

# THE VISITOR

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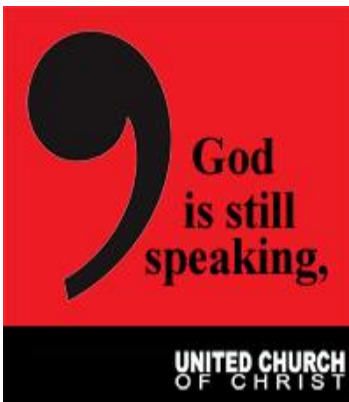
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**Rev. Thomas J. VandeStadt**

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Within the United Church of Christ, there's a lot of activity going on right now around climate change. After I attended the **UCC LINK** event on climate change in Cleveland this past April, the participants crafted and signed a document called "The Creation Covenant." The document, addressed to **Reverend Geoffrey Black**, the Officers of the United Church of Christ, and all our Conference Ministers, professed that "God is calling the UCC to become a bold prophetic voice in the national and international faith community as humans struggle to create a just and sustainable world in the face of climate change."



"The Creation Covenant" challenged the UCC's leadership to "rally the resources of the United Church of Christ in order to provide our conferences, local congregations, pastors and laity with the essential resources and leadership needed to help unify, lead and guide our communities in this essential collective ministry, on which the future of God's creation and our own very survival may depend."

More specifically, "**The Creation Covenant**" called on the UCC to continue and expand the Mission 4/1 Earth campaign, to develop and expand on-line resources around climate change, to continue with a national staff position dedicated to environmental justice, to develop ways for UCC churches to incorporate environmental justice into its worship and educational ministry throughout the year, and to formulate a common denominational language to articulate the UCC's commitment to environmental justice.

On September 5, the Officers of the United Church of Christ issued a response to the signatories of "**The Creation Covenant**." In it, the UCC Officers affirmed their commitment to develop a strong and effective UCC eco-justice ministry by citing their "Open Letter" to **General Synod 29**: "We believe that God is calling the United Christ to become the leading religious voice on climate change..."

The UCC Officers also reported that they've called **Meighan Pritchard** to be the UCC's Minister of Environmental Justice. They're in the process of forming a small steering group and a larger advisory team to guide the process of developing the UCC's response to climate change. This process will include engaging partners and impacted communities, reflecting on global needs and environmental racism, educating people about investment in renewable resources and development of new and sustainable technologies, and exploring the links between creation care, community advocacy, and spiritual life and worship. Finally, they ended their response on a sobering and challenging note: "We understand that climate change, environmental racism, and all the other environmental issues facing our planet demand a drastic rethinking of how we live in God's creation."

I'm grateful that our UCC Officers grasp the challenge before us, and that they're making the concerted effort to place the UCC in a leadership position vis-à-vis climate change. But their efforts alone aren't enough. It really comes down to the local UCC churches. That's where the rubber hits the road. That's where the changes in thinking and lifestyle must occur. In *our* lives. In *our* communities. My hope and prayer is that the UCC churches in the South Central Conference, including our own, will become the leading religious voices on climate change in our own local communities, be they urban, suburban, or rural. This is difficult work. May Christ guide us and strengthen us in this work!

## The Green Team

A New Committee of the Congregational Church of Austin – UCC

Embarking on a Mission to Bring Spiritual Awareness to Actions of the Church and its Members to Reverse and Heal the Human-Caused Environmental Damage to our Atmosphere and Earth

**A**uthentic spiritual journeys involve facing the pain of our brokenness, entering bravely into it, taking responsibility for healing and repairing it, and drawing on our spiritual tradition’s wisdom and power to inspire and guide us. We’re on a journey together right now, both individually and collectively, a journey to heal the damage that humans have done to the environment and to the human community the world over. This journey to heal is the defining characteristic of our time. It’s a multi-faceted one that involves the transformation of every dimension of our humanity—the psychological, social, political, economic, technological, and cultural. But most profoundly, this journey is a spiritual one in which the human soul will further awaken to its proper place and role within the community we call Earth. In this journey, we’ll face the pain of our troubled and destructive relationship with Earth, and we’ll draw on spiritual wisdom and power to realize our potential for a more intimate and life-sustaining relationship with Earth.

