

Jan 31,
2010



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

Sunday, Jan 31

Choir Rehearsal - 9:45am
Worship & RE - 11:00am
Secret Pal Kickoff -
12:30pm
Edna 101 - 12:30pm

Monday, Feb 1

Music Committee - 9:45am

Tuesday, Feb 2

Worship Arts - 6:00pm

Lit Wits - 7:00pm

Men's Group - 7:00pm

Wednesday, Feb 3

News & Notes deadline -
12pm

A Chosen Faith - 7:00pm

Thursday, Feb 4

Choir Rehearsal - 6:30pm

Friday, Feb 5

No events scheduled

Saturday, Feb 6

Milburn Memorial -
10:00am

Transgender Couples
Speak Out - 4:30pm

Sunday, Feb 7

Choir Rehearsal - 9:45am

Worship & RE - 11:00am

Social Justice - 12:30pm

Art Show Hanging - 12:30p

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

News and Notes



Be sure to come to the

Congregational Meeting Sunday February 14, 2010

12:30 PM in the Fellowship
Sandwiches will be available for purchase.
Childcare is provided.

VOTE: "Shall the congregation proceed with development at the Edna property per the proposed project description, schedule, and budget?"

The final proposal (description, schedule and budget) is available TODAY, 1/31. Please pick up your copy in the Board Corner. For those not at Fellowship today, we will mail a hard copy, so if you pick up your copy, sign your name on the list so we can save on postage.

Thank you to all who have provided feedback on the draft!

The Long-Term Home Task Force



Secret Pal 2010 Is Here!!

Secret Pal 2010 starts TODAY!! 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 pal. 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.

David Robinson

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Sunday Worship Service and Religious Exploration Classes

begin at 11 am at:
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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 ...



Admin News

Believe it or not, budget planning season is upon us and budget meetings start in just FOUR WEEKS (March 2nd). Mid year income and expense statements for every group with a line item in the budget were in your mailboxes in mid January. If you need more information to help with your budget planning for next year, please ask NOW so that I have time to get your info ready. If you wait until the week before the meeting, well you all know what might happen.

Another reminder about scheduling, and a PLEA from your administrator. If you change the date or time of a meeting that is already on the calendar, please be sure to notify the office as soon as possible. While the posted calendars are as accurate as I can make them, there may be conflicts that are not immediately visible. PLEASE contact the Administrator with ANY schedule changes. It's also about respect for the rest of YOUR Fellowship. The official calendar is a major communication tool and if it's wrong, your fellow members might miss out on opportunities for growth and communication. The "trickle down" effect will also mean the Newsletter calendar is wrong and the *News and Notes* calendar is wrong and the Community Bulletin Board calendar is wrong. That is WAY too many wrongs that can be easily avoided by an email to the office or a phone call or even a note left on my desk (though the first two options are preferred).

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

From Religious Exploration

This Sunday we kick off Secret Pal so be sure you've signed up! Child signup forms were attached to the RE Update last Sunday and are available in RE on the Welcome Table (near the RE Exit door) or ask David. We'll be making Secret Pal assignments on Wednesday, so be SURE to get your form in or contact David before then. EVERY child should be involved if at all possible. See David if you have questions. We'll be making Bags after church today, so bring lunch (and something to share?) if you want to take your time with a really fancy bag.

The RE Facebook Group is up and running. Add me as a friend (search in friends for david.kane.robinson@gmail.com) and I'll send you an invite. The group is only open to members of the Fellowship and others who are active in our RE program, so your membership in the group must be by Invite or by approval from an Admin. If all this sound like gibberish because you are not a Facebook user, never fear!! Just ask David and he'll get you started. As we add more content and really get going, I'll need another Admin to help out. Let me know if you're interested. These Social Networking sites can be a powerful communication tool if we get enough people connected, so climb on board folks! It can be especially important as a tool for helping younger kids learn how to use the Internet safely and properly. Any one up for a class geared towards safe internet use for young kids (under age 10)? If we had some laptops to work with we could use the church WiFi for a hands on lesson sometime this spring or summer. Let me know if you're interested.

