

Feb 28,  
2010



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

### Sunday, Feb 28

Choir Rehearsal - 9:45am  
Worship & RE 11:00am  
Secret Pals - 12:30p

### Monday, Mar 1

Music Committee - 9:45a  
Worship Arts - 6:00p

### Tuesday, Mar 2

Worship Arts - 6:00p  
Budget Meeting - 6:30p  
Lit Wits - 7:00p  
Men's Group - 7:00p

### Wednesday, Mar 3

News & Notes deadline  
Ethics Class - 6:30pm

### Thursday, Mar 4

Choir Rehearsal - 6:30pm

### Friday, Mar 5

### Saturday, Mar 6

No events scheduled

### Sunday, Mar 7

Choir Rehearsal - 9:45am  
Worship & RE - 11:00am  
Social Justice - 12:30p  
OWL - 1:30p

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

# News and Notes



### Meeting with PSWD District Executive

Fellow UU'ers:

The Fellowship leadership (Staff, Board, Circle Coordinators, Endowment Chair, and Treasurer) are meeting with Ken Brown, from the District UU, this Sunday after the service to begin discussing transition plans and expectations. You are welcome to attend.

Ken will also be giving the sermon.

To avoid conflicts with the Secret Pal lunch and provide adequate room, the meeting will be 2-4pm, Sunday, 28 Feb in bldg 03, rm 114 at Cal Poly. Building 3 is the Orfalea College of Business building north of the stadium facing California Avenue (see campus map link <http://maps.calpoly.edu/>). Room 114 has an outside entrance off the inner courtyard.

Parking is free at all meters and faculty/staff spaces. Car pooling is always welcome.



It 's that time again!

**Time to draft next year's budget. And we need your participation to plan for the future. If you have a program to offer, activity to plan or general interest and support for the financial life of the congregation, mark your calendar for March 2, 16, 30, and April 6. We'll be meeting at 6:30 p.m. to decide what to propose to the Board and general membership for the 2010-2011 Program Budget.**

### *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 ...



### From Religious Exploration

Today in RE is our *Secret Pals Revealed Chapel*. We'll finish creating the Covenant we started making last month, meditate with jelly beans, and explore what it means to explore. Then it's off to lunch! But how are you going to find your Pal?

Next Sunday its back to our *Toolbox of Faith, Neighboring Faiths*, and OWL. Another REALLY busy day! Check your email for the weekly RE Update for details. Not getting the weekly update? Shoot me an email and I'll make sure you're on the list.

It seems to be getting busier every week in RE. Why? Because it IS getting busier! New families are joining our family almost every week lately. Are you doing your part to make them feel welcome? Let's make sure we're practicing RADICAL hospitality. Make an effort to introduce yourself every time you see a new family. Show them around the RE space. Introduce them to other families, to me (sometimes I can get a little frantic on Sunday morning and need to be dragged to a halt – have you noticed?), to Helen.

And with the bigger crowd comes a need for more teachers. We've reached the threshold where we need another Assistant every week to help with the crafts and other activities. Please see David or an RE Committee member – Satia Hawken-Widmann and Janet Murphy) for more information.

Budget meetings for the 2010-2011 church year start next Tuesday evening (March 2<sup>nd</sup>) at 6:30. BE THERE BE THERE BE THERE! This process needs to involve as many people as possible. And no, I'm not recruiting you to advocate for RE's budget. That's not how it works around here, it's not a competition. We ALL need to be there to support EVERYONE'S budget needs and come up with spectacular ways to bring in the money to fund it ALL. RE can only thrive the way it is now if the

whole Fellowship thrives. In **Joy**, David Robinson  
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### RE Teaching Schedule

Feb 28: Janet Murphy, Jaymie and Scott Taylor, Alexandra Baele  
March 7: Ly-Lan Lofgren, Andy Pease, Kerry Taylor, Volunteer Needed  
March 14: Katy Ayer, Suzanne Phelan, Volunteer Needed



### Admin News

Budget time is upon us and we will be meeting four times over the next six weeks to construct our budget for the 2010-2011 Church Year. If there is any information you need to put together your Income projection or Expense request, please contact the Office ASAP.

