance Party, 9:00 am

May 25: "Church Leadership, What's it like?" Rev. Phil Schulman and CUUC Board  
May 25: Annual Congregational Meeting  
May 25: Men's Group, 6:30 pm  
May 26 Memorial Day picnic  
May 26: Women's Group, 7 pm

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#2UPCOMING SERVICES

April 20

Ron Clarke

"Show and Tell"

Participate by bringing some item of personal importance to you for some reason and tell us the story that goes with it.

April 27th

"No Such Thing as God. No Such Thing as Atheists." Rev. Phil Schulman  
My goals are to challenge every one's theology and celebrate some of the ways we keep our religious community religious, maintain our diversity, and keep growing together.

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May 4

"Beltane"

Estella Boyes

Estella will show us how to celebrate the Pagan holiday, Beltane  
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May 11

"The 4th Purpose of UU Congregations"

Rev. Phil Schulman

The UUA statement of principles and purposes states that we exist (#4) to affirm and promote a free and responsible search for truth and meaning. How is that purpose similar and how is it different from what other religious traditions do? What does this look like in our congregations and in our lives?

\*Service will also include a celebration of mothers!  
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May 18

RE Closing Service

Glenna Jones-Kachtik

Our children will show us what they've been learning in RE this year.  
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May 25

Rev. Phil Schulman

"Church Leadership, What's that like?"

What is it like to serve on our board? Is there a personal and spiritual dimension? Or is it hard work, awful conflict, bitter politics and boring tedium? Come hear how serving on the board has affected some of our leaders.

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## ARTICLES AND REPORTS

From Our Pastor

Rev. Phill Schulman

A couple of weeks ago, Henry Halff sent an email inviting us to visit the website <<http://tinyurl.com/364f8b>> It's hosted by the TKF Foundation and is dedicated to the creation of "sacred spaces." They define a "sacred space" as space set aside from everyday life, which is meant to invite you into a deeper and more peaceful relationship with yourself, your neighbor, and the created world.

The website made me think of CUUC. Sacred space" could refer not only to our grounds, but also to what we create on Sunday mornings. Ideally it is also experienced through relationships within our congregation.

CUUC may be most important, but it's not the only sacred space that I have tended in San Antonio. From the day I received the deed for 1446 W. Woodlawn Ave, I began investing time, energy and money into it with intent of creating a healing place. My planting and working the land there was part of what inspired me to start the Ten Tree Challenge. It was also site for peer counseling classes and support groups. I began a massage practice there, and for the next ten years, Stephanie Sepaugh treated her clients to outstanding therapeutic massage. Last November, I purchased the house next door, and began a major renovation. This gave me a much deeper appreciation of the work of our UUHAC! When the work was nearing completion, several folks checked out the "rental vacancy." SA Zen heard of my efforts just in time. They expressed appreciation not only for the indoor space, but also the wide expanse of green space that surrounds Martinez Creek. That creek, its grassy basin and the birds it attracts are what I love most about the land. Not far from the heart of the city, it's an expanse of sky and grass.

SA Zen decided to make it their new home. First they prepared their sanctuary. Then they began raking the grounds. They intend to create a Zen meditation garden. Their religious practices are an invitation to healing extended to all who visit. As Lennon and McCartney wrote: "Isn't that a bit like you and me?!" To me, its a dream come true to have partners in creating sacred space. That's SAZen, and that is you!

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## RE News

Glenna Jones-Kachtik

The RE Committee met on 4/6 in the RE room. We discussed plans for April and May RE as well as the Renaissance module that I and hopefully Stephanie will go to May 2nd to the 4th in Ft Worth. We discussed some social action projects for next year as well as a plan of action for parent grievances and the role of the helper in the classroom. We tabled fundraising and playground wants until after the budget has passed. We were happy to welcome the incoming program chair - Burke Reed to our meeting. Last month saw us making eggs for an egg tree (for the first annual Egg Tree Ritual) as well as taking part in the Easter/Flower Communion Service.

So far this month, we have talked about Diversity and made Diversity Collages - and heard the tale of Chicken Soup: A Russian Tale of Giving. We began putting

together the toiletry bags for Under the Bridge. We need more supplies for the bags. So, CUUC please bring things for our baggies. We will need to contact Bill Holler to see about the correct date for our Under The Bridge venture. A letter will follow to explain what is needed from CUUC.

It is hard to believe that this RE year is coming to a close. It is bittersweet because we will be loosing 3 of our class as the Gullicks move to Atlanta in June. It is a joy because we welcomed Chancellor to our class this week. We hope to see Tristan DeKing back with us very soon. We will hold RE Closing ceremony this year on May 18 and the following weeks class (4/25) we will be talking about people in our Congregation who have made a difference in the lives of others and who have practiced non-violence and win-win rules. A letter will follow about that also.

June will begin a new church year and will be the beginning of RE every Sunday throughout the summer. It does not mean that we will not swim on Sundays, just that we will have a lesson every Sunday. Michael Parmley (Walls) had perfect attendance in March - I appreciate the effort in getting children to come to RE regularly. Tristan DeKing will turn 13 on May 17th. GJK/DRE

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#### Social Justice Committee

Glenna Jones-Kachtik & Mary Beth Romeo, Co-Chairs

Social Justice did not meet during March or April. UU Housing did hold its Annual Meeting the first week of April and it was well attended by members of both CUUC & 1st UU.

