

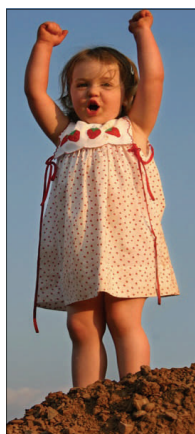
Immigration Debate

Two Special Adult RE Sessions



Please join us for two Special Adult Ed sessions on Immigration. Responding to the increased interest in knowing the facts about the Arizona Immigration law and the national response to it, Adult Religious Education will present speakers on Sundays, August 22 and 29 at 10:00 a.m. in Rooms 205/6 of Delaney Hall. Watch the Eblasts for more details. If you would like to participate, contact Ken Salzman.

Campaign of Gratitude



You know that feeling you get when someone unexpectedly compliments you? Why not take a moment to give that feeling to someone in the Emerson community? We have a variety of ways you can reach out—

- thanks@emersonhouston.org
- Post it on our Facebook Page;
- Tweet it to us!

We'll compile the results and put it on our website so everyone can enjoy them!

Speaking Event

August 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary



On Tuesday, August 10, at 7:00 p.m., Emerson will host an inspiring talk by Dr. John Demartini, a frequent lecturer around the globe on mind/body connections and the development of a healthy personal spirituality. Dr. Demartini is considered one of the world's leading authorities on human behavior and personal development. He is the

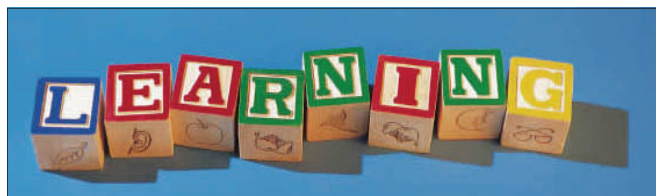
founder of the Demartini Institute, a private research and education organization with a curriculum of over 72 different courses covering multiple aspects of human development.

Dr. Demartini travels 360 days a year to countries all over the globe, sharing his research and findings in all markets and sectors. He is the author of 40 books published in 28 different languages. He has produced over 50 CDs and DVDs covering subjects such as development in relationships, wealth, education and business. Each program is designed to assist people to activate leadership and empower themselves in all seven areas of their lives: financial, physical, mental, vocational, spiritual, family and social.

Also, he's appeared in the recent film, *Oh My God* and has been interviewed by both Larry King and Oprah. Check out his website at www.drdemartini.com.

New Fall RE Program

Multigenerational Classes



Starting in September, Emerson will be home to an exciting new program for Religious Education that combines all ages into one learning experience. Look for more info in September!

“Our beloved community of faith, reason, and affection welcomes all to grow in mind and spirit as we build a better world.”

Summer Sunday Schedule & Member Info

11:15 a.m. Worship Topics

August 1—Emerson: Notes from the Periphery with Rev. Bob Tucker

A longtime Emerson friend and frequent pulpit guest will share observations and memories of Emerson over the years.

August 8—The Schulmans' Years at Emerson with deForest Ralph, Emerson Member

A service delivered in the tradition of Rev. Schulman, longtime former minister at Emerson. This service will celebrate the many contributions of the Schulmans to Emerson.

August 15—One Wild and Precious Life with Carolyn Truesdell, Emerson Member

Mary Oliver issued the challenge, so let's explore the possibilities of our own lives and the possibilities of the next 50 years at Emerson.

August 22—What We Can Do to Help Restore Public Education

Our faith has long been invested in a strong public education, yet for the past few decades we have been far too silent about the many recent, and often short sighted, efforts at "reform." Something different has to be done, and we should do it. Everything about the future is worse when public education is not well supported and affirmed.

August 29—People Got Talent!

Reflections prompted by the *America's Got Talent* television show on the character of human beings and the nature of human community.

Ongoing Sunday Activities

1st Sunday—Newcomer Discussion, 10:00 a.m., Westwood Hall;

2nd Sunday—Food Sunday-bring non-perishable items / Special Collection

4th Sunday—SEARCH Sandwiches, Westwood Hall

Wheel Of Life

We send our thoughts and prayers to Billye Smith for the recent loss of her grandmother.

Welcome New Members!

Cheryl and Joe Baucum

Elizabeth Cantu

Teresa Day and Luis Gasparotto

Margie Elliott and the late Lloyd Elliot

Barbara Elmore

Maureen Emery

Barbara Greer

Carla Hill-Jones

Marlena and Carl Merkt

Segondo Robert-Ibarra

Amelia Nicole Sexton and Adam Michael Garcia

Michele and Charles Still

Emily Untermeyer and Bruce Baskett

Norbert Welk

Carolyn White

READ for Success

Make Sure We're on the Same Page

Thank you all who have contributed books to the book drive for Jones High School. We are off to a great start with 43 books and \$25.00 contributed thus far! We want to let you know that Jones High School can only use copies with the correct ISBN numbers.

Please remember if you shop at Amazon through the Emerson website, the Church is rebated a percentage. Or you can donate cash and we will purchase books to complete class sets. Please use the ISBNs listed below or visit Emerson online.