Thanks  
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### Secret Pals 2010



All will be revealed today as the Pals gather for lunch after the service. Adult Pals – your Bag contains an image of your Pal that they made of themselves a few weeks ago. Grab it from your bag and hold it up. Your Pal will use it to find you. Then find a comfortable space in the Sanctuary and spread out for lunch. Tables will be available if the floor just doesn't suit your style (or your joints). Enjoy lunch, and may it be the beginning of a long friendship. I'll be off to a meeting before lunch concludes, so everyone pitch in to help clean up.  
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## Service Thanks...

To our dedicated Worship Associates:  
**Feb 28 - Kate Throop**  
**Mar 7 - Sylvia Willard**  
**Mar 14 - TBD**



To our Greeters:

Coordinator: Chris Cummings  
**Feb 28 (4th Sunday)**  
**Erna Kristensen & Chris Cummings**  
**March 7 (1st Sunday)**  
**Jan Clarke & Dick Dannells**  
**Mar 14 (2nd Sunday)**  
**Richard Besel & Quin Hauss**



To our Welcome Teams:

Coordinator: Andrea Brown  
**Feb 28 (4th Sunday)**  
**Laurie Napoli, Patricia Gulliver & Bonnie Wamsley**  
**Mar 7 (1st Sunday)**  
**Pat Boyd and Andrea Caulfield**  
**Mar 13 (2nd Sunday)**  
**Renee Besel, Nancy Norwood & Mary Jeanne Bonaventure**

To our Support Team & their Leaders  
**Feb 28 - TBDs**

**Barney Oldfield**  
**Mar 7 - Various Volunteers**  
**Roscoe Tanner**  
**Mar 14 - 5 Cities Men's Group**  
**Richard Knight**



To our Joys, Sorrows & Concern Volunteers :

Coordinator: Andrea Brown  
**Feb 28 - Barbara Watson**  
**Mar 7 - Ann Williams**  
**Mar 14 - Ron Sampson**

## Morality, like art, consists of drawing the line somewhere.....

### 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/Character – Is the Golden Rule Enough?

Interested? Have questions?? Contact Rev. Helen (459-9696 or



### Want to Help Build a One-Stop Homeless Services Center in South County?

It's time South County had some services for homeless individuals! If you want to help create a one-stop services center, with many amenities, and have fun doing it, plan to attend this dinner on March 13! You could be served dinner by Supervisor Katcho Achadjian!

The **5 Cities Homeless Coalition** will be holding a fundraiser at Huckleberry's Restaurant in Pismo Beach on Saturday March 13th. There will be two dinners served at 5:00 and 7:00pm. Tickets are \$25.00 each. Please contact Matt Lombardini at (805) 710-4370 to purchase tickets. The Coalition has plans to create a one-stop care facility that would provide a permanent location for the People's Kitchen in addition to a health clinic, mental health, drug & alcohol counseling, a veteran's affairs office, help with housing and applying for jobs, showers that open at 6am for the people who need to get cleaned up before they go to work, telephones, computers, washing machines, and a mail drop. Please visit [www.5chc.org](http://www.5chc.org) for more information.

Huckleberry's is at 300 5 Cities Drive in Pismo, right across from the Outlet Center.

Thanks! Your Social Justice Committee

### Social Justice Meeting to Share Our Camp Courage Experiences

March 7 will be a special Social Justice Committee meeting, open to all as all our meetings are, but special in that we will have a gathering of the eight Fellowship folks who attended Camp Courage for a report of their experiences! Camp Courage was so powerful an event that we want to share our stories with you. Please plan to join the Social Justice Committee at 12:30 after service in the sanctuary for this moving and powerful event! That's March 7 at 12:30 in the sanctuary! See you there!

### UUFETA DOUBLE SHOT!



UFETA (Unitarians for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) Meeting: Wednesday, March 10 at 6PM. Meeting starts with a vegetarian potluck. Everyone is invited!! Please bring a dish to share and your own place setting. You need not be a vegetarian to attend.

In addition to the potluck, Richard Besel, Cal Poly professor, will share with us some insights he gained from a meeting he recently moderated. He will talk about the link between agricultural practices and meat consumption (hog farms, etc.) as well as climate change and pollution issues. Rich is a very knowledgeable, clear presenter. For more information call Lois Barber 773-1232

UFETA (UUs for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) and Animal Emancipation of San Luis Obispo County are hosting a tasty and informative event celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Great American Meatout (meatout.org) on Sunday, March 14, 5 PM at the Atascadero Library Community Room, 6850 Morro Road. The public is invited to come sample vegetarian fare, take home vegan recipes and see the entertaining and informative film, "A Delicate Balance." Free.