Perhaps the most important thing to remember on this journey is that each one of us can make a difference in the world through the choices we make. The future of human life on Earth depends upon the choices we make

and how we change our lives. There’s no avoiding that fact. We cannot look for religious palliatives to ease our discomfort, hope God will intervene and rescue us from ourselves, or resign ourselves to despair and give up. We must face reality, make choices, and change—all the while drawing on our religious and spiritual tradition to guide and sustain us.

We’re not separate from our planetary home, Earth. We breathe Earth’s air into our lungs, our muscles feed off its oxygen in the blood that flows through our veins, and all that passes through us comes from sunlight, soil, and water. We are of the Earth. Its beauty and complexity reveal deeper truths about ourselves. Its mysteries inspire words like sacred and holy and leave us in awe. May we awaken to the ways we harm that which sustains us, and choose the journey to heal the damage done. May our grandchildren and their children look back upon us with love and gratitude for the choice we’ve made.

**The Congregational Church of Austin Green Team** will focus on the spiritual aspects of this healing work, as well as the practical and technical aspects of making choices that bring about change. One of our first acts will be to report on our church building’s carbon footprint (how much fossil fuel we use, how efficiently we use it, and how much we waste through inefficiency). Working with the Trustees, we’ll then propose actions to reduce our carbon footprint. This will be a continuing process that will change the way we think and act in relation to our God given home.

The CCA Green Team

### Church Leadership

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**A Night Under One Sky** has become a beloved tradition in our community. It celebrates the notion that we can walk together as we search of peace and respect in this world. The setting is magical. The food is delightful. The music is inspiring. The conversation is uplifting. Please join us on **October 8** for A Night Under One Sky as we toast and celebrate our dear friend and former CEO, **Tom Spencer!** On this special night, under a starry sky, we will honor and thank Tom for his tireless service to the interfaith community.

**Tuesday, October 8, 2013**

**Time: 6:30pm until 9:00pm**

**Umlauf Sculpture Garden**, 605 Robert E Lee Road, Austin, Texas 78704

**Special Guest:** Tom Spencer, former Executive Director for iACT.

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2 people of all faiths together to serve our most vulnerable neighbors.

## Personals by Pat Oakes

It has been a difficult summer for the Towery clan. **Mary Towery Masters** reports that her dad, **Pastor Emeritus John Towery**, 87, has had several falls and will be undergoing some physical therapy to help make him stronger. **Mary** was trimming his hair recently and joked that it had gotten pretty long. **John** laughed and said that he was afraid that someone was going to put a dress on him soon! **Eleanor**, 85, has been diagnosed with terminal breast cancer and dementia. John and Eleanor are both quite comfortable and content in their room at The Cottages at Chandler Creek in Round Rock. At this writing they are doing fine--considering. When the time comes, Eleanor can be treated with hospice care right there so that they can be together--their fondest wish--and the wish of their kids, **Ches**, **Sally**, and **Mary**. At Eleanor's age, they have all decided not to seek aggressive treatment but to keep her comfortable. Mary loves to sing with them when she visits and they enjoy it so much. Old-timers in the church will remember that Eleanor's favorite hymn is "I Come to the Garden Alone." Mary suggests that if you would like to send them a card, to send it to John and Eleanor through Mary's address. She takes cards and notes when she visits and provides context as needed. Mary and Danny's address is 109 D B Wood Road, Georgetown, TX 78628. John was pastor of this church from 1959-1989.



The church celebrated 20 years of John Towery's ministry (shown here with Eleanor) with a picnic and cake at the Blackstocks' place on Lake Travis on August 12, 1979 .

**Mary** also reported that son **Ricky** and his wife **Monica Masters** are doing well in Taylor. They celebrated their 5th wedding anniversary on October 4. Monica has had reconstructive surgery and has recuperated nicely. She is doing fine says Mary, and is such a pillar of strength. **Agnes** (A.J.) is now 2 1/2 and baby **Clara** is 5 1/2 months old and is already crawling and sitting up. Agnes had her tonsils and adenoids removed over the summer. Over the **Labor Day** weekend, Mary and Danny rented a house on **Padre Island**- complete with a

kiddie pool--and took Ricky and Monica and the girls and Monica's sister and her family down for some rest and relaxation. Mary is so happy to live near her granddaughters and to be able to see them often and help out with babysitting. **Ches** (John and Eleanor's son) and his wife **Maggie** are doing fine, but the main concern this summer has been **Sally Towery Johnson**. Sally had planned to come here to visit in July, but that did not work out. She and husband **Tommy** live in **Brockton, Massachusetts**, near their daughter Tanya, her husband John and their daughter **Hailey**. Tanya, a nurse, is expecting their second child, a boy, on Nov. 2. Sally has been having terrible problems with pain, the doctors have had several different ideas as to what was causing the pain, and many medical tests have been done, but the last report was that she had been diagnosed with an infection in the bones of her spine--T7-T8. They have been trying antibiotics but may have to do surgery.