<i>Like Water for Chocolate</i>	978-0385420174
<i>The Pact</i>	978-1573229890
<i>The Secret Life of Bees</i>	978-0755349807
<i>The Skin I'm In</i>	978-1423103851
<i>A Raisin in the Sun</i>	978-0679601722
<i>Native Son</i>	0-06-080977-9
<i>Cane River</i>	978-0446615884
<i>Dreams from My Father</i>	0307383415

Recurring Events

Stitchers

Informal gathering of friends doing all sorts of needlework on Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m., Delaney Hall
Contact: Phyllis Burchfiel

Sandwiches for SEARCH

Thursday, August 12, 10:30 a.m., Westwood Hall
Sunday, August 22, after church. Help make 50 sack lunches for SEARCH. We welcome all volunteers.
Contact: Barbara Hopkin

Women's Evening Book Group

Wednesday, August 11, 7:30 p.m., Library
The book this month is *Reclaiming Virtue* by John Bradshaw, and September's book is *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson. Contact: Jill Rose

Men's Book Club

Wednesday, August 11, 6:30 p.m., Lambo's Restaurant, 6159 Westheimer. The book of the month is *Rise to Rebellion: A Novel of the American Revolution* by Jeff Shaara. September's selection is *The Return of Depression Economics and the Crisis of 2008* by Paul Krugman. Contact: Bill Burchfiel

Book Club

Thursday, August 12, 10:30 a.m., Westwood Hall.
August's book is *The Help*, by Kathryn Stockett.
September's book is *Half Broke Horses*, by Jeannete Wells. All book lovers are welcome! Contact: Jo Irwin

Covenant Group

Wednesday, August 25, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Library
Please join us for a conversation on a spiritual topic. Contact: Nancy Lipp

Social Action Council News

SAC Discussion The Social Action Council hosted the Adult Education hour on June 20. The program began with why we UUs should invest our time and resources in Social Action. We found that Social Action supports our UU principles; is an important function of our church on par with worship and child and adult education; is part of Emerson's new Statement of Identity and Purpose; feels good.

This program included an overview of Emerson's 2010 Social Action goals and programs. The attendees contributed some good ideas on how participation in Emerson Social Action can be increased. SAC plans to prioritize these recommendations and to implement the top priority recommendations in the coming months.

Raise a Hand, a Hammer, a Doughnut - Rebuilding Together Houston Believe it or not, it is time to check your availability on **October 16** and/or **October 23** to join other members of the congregation on our 43rd Rebuilding Together Houston house. Please let us know

how you can support this important Emerson project. For additional information or to sign up, please contact Clara Kosloff or visit Emerson online.

Education on Mental Illness This fall Social Action is planning an educationally oriented project focusing on the negative stigmatization that the mentally ill confront. We are interested in any ideas and thoughts that the congregation may have in regards to this issue. Adult Education and Religious Education Committees will participate in this project. Please contact Christel Collins or Phil Richardson with your ideas.

Crop Walk will be held on November 7. Please contact Barb Adams for further information.

June Special Collections

\$1,061	Scholarships
\$507	Interfaith Ministries
\$25	Jones High School Book Drive

Religious Education for Children and Youth

This spring, the Director of Religious Education (DRE) Search committee, our interim DRE, Barbara Stoddard, the RE committee, and our ministers gathered data from focus groups, questionnaires and casual conversations with Emersonians to help craft a job description for the new position that matches our current needs as a religious community. Then just in time for General Assembly, our

search for a permanent DRE reached the advertising stage on UUA and Liberal Religious Educators Association (LREDA) websites. The new job posting link can be viewed on the Emerson website. Thank you to all who have provided input by email and conversations. Look for updates periodically.—Pam Bass, Personnel Committee Representative on the DRE Search Committee

Save a Tree - If you would prefer to receive newsletter by email or not at all, contact Molly, 713-782-8250

For more information on any item in the newsletter, please consult our website at www.emersonhouston.org

Garden Help Day

Thank you Volunteers!



Thank you to the 30 Emersonians who came to Emerson on Saturday, June 12, for garden cleanup. We accomplished so much that we could have filled 3 dumpsters! The two comments most expressed during the cleanup were, "we need to do this again in the fall" and "where are the kids?" Well, we will have to

plan another garden party day in the fall and make it a family activity.

Thanks so much to Gabe Gelb, Betsy Gelb, Sigsby Rusk, Mary Ann Rusk, Mary Ann Stanley, Ken Salzman, Luis Gasparotto, Teresa Day, Will Irwin, Phil Richardson, Tony Collins, Eric Watson, Carole Huelbig, Christel Collins, Norbert Welk, Sarah Boyd, Charles Boyd, Ian Winlof, Clara Kosloff, Francine Heller, Robin McElfresh, Stephen Lipp, Nancy Lipp, Liz Gammell, Mary Pedersen, Zena Taylor, Bonnie Homier, John Homier, Mark Edmiston-Lange, and Bob Hopkins.

Public Relations News

Follow us on Facebook (just search for our name) and Twitter (@emersonhouston).

Newsletter submission deadline: Tues, August 17.

Miss Something?

Our sermons are available for your convenience in a variety of ways. We have paper copies in the Narthex and Welcome Area; we post them on our website under "Ministers" and, by request, we will make a CD copy. There is a small charge for CDs, which are available by order form in the Narthex.

WORSHIP SERVICE TIME CHANGE!
SERVICES MOVE TO 11 A.M. ON SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 12.