

Feb 7,
2010



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

Sunday, Feb 7

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

Monday, Feb 8

No events scheduled

Tuesday, Feb 9

Board of Trustees -
6:00pm

Wednesday, Feb 10

News & Notes deadline -
12pm
Membership - 2:00pm
RE Committee - 4:00pm
UFETA - 6:00pm
A Chosen Faith - 7:00pm

Thursday, Feb 11

Women's Disc - 1:30pm
Choir Rehearsal - 6:30pm

Friday, Feb 12

Single Again - 12:30pm

Saturday, Feb 13

No events scheduled

Sunday, Feb 14

Choir Rehearsal - 9:45am
Worship & RE - 11:00am
Congregational Meeting -
12:30pm

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

News and Notes

View from the Board By Kate Throop

We know from experience that relationships can quickly become frayed when there is change afoot: at home, at school at work, even in our faith communities. In their book "Leadership on the Line" Ron Heifetz and Marty Linsky write "...receiving people's anger without becoming personally defensive generates trust. If you can hold steady long enough...you may find that in the ensuing calm, relationships become stronger... Receiving anger, then, is a sacred task because it tests us in our most sensitive places. It demands that we remain true to a purpose beyond ourselves and stand by people compassionately...taking the heat with grace communicates respect for the pains of change." We are engaged in a discernment process regarding our new home, and we have been feeling the pains of change. Along with the excitement that comes from looking into the future and visualizing a congregation rooted in the rich soil of Edna Valley is the worry and concern that we might have to make another plan, a different plan. Soon enough we will know what our next steps will be – may we stand by one another with grace, gratitude and compassion whatever the outcome.



Secret Pal 2010

Our first Secret Pal exchanges take place today. Any questions about who your Pal is – see David. I'll have the list someplace secret so the kids can't find it. The OOPS box is located by my desk in RE if you need a last minute something for your Pal. If there is some week you will not be in church, remember that you can drop off your stuff in advance. Leave it on my desk with the date and YOUR name on it and I'll make sure it gets distributed properly. There will be a stack of paper bags near my desk if you need something to hide it in so your Pal won't see it until the right time.

Also – the lunch slip in your bag should be filled out and deposited in your Pal's bag by February 21st at the latest so your Pal has time to plan what YOU will be having for lunch on the 28th.

David Robinson
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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 ...



Be sure to come to the
Congregational Meeting
Sunday February 14, 2010
12:30 PM in the Fellowship
Sandwiches will be available for purchase. Child care is provided.

Admin News

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).

PLEASE PLEASE do not ever "assume" space is available for a meeting or event without asking. We have had some conflicts recently which generated some hard feelings and there's no reason for this. Our system does work well IF we use it!

Thanks

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

Explore Learning

From Religious Exploration

This Sunday we have a surprise Chapel! Life can change pretty quickly when you're looking in one direction and it comes at you from another. Today, we look at one of those changes and celebrate with a little sadness and a little joy.

Next Sunday is an Intergenerational Service celebrating the children and the life transitions which they experience, but which benefit us all. There will be no RE classes, we need everyone in the Sanctuary to help us celebrate. The Nursery will be open as always.

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? 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

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

Feb 14: Intergenerational service – no RE classes. The Nursery is open EVERY Sunday.

Feb 21: Satia Hawken-Widmann, Don Reynolds, Christina Zaro

Service Thanks...

To our dedicated Worship Associates:
Feb 14 - David Robinson
Feb 21 - Carole Norton
Feb 28 - Kate Throop



To our Greeters:

Coordinator: Chris Cummings

Feb 7 (1st Sunday)

Erna Kristensen & Dick Dannells

Feb 14 (2nd Sunday)

Richard Besel & Quin Hauss

Feb 21 (3rd Sunday)

John Faulkner & Chris Cummings



To our Welcome Teams:

Coordinator: Andrea Brown

Feb 7 (1st Sunday)

Pat Boyd and Andrea Caulfield

Feb 14 (2nd Sunday)

Renee Besel, Nancy Norwood &

Mary Jeanne Bonaventure

Feb 21 (3rd Sunday)

Ann Williams, Frank Basich & Gina Whitaker

To our Support Team & their Leaders

Feb 7 - The Unsuspecting

The Unknowing

Feb 14 - The Arrows

Cupid

Feb 21 - Ladies of the Evening

June Minikel



To our Joys, Sorrows & Concern Volunteers :

Coordinator: Andrea Brown

Feb 7 - Ann Williams

Feb 14 - Ron Sampson

Feb 21 - Jan Clarke



Ethics – An Exploration in Personal Morality

In the comic strip "Crock," the General complains to Crock, "Sir, I'm afraid the men are losing their moral ethics...they don't seem to know right from wrong." Crock replies, "That's no problem. Right is what you can get away with... wrong is what you can't."