. Thanks to Nancy White and Mary Beth Romeo there were delightful platters of arranged veggies and meatballs and scrumptious fruit. Mary Grace brought one of the most beautifully arranged veggie trays I have seen to date and June's daughter Autumn made 3 delightful cakes shaped like houses. One was chocolate, one was banana nut and one was carrot - mmmmm. Thanks to Sandy Boyd who loaned us her lovely table cloths and Nancy shared impatiens she was going to plant in her yard.

Officers were approved for next year; and departing Board Members were recognized along with those making contributions to UUHAC (Broadway Bank, The Tobin Hill Neighborhood plan, etc.) - Some of our members even won door prizes! You can still become a member! Contact June Kachtik at 342-0135, Glenna Jones-Kachtik & Mary Beth Romeo

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#### Remarkable Films

Glenna Jones-Kachtik

Chicago was viewed at the home of June Kachtik. We will watch Mel Brook's Young Frankenstein on 4/20 at 6:30 at the church. The next film will be M\*A\*S\*H. We will decide on 4/20 what the other 2 films in this series are. Series: 100 Years ---100 Laughs American Film Institute's 100 Greatest Comedies of all time.,.,.,., 4/20: Mel Brooks -Young Frankenstein (1974). "Pardon me boy, Is this the Transylvania Station?" This satirical homage to 1930s horror films and spoof of the Frankenstein films stars Gene Wilder as Victor Frankenstein, the heir to the original mad scientist's research materials. He travels to Europe to continue the experiments and create a new life. Boyle is the resulting Monster who learns

to tap to "Puttin' on the Ritz, and Leachman is something of a horror herself as the castle keep.

5/18 6:30

- M\*A\*S\*H (1970). Film is #7 on AFIs list and stars Donald Sutherland, Elliot Gould, Sally Kellerman, Robert Duvall, Tom Skerritt and Rene Auberjonois. Bawdy black comedy about the members of a free-wheeling Mobile Army Surgical Hospital during the Korean War. Sutherland's Hawkeye, Gould's Trapper John and Kellerman's Hotlips push the boundaries of irreverence and inject humor into the daily horrors they encounter behind the lines. Who can forget the football game! Don't miss the shower scene! This movie established Robert Altman as a major director and inspired the long running TV series of the same name (which began in 1972),. Gary Burghoff was the only cast member who reprised his role (Radar O'Reilly) in the TV series. Two more movies need to be chosen - the following have received votes and there needs to be run offs for them: Vote for your favorite today! Send votes to gjkbear822@yahoo.com

<mailto:gjkbear822@yahoo.com>. A Shot in the Dark, What's Up Doc, Cat Ballou, This is Spinal Tap, Topper, & The Producers. Glenna Jones-Kachtik Film Groupie

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#### #4AFFINITY GROUPS

Socrates Cafe Marilyn DeKing The Brown Bag Socrates Cafe will meet at 12:15 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at Community Unitarian Universalist Church. Bring your lunch and join us for a satisfying philosophical session. At the beginning of each session, participants submit and vote on the question to be discussed. Resolution is not the goal of the discussion. We usually end with more questions than we began with. Everyone is welcome to participate in Socrates Cafe or to visit and see what it is about

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Women's Group Jean Halff The Women's Support Group is open to CUUC women and friends of the church. We meet every 2 weeks, on a Monday night at the church, starting at 7 p.m. and usually finishing before 9 p.m. Each woman usually talks for about 10 minutes about anything she wishes. However, you don't have to talk if you would rather not. What is divulged is kept confidential unless otherwise stated. It is a great way to get to know the women in the church on a more personal level in a safe environment. We invite you to come and join us and let us get to know you.

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Men's Group Steven Botts The CUUC men's group meets every second and fourth Sunday from 6:30 - 8:30 P.M. All CUUC men or visitors are welcome to join us. Group leadership rotates from meeting to meeting. The leader for each meeting is also the host, and he is responsible for furnishing snacks and drinks. We usually start off meetings with a clearing, in which each member is allowed to talk about recent events in his life, if he wishes to, for as long as he sees fit. Next, the facilitator introduces the topic for the evening. This may involve a short reading - a poem, an article or other text. The subject could be just about anything that the facilitator would like the group to address: What's going on at CUUC, religion, economics science, health, family, friendship,

etc. Around 8:30, we wind things up by deciding who is going to facilitate the next meeting, declare this one finished, clean up, and leave.-----

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Remarkable Film Group  
Clem Chow  
The Remarkable Film Group consists of members and friends of CUUC who gather each month to view one feature film and discuss it afterward. Everyone is welcome to attend. The films are usually shown at church at 6:30 PM on the third Sunday of each month. Films are shown in a series. The attendees select the theme, and content of each series normally compose of four films on that theme, whether directed by the same person or featuring a specific actor or actress. Current leaders of the group are Clem and Joyce Chow. Any questions about this group may be directed to Clem or Joyce.

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