In Joy, David Robinson
544-1669, uuslo@slonet.org

RE Teaching Schedule

Jan 31: David, Anne Furtick, Suzanne Phelan, Satia Widmann

Feb 7: Ly-Lan Lofgren, Andy Pease, Angie Berlin, Kerry Taylor

Feb 14: Intergenerational service – no RE classes.

The Nursery is open EVERY Sunday.

Service Thanks...

To our dedicated Worship Associates:
Feb 7 - TBD
Feb 14 - David Robinson
Feb 21 - Lay Led



To our Greeters:

Coordinator: Chris Cummings
Jan 31 (5th Sunday)
Pete Bennett & Carol Singleton
Feb 7 (1st Sunday)
Erna Kristensen & Dick Dannells
Feb 14 (2nd Sunday)
Richard Besel & Quin Hauss



To our Welcome Teams:

Coordinator: Andrea Brown
Jan 31 (5th Sunday)
Priscilla Akin & Mary Jeanne Bonaventure
Feb 7 (1st Sunday)
Pat Boyd and Andrea Caulfield
Feb 14 (2nd Sunday)
Renee Besel, Nancy Norwood & Mary Jeanne Bonaventure

To our Support Team & their Leaders

Jan 31 - Worship Arts
Ingrid Pires
Feb 7 - TBD
Feb 14 - The Arrows
Cupid



To our Joys, Sorrows & Concern Volunteers :

Coordinator: Andrea Brown
Jan 31 - TBD
Feb 7 - Ann Williams
Feb 14 - Ron Sampson

Please join in A Celebration of Life for Ray Bock Saturday, February 6 at 2:30p.m. in the Clubhouse for Oak Park Leisure Gardens at 1061 Meadow Way, Arroyo Grande.

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Ray Bock who died Monday, January 25, 2010.

The Women's Discussion Group meets on the second and fourth Thursdays most months. For information contact DeeDee De Santos at 534-9211. All women are welcomed.

February 11 meeting is at Eileen Pritchard's home 4350 Sunflower Way SLO
Ann Williams will lead the discussion.

February 25 meeting is again at Eileen Pritchard's home at 4350 Sunflower Way
Eileen will lead the discussion on The Art Instinct

ADULT Enrichment Class

A Chosen Faith

The class is a thoughtful and enlightening exploration of UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM. The class will focus on Unitarian Universalism from its roots to the present time. It is aimed at the Newcomer as well as the Old-timer and anyone who wants to gain insight into Unitarian Universalism. There is a rich and deep background for all who would like to know more about our history and choices that we make. We will be using the book *A Chosen Faith* written by The Revs. John Buehrens and Forrest Church. Each explores the many sources of our living tradition of *their* chosen faith.

As Forrest Church says, "...when we learn new things, we are encouraged to change our point of view."
Four Wednesdays in February 2010 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at the Fellowship.

FEB 3, 10, 17, 24, 2010

Facilitated by Richard Knight and Dick Allen. Ph 489-9777
for information Email richardk489@gmail.com



Call for Sanctuary Art

Bring paintings, photographs, drawings or any 2-D work **that emphasizes plants or animals for next show.** We will take down the previous show and put up the new show on Sunday, February 7 after the Sunday Service. All artwork must have a wire to hang the work from the wall, or an acceptable way to secure the piece to the wall. Bring as many as three pieces. We want a good showing representing all those who choose to participate. Joan Scott has asked me to be in charge for this particular show; so you can direct questions and concerns to me, Eileen Pritchard, 543-0405 or e-mail me at ei-leen@coastcountry.com

Joys and Concerns from the January 24th Service

JOYS:

- Graduation is Friday, January 29. Two finals to go. Patricia Gulliver
- Our first granddaughter, Sophia Marie, was born January 17. Proud grandparents, Mary Jeanne & John Bonaventure
- On January 23rd I celebrated 3 quarters of a century on this planet. Dick Dannells

CONCERNS:

- John Turney is recovering from back surgery at home. Hold John & Jan in your thoughts and prayers.
- During last week's storm, Jan Clarke's grandson's trailer was knocked off its jacks by a falling tree. He and his dog are fine and staying with Jan until all the repairs can be made.

Vacation Information

Ken and Gina are planning a vacation in early May to the Eastern Sierras via South Lake Tahoe and 395 to June Lake, Mammoth Lakes, Mono Lake, Bishop etc.

