

March 14,
2010



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

Sunday, Mar 14

DST begins - 2:00am
Choir Rehearsal - 9:45am
Worship & RE - 11:00am
2nd Sunday Conversation -
12:30p
OWL - 1:30p

Monday, Mar 15

Newsletter deadline - 12p
RE Committee - 4:00pm

Tuesday, Mar 16

Nominating Com. - 5:00pm
Budget Meeting - 6:30pm
Men's Group - 7:00pm

Wednesday, Mar 17

News/Notes deadline - 12p
Ethics Class - 6:30p

Thursday, Mar 18

Men's Group - 10:30am
Choir Rehearsal - 6:30p

Friday, Mar 19

No events scheduled

Saturday, Mar 20

No events scheduled

Sunday, Mar 21

Choir Rehearsal - 9:45am
Cafe Socrates - 9:45am
Worship & RE - 11:00a
OWL - 1:30p

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

News and Notes

QUESTION AUTHORITY

From Religious Exploration

This Sunday we're back to the story of Jack – the boy with a pile of pizza boxes in the corner of his room because he could never say goodbye to *anything*. But Jack is about to discover that life can get pretty complicated that way. You can always make room for new pizza boxes, but what about new people? We can't control what other people do, but we CAN control what WE do. I wonder if Jack will be able to figure that out, or will Ling-Wa become the best friend that never was.

OWL class after service today, as well as the Second Sunday Conversation. ANOTHER busy day.

Next Sunday it's back to our Toolbox and we'll be pulling out the Duct Tape (I know some of you have really been looking forward to this one!) Flexibility and Versatility – two useful tools.

Easter is coming up in a few weeks and that means two things every year – our Easter Egg Hunt, and David's vacation. The RE Committee is on the "hunt" for someone to help with the Egg Hunt. It's not too hard and all the work is on Sunday morning (April 4th). The prep work will all be done by me and the youth. If you want to volunteer

or want more information, contact me.

A quick reminder about Child Care – the Fellowship is dedicated to making *all* the events in its life accessible to *everyone*. For a family, that might mean having access to child care. If there is a Committee you want to join, or an event you want to attend here at the Fellowship and Child Care is the determining factor, please let me know. I need some notice to arrange it (or rather, **Donna MacCarley**, our child care coordinator does), but we'll do our best if we know the need is there.

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

RE Teaching Schedule

March 14: Katy Ayer, Andy Pease, Gina Whitaker, Satia Hawken-Widmann

March 21: Christina Zaro, Don Reynolds, Nancy Steinmaus

March 28: Janet Murphy, Birgit Simmons, Jaymie Taylor, Scott Taylor, Alexandra Baele

Admin News

It is vacation time and I'm looking for volunteers to staff the Office on April 5th and 7th from 9am to 1pm. The duties are pretty straightforward and uncomplicated (checking the mail and email; answering the phone; completing simple clerical tasks). Please contact the office if you can help. Thanks

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

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 ...



Volunteers needed for fundraiser
 May 15 we will have a Spaghetti & Bingo Night at the Fellowship. We need volunteers for the many small tasks involved in making this a successful fundraiser. All you good members of our congregation will want to volunteer. Please contact Orval Osborne, Stewardship Circle Chair 235-8178 oosborne@charter.net



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."
 Hmmm...Mark your calendar to attend *Ethics – An Exploration in Personal Morality*, led by Rev. Helen Carroll beginning in March. Our classes begin at 6:30 each evening and on Wednesday, March 17 we'll focus on "Situation—What is Going on Here Morally?" We'll consider whether moral principles are absolute in every time and place, or whether they vary with the situation.



The Ladies of the Evening next meeting will be at Nancy Norwood's, 467 Luneta Drive, San Luis Obispo, at 6 PM, March 30, 2010. This group is open to all women of the congrega-

tion. We break bread together, it's a potluck, but don't think you must bring food - that part is optional. The food ranges from items bought at the supermarket or deli, delivery pizza, to homemade. But, mostly it's the love we share that makes it special. If you need directions to Nancy's please call her at 805-544-0558. Want to know more? Ask around before or after Sunday services, ask Ann Williams, June Minikel, Laurie Weymann, Jan Clarke, Laurie Napoli, Joan Sargen (and many more) or call Diane Mason 805-801-5924.



