

Jan 3,
2010



This Week's Happenings! (Check the newsletter for details.)

Sunday, Jan 3

Choir Rehearsal - 9:45am
Worship & RE - 11:00am
Social Justice - 12:30

Monday, Jan 4

Office Closed
Music Committee - 9:45am

Tuesday, Jan 5

Worship Arts - 6:00pm
Lit Wits - 7:00pm

Men's Group - 7:00pm

Wednesday, Jan 6

News & Notes deadline -
12pm

Thursday, Jan 7

CCCLJ Readers Theaters -
11:00am

Choir Rehearsal - 6:30pm

Friday, Jan 8

Single Again - 12:30pm

Saturday, Jan 9

New Home Info. - 9:30am

Sunday, Jan 10

Choir Rehearsal - 9:45am
Worship & RE - 11:00am
2nd Sunday Conversation -
12:30pm
OWL Parent Child Orienta-
tion - 1:00pm

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

News and Notes

INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION

From Religious Exploration

We kick off the New Year with our *Say Hello, Say Goodbye* Chapel which explores the things we look forward to and the things we look forward to leaving behind. Next Sunday we're back to work on our Toolbox exploring the difference between a *Covenant* and a *Rule*.

Secret Pal starts at the end of the month. We still need one person to help Co-Coordinate. It will take about one hour a week of your time from now until the end of February and mostly involves phone calls and Sunday morning contacts to sign up Pals and coordinate things for people who can't be here on Sunday to exchange clues. See me for details.

It's time to start our *Taking It Home* series. About every other week I will put together a sort of supplement to the *Toolbox of Faith* lesson that has a couple of purposes:

It extends the basic message of the lesson out into the real world with some practical ways to incorporate the

messages into your daily lives.

If you can't make it to church, this can serve as a "make up" lesson so your child will get the full impact of the curriculum even when they can't be here.

It will keep you, the parents, up on what your kids are learning should you wish to get a discussion going (since we know that they are always going to be sooooo eager to do that on their own!).

All the activities in *Taking it Home* may not be applicable to all ages; you'll need to pick and choose what works for you. In the coming weeks I hope to refine it a little more with specifically identified activities for each age group. Your feedback would be appreciated.

In **Joy**, David Robinson
544-1669, uufslocdre@yahoo.com

RE Teaching Schedule

Jan 3: Ly-Lan Lofgren, Angie Berlin, Kerry Taylor, Gina Whitaker

Jan 10: Katy Ayer, Andy Pease, Alexandra Baele, Suzanne Phelan

Jan 17: Satia Hawken-Widmann, Don Reynolds, Christina Zaro

Two volunteers needed for January 31st – contact David

Sunday Worship Service and Religious Exploration Classes

begin at 11 am at:
at 2074 Parker (Suite 100) St in SLO

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Mission Statement

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
of San Luis Obispo County
is a diverse religious community
providing a nurturing environment
where individuals are encouraged
in their search for truth
and supported in acting
on their beliefs.

We welcome all who would share
in our open, challenging journey.

In Our Community ...

Administrative Stuff ...

Committees, be sure you are checking your Fellowship mailbox on a regular basis. Some material has been sitting in boxes for more than six months! Not sure if you even have a mailbox? Check the boxes in the Office. They are arranged by Circle, then alphabetically within each Circle. By mid January you'll get a report on your income and expenses for the first half of the year. Please contact me ASAP if the information is unclear or you feel it may be in error.

Thanks, David Robinson, Administrator 544-1669; uuslo@slonet.org

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UUMusic

We were blessed through the Holidays to have Andrew and Marian Schneider's son, David, playing piano and singing. David is a most serious musician. He has a PhD and composes, performs and teaches. Part of his training at USC included Martin Lauridsen, one of the most respected composers of choral music today. Also, thanks to Steve Kadin, our local beloved pianist, who played piano for the UU Christmas Eve candlelight service.

Today, Brynn Albanese is joining the UU music band. We are always transformed by Brynn's musical message and are grateful to have her with us.

Yours musically, Rebecca



The **Women's Discussion Group** meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of most months.

The Next meeting is **Thursday January 14, 2010 at 1:30 pm at The Fellowship**. This is our regular planning meeting for January to June

months. Come with your interesting ideas for our meetings. **Ann Williams** will lead the group while **Laura Maureen Smith and DeeDee DeSantos** will furnish the refreshments.

If you have questions about the group, please contact **Ann Williams** at 545-8855.



Camp Courage Central Coast
Coming January 30th & 31st, 2010
Santa Barbara City College

Camp Courage, leadership training to build the movement that will restore marriage-equality to its rightful place as law in California, will be conducted January 30-31, 2010, 8:30 AM-5:30 PM at Santa Barbara City College. Lunch and continental breakfast will be provided. The cost is just \$10.

Modeled after "Camp Obama" that UFW veteran Marshall Ganz organized, "Camp Courage" is a project of the Courage Campaign to train marriage equality activists in California for the eventual repeal of Proposition 8.

The alliances made and the experiences shared at events such as Camp Courage are steps towards building critical mass in the quest for marriage equality, health care for all, peace and economic justice. Personal conversations and neighbor-to-neighbor persuasion are powerful tools against fear and prejudice, and minds change. When hundreds of thousands conversations take place, policy changes. You will have an opportunity to learn how to help make those multitude conversations happen.

Even if you have participated in local, one or half-day Camp Obama or other Central Coast Clergy and Laity for Justice events, this is an invitation to go all in for the two-day experience that will change your life! Our goal is to have 50 people from the Central Coast attend!

Register now! <http://www.couragecampaign.org/CampCentralCoast>

Contact Gina Whitaker of Social Justice Committee to arrange car pools and accommodations.

Service Thanks...

To our dedicated Worship Associates:
Jan 3 - N/A
Jan 10 - Karen Christian
Jan 17 - TBD



To our Greeters:

Coordinator: Chris Cummings

Jan 3 (1st Sunday)

Erna Kristensen & Dick Dannells

Jan 10 (2nd Sunday)

Richard Besel & Quin Hauss

Jan 17 (3rd Sunday)

John Faulkner & Chris Cummings



To our Welcome Teams:

Coordinator: Andrea Brown

Jan 3 (1st Sunday)

Pat Boyd, Lee Caulfield & Janine Kirkpatrick

Jan 10 (2nd Sunday)

Renee Besel, Nancy Norwood & Mary Bonaventure

Jan 17 (3rd Sunday)

Ann Williams, Frank Basich & Gina Whitaker

To our Support Team & their Leaders

Jan 3 - The Board

Joyce Knight

Jan 10 - Social Justice

Gina Whitaker

Jan 17 - People's Kitchen

Lois Barber



To our Joys, Sorrows & Concern Volunteers :

Coordinator: Vivian Hiatt-Bock

Jan 3 - Ann Williams

Jan 10 - Ron Sampson

Jan 17 - Jan Clarke



Long-Term Home Task Force -

Update on Preferred Option

A written discernment process was conducted between Nov. 15 and 22, 2009, where members and friends could select among 6 options and record his or her preferred option, and which would be acceptable alternate(s).

112 people responded and the results were recorded in a table format on a flip chart. In the Great Decision process, Step 8 is "Map the Solutions", which is what this tally is helping us to do. The key components of Step 8 are:

- Tabulate the preferred options results on the chart
- Look for the best solution
- Explore the possibility of incorporating attributes from other favored solutions
- Identify an alternative solution, if later the preferred solution becomes less desirable
- Confirm the preferred solution and the alternative solution with all participants.

A full report of the results is available through Gene's email distribution list and in hard copy in the Board corner. There will be two open meetings in January to discuss developing details of the proposal, leading up to a congregational vote on February 14. **All are encouraged to participate on Saturday January 9th. at 9:30 am and/or Wednesday January 20th. at 6:30 pm.** If you need a copy of the report emailed directly, contact Andy at baspease@sbcglobal.net.



UFETA Meeting Wednesday, January 13, 6 to 7:30 PM here at Parker
We will start with a vegetarian potluck. Please bring a dish or food item to share and your own place setting. After dinner we will discuss what we see UFETA doing in 2010 and any personal resolutions we have re animal welfare. Please join us. We need everyone's ideas.

For info contact Lois Barber at 773 1232 or Email at loisand3dogs@att.net



For many of us, December was a time to remember loved ones and special occasions by adding poinsettias to the greenery in the Sanctuary. Our space was made more beautiful and festive by the addition of these flowers. Thank you to everyone who participated this year. And a special thanks to **John Bonaventure for his extra efforts**. John made arrangements with a local wholesale grower and filled the sanctuary with beautiful poinsettias for our Christmas Eve service. Thank you, John



Evening of Education and Enlightenment: Transgender Couples Speak Out

Ever wondered what it might be like to be happily married and then find out your husband or wife was miserable in his/her life as a man or woman? What happens when a married heterosexual couple "becomes" a gay couple, or vice-versa? What are the social, legal and emotional effects on the family as they adapt to such a radical change?

These are some of the issues we will be exploring on February 6, 2010 at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 2074 Parker St., SLO at 4:30 PM. The evening will start with a potluck dinner at 5:00 PM, followed by a viewing of the film, *Normal*, with Jessica Lange and Tom Wilkinson, at 6:00 PM. After the film, a panel of two transgender couples, along with Dr. Denise Taylor, a local physician treating many transgender individuals, will address some of the many issues affecting transgender couples.

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship's Social Justice Committee is sponsoring the program, and Tranz Central Coast members are presenting it. Tranz Central Coast is a local gender support group whose mission is dedicated to being a comprehensive resource for transgender services, support and advocacy for residents of California's Central Coast. We are joining together to present this interesting and important program to help people understand the challenges transgender couples face as they work to maintain their relationship through a process of radical change.

Please join us for this evening of enlightenment and education. Bring a potluck dish to share and your own place setting and utensils. Drinks will be provided. An offering will be taken to offset the cost of showing the movie. Contact Gina Whitaker (gwhitaker@ginanken.com) or Kari Graton (karigraton@yahoo.com) for further info.

Endowment Fund Of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Luis Obispo County:

A permanent fund maintained for the financial health and long-term needs of this Fellowship.

Gifts of all types are received, invested, and maintained by the Endowment Fund Committee as directed by the Fellowship By-laws.

The Committee receives bequests, trusts, annuities, life insurance, and special donations at any time. An explanatory brochure is available in the Social Hall. Members of the committee are elected by the congregation. They are available at your convenience to discuss your wishes and answer any questions. To make a financial donation to the Fund, make out your check to: "UUFSLOC Endowment Fund".

Committee members are John Bonaventure, June Minikel, Joe St. Clair, Diana Schmitt, and Kent Taylor



In the Face of War: Martin Luther King and the Call to Nonviolence

On Monday, January 18, Central Coast Clergy and Laity for Justice will present a tribute to Martin Luther King and his commitment to and message of nonviolence. The program will be held at Congregation Beth David on Los Osos Valley Rd. and Foothill Blvd. in San Luis Obispo, and will begin at 6 :00 PM.

The purpose of the program is to highlight Dr. King's message in light of the escalation of the war in Afghanistan. Later in his life, Dr. King saw so clearly the connections between racism, poverty and injustice and violence and war. We believe that at this moment in today's world, Dr. King would speak out vigorously against the militarism and the wars in the Middle East, including Iraq and Afghanistan. To emphasize the connections Dr. King made between oppression and war, we will be focusing tonight not on his leadership in the struggle for civil rights, but on the application of his dream to ending the war in Afghanistan.

The program will be a multimedia presentation, utilizing videos of Dr. King, a short readers' theatre presentation highlighting Dr. King's words on this subject, selections from the powerful Robert Greenwald documentary *Rethink Afghanistan*, and music.

Code Pink, Women in Black and Mothers for Peace will all have tables with information on their organizations, and opportunity will be given for questions and dialogue.

Please join Central Coast Clergy and Laity for Justice for this powerful evening. We invite you to consider the implications of Dr. King's fervent message of hope and peace in the face of the Afghanistan war, and explore together how we might better understand the path to peace.