**Ned Murphy** is safely back from **Afghanistan** and is back at **Ft. Drum** in upstate **New York** with his wife Faye. The first call **Nodie** and **Dennis** got from Ned state-side was when Nodie was at the women's book club group on Sept. 19. Dennis had a good phone visit with him and learned that Ned had dropped his scout dog, **Jack**, off at Ft. Bragg. Ned has put in adoption papers to adopt Jack. It is not clear if Jack will serve another tour. When Ned started his training at **Ft. Bragg**, Jack had failed to bond with three other soldiers and Ned was his last chance in the program. They did very well together, but it remains to be seen if he will bond with someone else. Ned reports that his and Faye's dog, **Tracker**, is looking pretty fat and lazy compared to Jack.

**Mary Blackstock** enjoyed having lunch at Westminster Manor with **Cathy Hubbs** and **Bill and Joan Mueller** at the wonderful new cafeteria in the new section. Cathy reports that Mary is doing very well and says hello to everyone.

**Margaret** and **Greg Futch** have returned from a two week trip to **Maine** and **Colorado**. Old friends (he a Methodist minister) live in a small town just north of Bangor. They spent three nights at **Acadia National Park**, enjoyed endless seafood, and caught up on all their news. After driving back to **Boston**, they flew to **Denver**. Son **Matt**, daughter-in-law **Cyndi** and little grandson **Alex** were doing well. They were able to help baby-sit the 22-month old, while his dad was still in **Asia** on business. It was warm in both **Maine** and **Colorado**, with 90 degree weather off and on!! (see photo on next page.)



Greg and Margaret Futch enjoying very warm temperatures in Portland, Maine, in August.

We've all been missing **Joe McMillan**. He reports that he is alive and well and getting stronger every day. He says that with all of his appointments for cardio rehab and oncology follow-ups, plus continuing to work for the accreditation of **Texas Health and Science University** (formerly Texas College of Traditional Medicine), that he just has not had much energy on Sunday mornings. We look forward to your being back with us, Joe. We miss you in the choir!



The choir's first Sunday back on September 7th. Missing Joe McMillan (Left to right) Bill Mueller, Dennis Murphy, Barbara Burnham, Rambie (partially hidden) and Fran Briggs, Director Nodie Murphy, Sara Ross, Katie Lemley, Jason Parkhill, Amy Harris (who also plays the violin in the trio), Norma Hawes, Cathy Hubbs, and Marilyn Vaché.

On Sunday, Sept. 8, after church **Savanna, Harrison**, and mom **Pam Tucker**, and a friend of Savanna's went to the UT volleyball match. UT was ranked 6th in the nation after taking the national championship last year. They played #2 ranked **Stanford**. Games are played in

the small venue of **Gregory** gym which adds to the noise level and excitement, and of course, this particular game was sold out. They watched UT beat Stanford in a hard fought battle. The day before, UT beat #1 ranked **Penn State**. They had a great time.