Flower & San Andreas Fault trip on Saturday, March 20th
 Service Auction for UUFSLOC: \$20 person or \$25 a family. Leave San Luis Obispo at 8:30 am on Saturday, March 20, from the parking lot of the Marigold Center Parking lot, highway 27 (Broad Street) and Tank Farm. Park in the northwest corner near Industrial Way and ride share. Arrive back at 4:30 p.m. in time for Circle Suppers. Bring water, lunch, dress in layers, hat, sun screen, walking shoes, camera, binoculars, flower books and other nature books. For questions: Call Eileen 543-0405



in loving memory

In Memory of Harold Fitzwater

We offer our deepest sympathies to Margaret Randall and to the family and friends of Harold Fitzwater, who died earlier this week. Harold was a founding member of the Unitarian Universalist Community of Cambria and will be deeply missed.

Service Thanks...

To our dedicated Worship Associates:
Mar 14 - Scott Taylor
Mar 21 - Carol Norton
Mar 28 - Renee Besel



To our Greeters:

Coordinator: Chris Cummings

March 14 (2nd Sunday)
Richard Besel & Quin Hauss
March 21 (3rd Sunday)
John Faulkner & Ralph Whitaker
March 28 (4th Sunday)
Jan Clarke & Ralph Whitaker



To our Welcome Teams:

Coordinator: Andrea Brown

March 14 (2nd Sunday)
Renee Besel, Nancy Norwood & Mary Jeanne Bonaventure
March 21 (3rd Sunday)
Ann Williams, Frank Basich & Gina Whitaker
March 28 (4th Sunday)
Laurie Napoli, Patricia Gulliver & Bonnie Wamsley

To our Support Team & their Leaders

Mar 14 - 5 Cities Men's Group
Richard Knight
Mar 21 - Choir
Rebecca Sloan/Jan Lester
Mar 28 - Membership
June Minikel



To our Joys, Sorrows & Concern Volunteers :

Coordinator: Andrea Brown

Mar 14 - Ron Sampson
Mar 21 - Jan Clarke
Mar 28 - Barbara Watson

Board View

The Board has a lot on its plate. In fact, the plate is so big that we have created a "parking lot" these are items that the Board thinks are important but need more time for discussion and reflection than can be accomplished in the context of the current monthly Board meeting every second Tuesday of the month. Our current parking lot has the following items for consideration:

1. Creation of a finance committee
2. Revision of the bylaws
3. Working on a covenant for the congregation
4. Updating our policies
5. Making a great decision on a long term home
6. Final allocation of relocation funds
7. Assessing the governance structure of our Fellowship

We may be holding extra meetings to help clear the parking lot, but our main focus at this point is to have a successful transition to a new ministry as we bid farewell to Helen. We welcome your support and input.

Cheers, Eric Olsen - Board President



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) today, **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.



The KCBX Spring Drive begins this next week. This is our opportunity again to support both the Fellowship and KCBX by becoming a sponsor of some of their programs. Simply make out a check to the Fellowship marked "For KCBX" on the Memo line. These contributions will keep our name mentioned on the airwaves as the "Voice of Liberal Religion on the Central Coast." If you are a regular contributor to KCBX and want to continue that connection, you can also do as some of us do and split your contribution. It all helps! JoAnne Milburn.



Ethical Eating: Thinking Globally, Eating Locally

How many miles did your dinner travel to come to your plate? How many greenhouse gases were released along its way?

Come and learn about local initiatives to save the planet and eat well at the same time. Thursday March 18, 6:30pm

Speakers include:

Transition Paso Robles Food Group, Peter Schwartz of Working Villages in the Congo, Tom and Eve Neuhaus of Project Hope & Fairness, Eric Michielssen from Central Coast Ag Co-operative, Kim Pasciuto of Central Coast Ag Network's Farm to School Program and Carolyn Eicher & Jennifer Codron from SLO Grown Kids.

5pm Enjoy Taster's Choice! Local vendors will be sharing their food. Space is limited, please call 704-3356 to reserve your plate. \$10 Donation.

6pm Browse information from local growers and network among friends

6:30pm Meeting starts!

Where:

Congregation Beth David, 10180 Los Osos Valley Rd, San Luis Obispo

This meeting is sponsored by Central Coast Clergy and Laity for Justice. For more information, www.ccc4justice.org, 704-3356

Everyone is welcome!