Hmmmm...Mark your calendar to attend *Ethics – An Exploration in Personal Morality*, led by Rev. Helen Carroll beginning in March. Our classes will begin at 6:30 each Wednesday evening and will consider the following:

- March 3: Authority – Can We Be Good Without God?
- March 10: Responsibility – The Difficult Art of Doing Good
- March 17: Situation – What is Going on Here Morally?
- March 31: Intention – Does the End Justify the Means?
- April 7: Relationships – In a Different Voice
- April 14: Values and Character – Is the Golden Rule Enough?

Interested? Have questions?? Contact Rev. Helen (459-9696 or helencarroll@hotmail.com)



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

The NEXT MEETING is **Thursday February 11, 2010 at 1:30** at the home of **Eileen Pritchard** at 4350 Sunflower, SLO, phone 543-0405. The topic will be "**Discussion of our personal and community covenants**" lead by **Ann Williams**. Refreshments will be provided by **Chris Cummings and Eileen**. As always, please plan to carpool, if possible.

Directions to Eileen's..Drive to corner of Broad and Tank Farm Road. Turn left if coming from the town's center. The Marigold Shopping Center (Von's) will be on the left....Continue on Tank Farm RD.(East) to Poinsettia. Turn right on Poinsettia and go to STOP Sign. Turn left on Fuller and continue, and when the street turns right it becomes Sunflower. Eileen's house is on the left. For general questions about the group please contact **Ann Williams at 545-8855**.

Joys and Concerns from the January 31st Service

Nancy & Kimberleigh Gulliver shared their Joy that Patricia graduated from Psychiatric Technician School with flying colors. There is a Concern that the Hospital/State aren't hiring right now.

June Minikel's Joy is the excitement of seeing our UUF-SLOC ad in the Saturday Tribune. Some visitors have mentioned they read the ad which led them to our fabulous website. Then, they came to service. Hooray!

Linda Schweitzer's Joy is that she is now certified to use medical cannabis and it works!

Housekeeping notes

The bigger and the more active we get, the more careful we each need to be about housekeeping.

When you bring snacks for after coffee, you must take the leftovers home. We simply haven't room in the frig for all the accumulation. It just spoils and we throw it out.

When you wash utensils at the sink, please dry them and put them away. There are lots of towels in a labeled drawer. Same goes for glasses.

In searching one of our storage bins, I found a bowl which had been put away with sticky stuff all over the bottom. I hope it got there by accident, I hope none of us would put away a dirty item.

Of course, you always have the option of taking things home to wash. They won't be needed during the week.

Meredith Whitaker 594-1133 rmwhit@charter.net



Welcome to our new Board Member!

Scott Cleere has been appointed to the Board to complete the term of Jean Gordon, who resigned for health reasons in October. Scott owns his own business, has served with many organizations and brings great skills and experience to the Board. He and his family have been long-time members of the Fellowship, helping with RE, People's Kitchen, Stewardship and others. Plus, you'll be hard-pressed to find a better juggler. Welcome, Scott!

Board Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, February 9, 2010 – 6pm

Welcome & Lighting of the Chalice

Review; update agenda

Consent Agenda

A Transition Plan

Refund Policy

Relocation Allocations

Staff-Board Linkage

By-Laws update plan, continued

Will Board take a position on Feb. 14th Edna Proposal?



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.](#)



Global Fund
for Women

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. Arma-das' 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

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

Introductions, Please...

Did you know that the day-to-day work of the Fellowship is completed by the committees and individuals within our five Circles and each of those circles is coordinated by one of our volunteers? Want to find out more about what we do and how we do, ask one of the Circle Coordinators.

- Stewardship Circle Coordinator – Orval Osborne
- Worship Circle Coordinator – Sandra Kulczyk
- Growth and Learning Circle Coordinator – Kate Throop
- Social Responsibility Circle Coordinator – Renee Besel
- Pathways Circle Coordinator – Jan Clarke