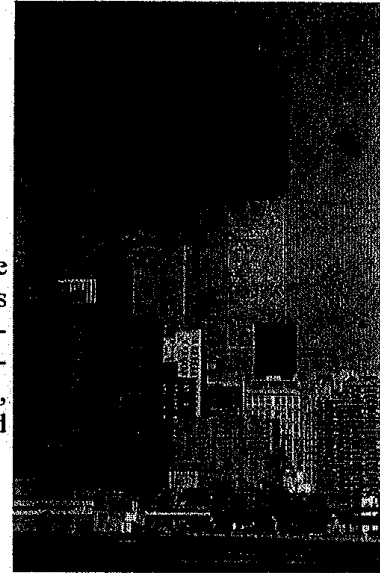


CORPUS CHRISTI RELIGIOUS CONGREGATIONS COMBINE TO REMEMBER 9/11

Dear Members of our Congregations:

September 11, 2011 will mark the tenth anniversary of the tragic events of 9/11/2001. A broad spectrum of Corpus Christi's religious congregations are joining together to commemorate this day in a very special manner. These congregations represent Catholic, Episcopalian, Methodist, Baptist, Unitarian, Muslim and Jewish citizens of our Community and the Institute of Interfaith Dialogue.



We invite you to join us as an active participant in this commemoration.

It is not, we concluded, enough to remember those who perished in the World Trade Center buildings, the Pentagon and the plane crashes with words alone. We shall honor those who died and those who survived, but who bear the direct burden of these tragic events, with concrete actions that will improve the quality of life in our community.

A number of community action projects are described on the inside pages of this folder. We hope you will sign up for one of them and make your efforts a living memorial to the victims of the terrorist attack. Your contribution of committed religious, social action will be a remembrance that will honor them long after our heartfelt words are gone.

But there will also be words. Each of the participating congregations will devote its services during the weekend of September 9-11 to the theme of memorial. Each of us in our own vocabulary, our own theology, our own style will speak to what transpired ten years ago and to what we have learned in the intervening decade.

Then, at 6:00 P.M. on Sunday, September 11, we shall gather as a total community at the First United Methodist Church at 900 South Shoreline Blvd. to combine our voices in prayer, song and remembrance, as well as to recall the projects of communal action that we have undertaken in memory of those who fell victim to the fanaticism of the terrorists.

Please open this folder, look at the projects and choose one that you find suits your interests and abilities. Thank you in advance for helping make this memorial as significant as possible.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS OF MEMORIAL

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat builds houses with and for low income families in Corpus Christi. There are two sites that need volunteer help at this time. Teams work Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 7:30 AM until about noon. **Volunteer application and clearance forms need to be filled out in advance. Begin now!** The volunteer coordinator is Ada Davis at 289-1740. You can also visit the Habitat website at <http://www.corpuschristihfh.com/> for more information.

Care Boxes for Deployed Military Members

We shall assemble boxes of personal items and other goodies that will be shipped to our troops who are stationed far away from home. This meaningful, but light work, requires no prior experience except a cheerful and cooperative disposition. We shall gather at the First United Methodist Church. Call your congregation's office and list your name as a volunteer. We'll get you details as they become available.

Good Samaritan Mission

The men and women who come to the Mission require personal care items. Our role will be to take items that have been collected and place them in individual bags for the clients of the Mission. In addition, we shall be baking brownies and chocolate chip cookies, as the sweet content of these desserts helps the clients avoid cravings for addictive substances. This project will take place at Congregation Beth Israel at a time and date to be announced. Call your congregational office and sign up. We'll contact you regarding the specifics.

Food Bank

The Food Bank of Corpus Christi is the largest provider of food products to those who are at the highest risk of hunger in our community. You can help by arranging food on the shelves and stocking the pantry's goods so they can be used efficiently and effectively. A little lifting is required. Several "shifts" are available. Call the Volunteer Coordinator at the Food Bank, 887-6291 to arrange your involvement.

Beach Clean-Up

A beach cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, August 27. The volunteer coordinator is Apache Molina, 443-6572. Call him to indicate your participation. Then gather at 8:00am at the Padre Island National Seashore Visitors' Center (keep on SR 22 after you cross the high bridge, roughly 25 or 30 miles) to get organized and oriented for a couple of hours of clean up. Bring beach clothes and food so you can stay and enjoy the beach.

Parks Recreation Park Clean-Up

With the help of several city departments, we'll clean up a city park, assisting in litter pick-up and possibly plant trees, or refurbish a park structure (like a gazebo). Call your congregational office to indicate your interest in this kind of project.

Mayor Adame's PRIDE Program

In some neighborhoods of our city, citizens have trouble disposing of trash items, especially those that are somewhat bulky. The City will provide a large bin for the collection of these items, and we shall help residents bring them to the central site for eventual disposal by the City's staff. For this project, you might have to help lift some heavier items. Afterwards, join in a Hillcrest community celebration, as residents will be invited to a neighborhood BBQ. To participate in this activity, please call your congregational office; we'll respond with the details.

Reading Blitz

The Reading Blitz for the 9/11 project is an opportunity to read to elementary-aged children. Volunteer Coordinators will contact volunteers who sign up for this project to arrange assignments for them to read at various elementary schools. Principals and teachers have diverse needs for volunteers to read to groups and/or individuals at various times of the school day. Volunteer registration through CCISD is mandatory and takes two or three weeks. So apply now at <http://jobs.ccisd.us/winocular/volunteer/>.

Donations

If you cannot for whatever reason participate yourself or if you are going to participate but feel especially generous, donations to defray the cost of the items that will be sent in boxes to our service men and women and toiletries for residents of Good Samaritan Mission will be gratefully accepted. Send them to

Discretionary Fund
Congregation. Beth Israel
4402 Saratoga Blvd.
Corpus Christi, TX 78413

Collectively, we enthusiastically invite your participation in these acts of remembrance and commitment.



CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL
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WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

1. Choose one project that appeals to you. Be sure you are free at the appointed time.
2. Call your congregation's office and tell them to add your name to the list of those who will work on that project.

Phone Numbers to Call:

First United Methodist Church (Rev. Greg Hackett)	884-0391
Islamic Association of South Texas	992-8550
Congregation Beth Israel (Rabbi Kenneth Roseman)	857-8181
Church of the Reconciliation (Fr. Bruce Wilson)	852-9677
Unitarian/Universalist Church (Rev. Philip Douglas)	986-8855
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd (Fr. Milton Black)	882-1735
First Baptist Church (Rev. Ron Marriott)	888-8228
St. Pius X Catholic Church (Msgr. Richard Shirley)	241-3249
Institute of Interfaith Dialogue (Dr. Bora Karayaka)	980-3738

3. Be sure to come to the project site at the right time, date and place.
4. Attend services during the weekend of September 9-11 at the congregation of your choice.
5. Attend the combined service at the FUMC on September 11 at 6:00 PM