**Chester Rosson** reports "What we did on our summer vacation—The ten days **Robin, Julia, Samantha** (who turned two in late August), and I spent together in Europe this past June were among the most strenuous and rewarding in my otherwise unadventurous life. Robin and Julia had proposed a trip early in the year, giving me carte blanche to take them wherever I liked in Germany. They knew me to be a closet **Germanophile**--I spoke German, after all--and I had lived in Germany for 3 years during my early teens and later studied German literature in college and grad school. I had made a couple of later trips to Germany, but the last was in 1995. Although I was reluctant at first to accept such a generous offer of time and funds, the temptation eventually proved too much. I agreed on condition that I help with food and lodging....After a day of sightseeing in Frankfurt, we embarked in our rented Mercedes on a two-hour **Autobahn** drive (Robin at the wheel) to the Rhineland for a visit with our family friend **Margitta Neubert**. My mom, **Selma**, has been in correspondence with my dad's former secretary, "**Margie**," for more than 50 years. Margie, who had recently moved into a senior citizen's center in the village of Oberzissen,.. told us, during a lunch excursion to nearby **Maria Laach**, that she is as happy as a very independent woman of 94 can hope to be... She enjoyed so much spending time with Robin, Julia, and the "brave baby, Samantha" ("braves Kind" is "good child" in German). The next morning Robin drove us through the hills of the **Eiffel** range south to **Koblenz**, a town that I had visited in 1957, when it still looked bombed out and dirty. Now all bright and polished, Koblenz is once again a tourist destination... (They saw wonderful castles and fortresses, an abbey devoted to **Hildegard of Bingen**, flooding along the Rhine necessitating a detour, more flooding along the Main River, finally making their way back to **Frankfurt** where they caught a train to Munich.).... That evening we checked into our **Munich** hotel across from the **Bahnhof** and took a pleasant evening stroll through the nearby old town center. A "typisch" Bavarian meal at the famous **Augustiner Restaurant** washed down by the house beverage ended another exhausting day. Munich's art museums occupied us for the next couple of days, and we made a point of swilling at the **Hofbrau Haus** in the **Altstadt** and at beer gardens convenient to our walks near the university. Another fast train ride took us to **Salzburg**, which turned out to be fun, even without a tour of the **Mozart Haus**. We spent the better part of

modern art show, and enjoyed a fine children's playground with Sammy. We were now on the home stretch. A quick train ride late on our next-to-last day took us to **Berchtesgaden**, just across the **Bavarian** border, where I had lived so long ago. From our guest house near the famed salt mines, we hiked up to town in the day's last light and managed to just miss visiting the local brewery's tap room as it closed early. Next morning, we took a taxi to the bus depot, hoping to spend the day at **Koenigsee**. In a moment of panic, though, we took off on a bus marked **Koenigsee**, but going the opposite direction and spent a few hours getting back. Once at the wonderful fjord-like lake, we decided to enjoy the scenery at the boat dock and splash our feet in the minnowy water, along with Samantha. Then it was back to Munich for a hurried good-bye to the **Englischer Garten** with its duck ponds--always a hit with Sammy, then on to Frankfurt and the flight back home. We had done so much in such a short time. Yes, it was stressful, but also a stimulating Blitz-Trip experience. We'll do things differently next time."

**Ellie Nash** has had an interesting time this past month or so. She spent about nine hours over **Labor Day** weekend making a 60 second video with her dad **Reuel**, an application for **Jauntaroo's Chief World Explorer**, a job in which they will pay the winner \$100k to spend the next year traveling around the world blogging, tweeting, instagramming, pinning, etc. about it. Basically, it's Ellie's dream job. At press time Ellie had more than 2200 likes on her video. **Liz** said that there were many applicants for this dream job and that Ellie's video was on the top ten pages out of dozens and dozens of pages. There will be several other rounds before the winner is chosen, so we wish you well, Ellie. Nothing ventured, nothing gained!

August was a big month for **Doyal and Tommie Pinkard**. They traveled to **California** to visit son **Chris**, his wife, **Rizza**, and kids **Gabriel, Kiana, and William**. Their son **David**, with **Suzanne** and their **Daphne**, flew



Tommie and Doyal Pinkard celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary with family in California on August 10.

out from New York, and for the first time ever, all ten of them were together. They did some sightseeing, and while the kids got acquainted, Tommie used some of the bountiful harvest of lemons and apples from the trees lining the back yard to make lemonade, lemon pies, and applesauce. (When they visited at Christmas, the oranges were ripe.) And on **August 10**, they all celebrated Tommie and Doyal's **64th wedding anniversary** at a local BBQ restaurant, where David was after them to tell how they got together in the first place. With all the talking and laughing, they never got the story out. Then they went on to **Santa Fe**, just in time for **Indian Market**, the biggest annual event in New Mexico. They came home with sunburns and two paintings of children. Tommie thinks they appealed because they were missing their grandkids so much.

**Rich** (twice interim pastor of this church and former pastor of **Central Presbyterian Church** here in Austin) and **Jane Thompson**, now retired in **Ft. Collins**, report that they were not affected by the terrible flooding in **Colorado**—it was south of where they are. Rich is happy to report that last month he much enjoyed the company which came to **celebrate his 80th birthday** in **Kenwood**,



Rich (front and center with sign) and Jane (to the right in the black dress) Thompson surrounded by family on his 80th birthday.

