

March 21,  
2010



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

### