

Jan 10,
2010

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



Sunday, Jan 10

Choir Rehearsal - 9:45am
Worship & RE - 11:00am
2nd Sunday Mtg- 12:30pm
OWL Orientation - 1:00pm

Monday, Jan 11

CCCLJ Readers - 11:00am

Tuesday, Jan 12

Board of Trustees - 6pm

Wednesday, Jan 13

News & Notes deadline - 12pm
Membership - 2:00pm
RE Committee - 4:00pm
UFETA - 6:30pm

Thursday, Jan 14

CCCLJ Readers - 11:00am
Women's Disc Grp - 1:30pm
Choir Rehearsal - 6:30pm

Friday, Jan 15

Newsletter Deadline - 12pm

Saturday, Jan 16

New Home Info. - 9:30am

Sunday, Jan 17

Choir Rehearsal - 9:45am
Cafe Socrates - 9:45am
Worship & RE - 11:00am
Kitchen Orient - 12:30pm
Concert - 2:00pm

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

News and Notes

BOARD MEMBER THOUGHTS:

Do you ever notice how important the many volunteers are in our Fellowship? Consider a typical Sunday service:

There are the Welcome Teams, the Support Teams, the Greeters, Membership, Hospitality, and Joys, Sorrows & Concern Volunteers. Then there are the members of Worship Arts and Music Committee who do so much in planning our services. The volunteers in Children's RE are an essential part of that vital program. And we know we can always count on being updated on what is happening in our Community with the weekly News & Notes, which you are now reading, as well as our monthly Newsletter. On many Sundays there are the volunteer speakers from our community. For Outreach, there are those participating in the Social Justice Committee and People's Kitchen. In addition, there are the many volunteers who lead the various extended groups that add so much to our Fellowship experience.

So, look around, and consider how much all of our volunteers give to the enrichment of our Fellowship, and please let them know they are appreciated.

Joyce Knight, Board Member



Secret Pal 2010 Is Here!!

It's that time of year. Secret Pal is a chance for the adults and children of our Fellowship to spend some time getting to know each other, and have a little fun in the process. Each child is matched with an anonymous Pal in the Fellowship and they spend Sundays in February exchanging clues to their identities (poems, pictures, riddles, rocks – what can YOU come up with?). Then on the last Sunday in February all is finally revealed and the Pals sit down to lunch together. Details are available in RE, on the Circle Information Table in the Community Room, and from David. We'll be on the hunt for Adult pals in the next few weeks. Especially if you are new to the congregation, I encourage you to participate so you can get to know us better, and have LOTS of fun doing it. This is one of the highlights of the year for our kids, so be sure you don't miss any of the excitement.

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Sunday Worship Service and Religious Exploration Classes

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

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UUFSLOC

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. In your box now is 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
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Capital Campaign

If you made any contributions to Capital Campaign for 2009, your separate tax statement will be arriving in the mail shortly. If you have any questions regarding your Capital Campaign pledge, please call Joyce Knight at 489-9777. Thank you.



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.

Hospitality notes:

The training session on coffee making and the idiosyncrasies of our kitchen has been rescheduled. Since everyone will be at the Fellowship for the concert on the 17th, I'm doing the orientation from 12:30-1:15. The circle chairs are being asked to come and to bring one circle member with them. Space is limited, but if there are others who would like to come, let me know. This isn't rocket science, we simply need to spread the knowledge so there is always a backup in case of an emergency and we have people who can take charge of a party large or small.

Meredith Whitaker 594-1133 rmwhit@charter.net

From Religious Exploration

Sunday we're back to work on our Toolbox exploring the difference between a *Covenant* and a *Rule*. We'll work together to create a list of promises about how we behave together as a group. Next Sunday we explore one of our favorite UU past times – asking QUESTIONS!

Secret Pal starts at the end of the month. See the weekly RE email Update for details. If you're not on the weekly RE update list, just send an email to uufslocdre@yahoo.com and I'll make sure you stay current on everything we're doing.

K-1 OWL starts this week with the Parent - Child Orientation session after church. Be sure to contact Ly-Lan if you have any questions.

Neighboring Faiths planning has begun. Parent should have received information by email earlier this week. Please let me know if you did not get it.

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

RE Teaching Schedule

Jan 10: Katy Ayer, Andy Pease, Alexandra Baele, Suzanne Phelan
Jan 17: Satia Hawken-Widmann, Don Reynolds, Christina Zaro
Jan 24: Janet Murphy, Birgit Simmons, Jaymie and Scott Taylor, Andy Pease, Alexandra Baele
Two volunteers needed for January 31st – contact David

Service Thanks...

To our dedicated Worship Associates:
Jan 10 - Karen Christian
Jan 17 - TBD
Jan 24 - TBD



To our Greeters:

Coordinator: Chris Cummings

Jan 10 (2nd Sunday)

Richard Besel & Quin Hauss

Jan 17 (3rd Sunday)

John Faulkner & Chris Cummings

Jan 24 (4th Sunday)

Jan Clarke & Ralph Whitaker



To our Welcome Teams:

Coordinator: Andrea Brown

Jan 10 (2nd Sunday)

Renee Besel, Nancy Norwood & Mary Bonaventure

Jan 17 (3rd Sunday)

Ann Williams, Frank Basich & Gina Whitaker

Jan 24 (4th Sunday)

Laurie Napoli, Patricia Gulliver & Bonnie Wamsley

To our Support Team & their Leaders

Jan 10 - Social Justice

Gina Whitaker

Jan 17 - People's Kitchen

Lois Barber

Jan 24 - Garden Gang

Joyce Knight



To our Joys, Sorrows & Concern Volunteers :

Coordinator: Vivian Hiatt-Bock

Jan 10 - Ron Sampson

Jan 17 - Jan Clarke

Jan 34 - Barbara Watson



The first of two January meetings about our **New Home Options** will be held on **Saturday, January 16th at 9:30 am** at the Fellowship. This will be an opportunity to discuss what we know and what we need to know and share issues and ideas.

The second opportunity for discussion will be on **Wednesday, January 20th at 6:30 pm** at the Fellowship. All are encouraged to share information, questions and issues.

No discussion meeting is planned for January 9th.

For questions at abernhardt@fix.net

A full report of the poll results is available from Andy Pease at baspease@cbglobal.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

Have a question or a particular interest in some aspect of the Fellowship? Feel free to contact any of the following for information on the many and varied activities of your community!

Worship Circle - Sandra Kulczyk

Pathways Circle - Jan Clarke

Growth & Learning Circle - Kate Throop

Social Responsibility - Renee Besel

Stewardship Circle - Orval Osborne

Reminder: Help fill the SLO Food Bank Pot! All non-perishable items greatly appreciated.

Check out the new UUFSLOC website at "www.uuflsloc.org" and then thank Renee Besel for her outstanding work!!!!



Chamber Music at the Fellowship

Paul Severtson and Friends
(Tolosa Strings and Kelli Reynolds)

Paul Severtson, violin

Randy Garacci, violin

Jeanne Shumway, cello

Ken Hustad, bass

David Hennessee, viola

Kelli Reynolds, French horn

present Mozart and Schubert

2:00 p.m. Sunday January 17 at the UU Fellowship
Donation \$15, students \$5, children 12 and under free



UUMusic

Today, we present "Open the Window", composed in 1997 by Elise Witt. This song, inspired by a Spiritual from the Georgia Sea Islands, "Heist the Window, Noah", is in our hymnal **Singing the Journey**. Elise's version names situations in our lives, personal and global, that need opening for the dove to fly in, for us to find peace.

We also sing a Traditional Spiritual, "Hold On" arranged by the famous Jester Hairston, a black actor, singer, song arranger, conductor. Interesting that the words in this song begin with, "Nora, Nora, let me come in. De' door's all fastened and the winders pinned." I found around 50 songs and books, both old and new, with the title "Hold On" when surfing the internet.

Hairston, who's grandparents were slaves, graduated cum laude from Tufts, studied music at Julliard, acted in many movies and, in later years, was a cultural ambassador for American Music. In 1885 he took a multiracial group of singer's called **Jester Hairston Chorale** to People's Republic of China.

Let us sing today to express age-old passions.

Harmoniously yours, Rebecca

CIRCLE SUPPERS ARE BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!

Sunday mornings are so short! We gather, worship, drink some coffee and then go our separate ways. Do you sometimes find yourself wishing you could have just a little more time with your fellow UU's? Well, guess what? You can. (And you don't even have to join a committee to do it!)

Our last round of Circle gatherings were well-received. People formed new connections and renewed old ones, ate good food and had some laughs. So...a new round of Circle Suppers is set to begin on the 3rd Saturday of the month for March, April and May. After sign ups are gathered, we will place you in groups of 8 to 10 people. Together with your group, you will hold potlucks once a month for 3 months. Don't feel like hosting? No problem! Just indicate your preferences on the form. In signing up you agree to attend regularly and participate fully. (People who can't attend regularly may sign up as substitutes and receive calls to join a group, sometimes at the last minute.)

The host/coordinators for each group will host at their homes, contact others to confirm they will be there before the scheduled date, coordinate food, and call for substitutes, if necessary. Host/ coordinators will provide drinks and the other guests will bring the main dish, vegetables, salads and desserts.

We'll do the organizing. Your job is to make a little food and have a lot of fun. Established and new members alike will find kindred spirits, and our circles will grow in number and in meaning.

Simply fill out the form by February 28th and mail it or e-mail it to Laurie Napoli. You will receive the names of the others in your circle, their addresses, phone#'s and e-mail addresses and the names of your host/coordinators for each gathering.

Fill out your form today, and may the Circles ever widen. [Forms available at the Fellowship.](#)



[YOUR help Needed for the MLK Day of Service Food Drive!](#)

Hundreds more people are hungry this winter than ever before in our county, and the **SLO Food Bank** needs more help!! Thankfully, there is something you can do *this month* to help alleviate hunger in SLO County. Participate in

the second annual **Martin Luther King Day of Service Food Drive, January 16-18**, sponsored by [Central Coast United for Change](#).

Last year, the action collected over 12 tons of food, and \$4,000 in cash for the SLO Food Bank Coalition! Be a part of the action this year! The drive is seeking captains, church staging areas, trucks and more. You can volunteer just one day or both days at staging areas throughout the county. It's easy: Hand out bags with lists of food desired attached on Saturday, and pick them up full on Monday, delivering them back to the same staging area you started from. Maps and bags will be given to you at the staging areas. If you can drive or walk, you can help!!

Don't spend MLK Day sleeping or cleaning house...go out and do something for your community and for those in need! Contact Matt Lombardini at 710-4370 or ccuc@centralcoastunitedforchange.org, or go to the Web site www.centralcoastunitedforchange.org to register and find out more.

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. 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.