**California** - in the heart of **Sonoma Valley**, where his son David has a home. The photo shows family members in attendance at the historic Depot, which was built in **1878** and closed about the time he was born, which now serves as a community center. He is glad to share the good news with friends at Austin Congregational, that its one-time interim is well and continues to be grateful for our years together there.

**Paul Deisler** writes from Corpus Christi of his latest adventures, as follows. "I have been silent for months. In mid-April, after months of enduring stronger and stronger pain, a CT scan revealed a lower aortic aneurism in me the 5 diameter of a softball and one and a half times as

## Brazos Association News

October

by Liz Nash

On Sunday, August, **St. Peters UCC of Coupland** held a marvelous celebration of their pastor emeritus, **Jewel Johnson**. It was, as they called it, “A Jewel of a Day.” Several generations of family members came to honor him, and the highlights of the worship service were the hymns and songs that this large, loving, and musical family sang and played for Jewel, Mary, and the church. Especially moving was “As I Went Down to the River to Pray:” as the verses spoke of brothers, sisters, mothers, and fathers, each family group came to front to join, at the end leading Jewel up to be with them. Many tributes were shared, led by their interim minister, **Frank Dietz**, and the church celebrated afterward with lunch in their lovely, newly remodeled fellowship hall. As we noted more than once that day, we who minister now stand on the shoulders of caring, principled, and excellent ministers like Jewel. In the Brazos Association, he served at **St. Peters**, at **St. John's in Burton**, a second long ministry at St. Peters, and at **St. John's in Richland**, in addition to churches in **Dallas**, in **Round Grove**, in **Niederwald**, in **Illinois**, and in **Nebraska**. During his ministry, he advocated for peace and for racial equality while being a caring pastor for all. One minister who was influenced by Jewel told me he aspired to be half the the minister Jewel is – the standard Jewel set was that high – and others remarked on his kindness and on how he acted as a conscience for the church.

The celebration for Jewel Johnson can remind all of us how much we owe our retired ministers, especially those who served in exemplary ways, whose legacy in their churches has been a blessing in so many ways.

On September 8, I had the privilege of worshipping with **Faith United** as they celebrated their 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ministry in **Bryan**. This year, they chose to celebrate their Christian Education program, present and past. We sat together at tables in a full sanctuary with lots of kids and families, a joyful day for this renewing church with a fine

history. **Karl Tewold** had the younger kids and their recent confirmand come up to act out the scripture. They stayed front and center during the whole sermon, right where Karl could speak to them as such a valued part of the church. Kids shared musical gifts and read. Adult former members of the children's choir obviously enjoyed their turn to sing together. It was a joy, too, to have former minister **John Will** and **Han**, his wife in attendance. This festive day is just one of the many ways this church has stepped out in faith to grow in a new place as a faithful community.

We look forward with **Friends Congregational in College Station** as they anticipate moving back in to a remodeled church in early October. We rejoice with them as they celebrate the culmination of much planning and giving to have a building that will let them offer greater ministry in their building of light and openness.

Finally, plan to join us at the **Brazos Association Fall Meeting, Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**, at 10 am (9:30 registration) through lunch at the **Congregational Church of Austin**, 408 W. 23<sup>rd</sup> St. (corner of 23<sup>rd</sup> and San Antonio), Austin, one block off of Guadalupe and one block from the University of Texas. We anticipate having multiple **Ecclesiastical Councils**, perhaps the most important work of our Association in approving candidates for ordination. Lunch will be beef, chicken, and veggie fajitas for \$7 per person. Parking will be free at the new University Baptist parking (in Callaway House) about a block away, entering on Nueces Street between 22<sup>nd</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. The church will email parking directions and RSVP information to all of our churches. We hope you will join us!