We are looking for recommendations for places to stay (or stay away from)...cabins, motels, restaurants, etc. Please share your experiences with us.

Give a call, as we are making reservations soon for several spots. 481-0788



Women's Leadership in Building Global Community

Kavita Ramdas, President and CEO of the Global Fund for Women, the largest grant making foundation in the world, will be the guest speaker at a catered lunch February 9, 12 Noon - 2 PM at 1st Presbyterian Church, corner of Morro and Marsh Streets, downtown SLO. A buffet lunch of middle eastern foods will be provided by Petra Restaurant and a \$25 donation is requested to cover lunch and Ms. Armdas' honorarium.

The global community faces new challenges and needs to be able to imagine a truly diverse and multicolor world in which shared leadership is the norm. In this struggle, we can look to the women's movement globally as a source of innovation and inspiration that offers tangible examples to address the most pressing issues of our time.

This is a rare opportunity to hear Ms. Ramdas, who has focused her career exclusively on supporting international women's human rights. She is the recipient of numerous philanthropic and leadership awards for her innovative work as a social venture capitalist.

Tickets are available from Gina Whitaker at church on January 24th and Feb 7th only, by mail (call Gina at 481-0788) or at the door. Call Anneka Scranton for more *info*: 534-7025 or email at annekascranton@gmail.com



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.](#)

The Edna Story



For those who missed "Edna 101", The Edna Story, a 15 minute PowerPoint presentation last Sunday, it will be shown again today at 12:30pm. If you wonder "What is Edna anyway?" or would like to refresh your memory, it covers how we found the property, selected an architect, developed the design, brought a builder on board and worked our way through the planning process. You will have a chance to ask questions throughout the presentation.

Please join us in the sanctuary choir corner area.
Joyce Knight

Support the Prado Day Center in Their Commitment to the Homeless and Peoples' Kitchen!

This is a great fund raiser-- good food & drink and a fun evening too! George and Kay, attended in 2009 and have tickets for 2010. Hope we have, that evening, other UUs show their interests in providing for the homeless of SLO.

Kay Perryman-Snow & George Snow
Members of the UU Fellowship's Peoples' Kitchen crew

You're invited to Friends of Prado Day Center's annual Culinary Carnival



See the chef line-up and preorder your tickets at www.sloculinarycarnival.com

Absentee Ballots

Guided by our own Bylaws and thus Roberts Rules of Order (see "Important issues," Article 8 in the section on Voting.) absentee ballots are available for the upcoming vote regarding our new home.

Absentee Ballots will be available on request to any member who cannot, for any reason, attend the New Home vote here at the Fellowship on Sunday, February 14th.

Procedures for Absentee Ballots

1. Absentee Ballots **MUST be requested by the individual member.**
2. Ballots will be available on request
 - i. Following the Worship Service Jan 31st and Feb 7th from
 - a. Eric Olsen (Board president)– or other Board Members
 - b. Tom Norwood or June Minikel (Vote Counters for Feb 14th)
 - ii. From the office: Feb 1-5, and 8-12, Mon-Friday 9:00-1:00pm
 - iii. By having them mailed to their home (contact Eric or the office)
3. Actual Absentee Ballots will consist of
 - i. One inner envelope that contains the basic verbiage of the Ballot with a place for the actual vote of the member.
 - ii. One larger outer envelope that must have the name of the voter
 - a. printed and signed on the given lines on the outside and back **(REQUIRED)** and
 - b. addressed to and returned to the Fellowship
4. All Absentee Ballots, in the larger envelopes noted above, **MUST** be received/returned to the Fellowship by Feb 14th. They can either be
 - a. mailed to the office or
 - b. hand delivered to the official vote (Tom Norwood and June Minikel)
5. These envelopes will only be opened by the Official Vote Counters
6. Absentee Ballots will be opened and counted at the same time as those cast at the Fellowship thus any received after the vote begins on the Feb 14th will be discounted regardless of any event or situation.
7. If two or more votes are returned from a household with two or more members **each vote MUST be in a separate inner envelope** and both/all signatures on the outer envelope
8. Absentee Ballots that have any words of the ballot changed **or** crossed out, **or** have any added comments **will be disqualified.**