Our neighbors who use the Homeless shelter and the Prado Day Center are constantly in need of towels (used are fine), backpacks, warm jackets and sleeping bags. We can collect them at the Fellowship. All we need is one or more volunteers to be responsible for putting the box out every Sunday and for taking the donations to the Homeless Shelter when the box is full. One person needs to make sure it happens. That person can recruit one or more folks to help. If you are this person, please call Sylvia Willard at 546-8718



It's that time again!

We have begun drafting 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 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.



**NO JUSTICE
NO PEACE**

JUSTICE SUNDAY

Many social justice issues are unduly influenced by money in politics. This year we have seen this with the stalemated national health care bill. The recent Supreme Court ruling, allowing corporations to spend unlimited amounts of money for "independent expenditures" (usually ads for or against a candidate and supposedly not coordinated with the candidate), has many people concerned. In California, the influence of money reduces the diversity of people who can run for office, communities are under represented in Sacramento, and good candidates are not able to compete with those with large amounts of money.

Changing this will require real change in campaign finance. The California Fair Elections Act seeks to do this with fundamental election reform.

On March 28th our sermon is titled "Restoring Justice, Restoring Democracy". It will be given by Nancy Neff, the Palo Alto Area coordinator for the California Fair Elections campaign. Nancy works with UULM, UU Legislative Ministry of California, on the newly forming issue team for Restoring Democracy. At the Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto she is on the Board of Trustees, Action Council, and Fair Elections Task Force.'

After the service Nancy will remain to answer questions and give additional information.

Priscilla Akin, Liaison UULM



Health Care for All

The California OneCare coalition, spearheaded by Health Care for All- California, has launched an ambitious campaign that started on March 1st to educate Californians about our bill, Senate Bill 810 (Leno). Celebrities, political leaders, health care activists and patients are featured in a 365-day TV Ad campaign for single-payer legislation.

Until February 28, 2011, a new 30-second ad is being released each day and distributed statewide via email and placed in key media markets by California OneCare Campaign coalition partners. Every ad will focus on the horrors of the current health care delivery system and reveal the benefits of the "Medicare for All" solution of the California OneCare plan, SB 810. You can learn more about SB810 and arrange to get the daily emails by going to CaliforniaOneCare.org and clicking on "Get Involved".

Chapter Meeting, March 22nd: You are invited to attend a brief chapter meeting to hear about the three-year plan for Health Care for All and to offer your views on the movement to educate Californians about publicly-financed, privately-delivered health care. The meeting will be held from 6-7 p.m. at the Community Room of Coast National Bank, 500 Marsh Street, San Luis Obispo. Free parking provided in the lot next to the bank. The community room is at the rear of the bank property, through the wrought-iron gate off the parking lot.

Another website you might find helpful is www.itup.org, Insure the Uninsured Project. This website will give you access and an understanding the various related federal bills.



**Immigrant Families Can't Wait for Reform!
Standing on the Side of Love "Cards for Congress" Campaign**

At this very moment, a daughter is fearful that her immigrant mother will not come home from work. Our immigrant neighbors have citizen children and spouses, they own businesses and homes and have deep roots in our communities, yet fear deportation every day. Immigrant families are paying too high of a price for an immigration system that is inefficient, incoherent, and inhumane.

There is some good news, but it will take people like us to help turn good intentions into reality!

Illinois Representative Luis Gutierrez has introduced comprehensive immigration reform (H.R. 4321) that addresses all three dimensions of a pragmatic and humane immigration policy reform: enforcement, legalization and future flows of immigrants into this country. This is the best piece of legislation advocating comprehensive immigration reform in a long time, and we need to move fast to support it.

Every day that Congress puts off immigration reform, more immigrant families are torn apart by our broken system. Yet Congress is reluctant to act. And if they don't act soon, they probably won't act at all. Time is of the essence!

Standing on the Side of Love is launching a campaign to call on Congress to pass comprehensive immigration reform this year. Thousands of "Cards for Congress" calling for comprehensive immigration reform will be delivered to Congress on April 12, the very first day Congress returns from a two-week recess.

If you believe, as the UUF Social Justice Committee does, that immigration reform is overdue, look for a Card for Congress to sign at church during March. We will be collecting them until March 28, then sending them to Standing on the Side of Love to deliver to Congress on April 12.

Your Social Justice Committee thanks you, but immigrant families in our county thank you even more!