The Great American Meatout is a special day dedicated to alert the public to the destructive impacts of intensive animal agriculture upon consumer health, world food supplies, environmental quality, wildlife habitats and farm animal welfare.

### LOVE FOR SALE!

Love Buzz, that is

For a limited time only at your UU Fair Trade Market, Love Buzz Fair Trade Drip Coffee is just \$8.00/pkg..

A smorgasbord of roasts in a combination of Latin American beans. Feel the love!

And on top of that, \$0.20 per package sold goes to the UUSC Small Farmers Green Planet Fund.

**Lit Wits** book discussion group will be meeting Tuesday March 2, 2010 7:00pm to 8:30pm at the Fellowship 2074 Parker St San Luis Obispo.

The book for discussion is *In Defense of Food* by Michael Pollan, "A shocking yet essential treatise on the industrialized western diet."

All are welcome to come and discuss the book. Contact Richard Knight at 489-9777



### FAIR TRADE HANDICRAFTS SALE

The wonderful Fair Trade Handicrafts Sale we have each holiday season needs some new energy and a fresh outlook. I want to devote my time to the coffee/chocolate/tea/rice, etc., part of Fair Trade and let someone else take over the handicrafts.

We have shared the Handicraft sale with the Mission for the past three years, but they have decided to do only Fair Trade catalog sales next year so we will not be able to use the location we've used for the past three years.

If you are interested in learning about this opportunity to help disadvantaged people around the world as well as helping our Fellowship, please contact Renee Besel, Chair of the Social Responsibility Circle [renee.smith.besel@gmail.com](mailto:renee.smith.besel@gmail.com) or Katie Krupp [ckrupp@calpoly.edu](mailto:ckrupp@calpoly.edu).

### Sorrow and Joys from the Feb 21 Service

Sorrow:

Julie Lasserre's father passed away peacefully in Florida last week. Please hold Julie & Jeannine in your hearts.

Joys:

Ruth Reasor celebrated her 83rd birthday today.

Christina, Michael & Daven Latner are celebrating Chase's first birthday on the 24th. They brought cake for us to help celebrate.

Nancy Koren is celebrating her son Nathan's journey in life which has recently moved him from London to New Delhi. His passion in life is to continue changing the face of transportation in at least a half dozen cities in India using a carbon free form of transporting people called Personal Rapid Transit..

Priscilla Akin shared that the Morro Bay Art Association is featuring the beautiful art of Eileen Pritchard in their Spring Show today. It's a Joy to celebrate the talent of one of our members.

Please remember to indicate whether or not your Joy, Sorrow, or Concern can be shared in the next week's News & Notes.



### Seeking Frequent Flyer Miles to Minneapolis for GA

I am thinking about going to UUA General Assembly in Minneapolis this June!

I am wondering if anyone has lots of extra United Airline (or another carrier, but United is preferred) frequent flyer miles that they might not be using. I would be willing to pay you a negotiable fee--say \$200--for a getting me a ticket to Minneapolis on United. My experience is that FF Mile tickets need to be reserved several months in advance these days.

If you can help, give me a call. Thanks!! Gina 481-0788



### Israel and Palestine: Reframe the Conflict; Change the Discourse!

March 3, Dr. Jeff Halper will speak at Steynberg Gallery, 1531 Monterey St., SLO from 7-9 PM. This event is free and open to the public.

Dr. Halper is a professor of anthropology, distinguished author, and internationally acclaimed speaker, and has taught at universities in Israel (Haifa and Ben Gurion) the US, Latin America and Africa. In 2006 he was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by the American Friends Service Committee. He is the author of a widely used resource manual of articles and maps (revised in 2009) *Obstacles to Peace: A Re-Framing of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict*. His book, *An Israeli in Palestine: Resisting Dispossession, Redeeming Israel* (2008-Pluto Press) chronicles his work resisting the demolition of existing homes to make way for Israeli settlements in Gaza, Golan Heights and the West Bank .

This event is co-sponsored by Code Pink and the Central Coast Clergy and Laity for Justice. Following Dr. Harper's talk, written questions will be taken from the audience. Snacks and beverages will be available for sale at the Gallery coffee bar.