Blessings in Christ,  
Liz Nash  
Brazos Association Minister

**Beth Gleason** has been very busy with a variety of activities. She is taking a Greek exegesis class and has been doing a lot of student preaching and really enjoying it. She preached at **Westminster** retirement community (an interfaith service for any one in the community) on the 22nd of September and really enjoyed the elder crowd there. She was with us on the 29th and we were all so glad to see her- and vice versa. She still serves the church in San Antonio but not as much as she did this summer. She will be there again in mid-October and will get to do a double baptism along with communion.

long. The efforts of four surgeons and six hours after pre-op tests were completed I was limp, half conscious, beset by paranoid hallucinations, suffering with the after-effects of a small stroke sustained during the operation, having serious thoughts of suicide ('I could refuse to eat and I had a DNR and no appetite; why not?') and I felt the new pains of healing. One of the medical staff at the **Holmgreen Health Center**, where I was sent for rehabilitation, has said she was not sure I would live when she helped put my flaccid, diapered self into bed on my release from the hospital. Fast forward. Today, in September, out of rehab and hospital for the past three weeks, after four and a half months of isolation from the world, still rocky but improving, I am back in my "independent living" apartment, beginning the job of catch-up and, after nearly dying twice, glad to be here. Full convalescence will take months, but I am making progress with the aid of continued therapy. This account explains my long silence and why I suddenly have a new appreciation of life, the love of my kids and the support of friends. I cannot write highly enough of the **Holmgreen Center** and all who worked so hard there to bring me back. Thus do I write as I am, a grateful and renewed man. Paul"

We have been missing **Lucy Hanouille** in the choir for some time. She has been working 60+ hours a week at two jobs - but she says there is hope on the horizon for a much better job that might allow her to work a normal schedule. We hope to see you soon, Lucy.

**Zac and Heather Lytle** worship with us several times a year when they are en route between San Antonio and Dallas. Heather is finishing up her residency in Dallas and Zac works with a housing group. They were most recently with us this summer when it was quite clear that there would soon be another Lytle in the family. They are delighted to announce that they welcomed **Roger William Lytle** into the world on **Aug. 25th**. He was 9 lb 8 oz, and 22 inches long. They report that he is happy and healthy and very sweet!

**Lois Drachenberg** (who will be 89 in February) sends her love to everyone at the church--especially fellow choir member **Joe McMillan**. She was distressed to hear that he has not been well. She is still in her assisted living center in **Altamonte Springs, Florida**, where she and her late husband John moved several years ago. She loves to be a reader at church (was planning to read for both services on Sept. 22) and also does readings for the residents several times a week at her place. She is still singing in the church choir although she is using a walker and has problems with asthma.

After successfully raising three children, **Julia Deisler** is pursuing the long time dream of starting a food company. Julia and her friend of 37 years, **Blaze Callahan**, are al



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ready more than half way through their second year running and growing **Gypsy Grove Foods**, named after the Austin neighborhood where she raised her family. "Princess Julia", as she is called on the website, has been a "foodie" for years and now has her creations in 12 local stores with 15 locations. She's currently making spicy pretzels, two kinds of dry rubs, an **Argentine** relish known as chimichurri, six flavors of toffee and her flagship product: **Julia's Caesar Salad Dressing**. Julia describes what cooking means to her: "I show my love for my friends and family by cooking for them. Occasionally we would order out pizza or Chinese food, but the majority of meals were prepared by me — and still are. Every day I would come home from work and start cooking. The kids would do their homework while I showed them how to dice tomatoes, sauté chicken or measure ingredients for a soup. Frequently friends stopped by and joined us for dinner. There was always room for one more. Someone once said that my kitchen was like Mary Poppins' carpetbag: Very small, but all sorts of magical things come out of it! That's the magic of Gypsy Grove for me" For more information and to find out where you can buy their products, check out their web page at [www.gypsygrovefoods.com](http://www.gypsygrovefoods.com)."

Julia's daughter **Ava Deisler French** is an assistant manager at **The Halloween Costume Warehouse**. She also did a large part of the ordering for the store this year and the selection of costumes will amaze you! Go by for all of your Halloween and Renaissance Fair needs. Ava will be happy to help you find the perfect thing. Located in the **Tech Ridge Shopping Center at Parmer and I 35**.

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## **Deadline for November Visitor—October 21**

### **Happy Birthday**

to the following CCA members and friends.

- 1 Ann Horner, Frances Alford, Emily Grace Knowlton**
- 2 Gary Pickens**
- 3 Marie Scheel, Lana Harris**
- 4 Kiana Pinkard**
- 7 Catherine Hubbs**
- 8 Samuel Jon Knowlton**
- 10 John Burlinson**
- 14 Beth Placek**
- 17 Derrick Evans**
- 18 Olivia Deisler**
- 19 Beth Oakes, George Carruthers, Conrad Deisler, Don W. Brown**
- 22 Paula Fracasso**
- 25 Michael Sparkman**
- 28 Olivia Vaché**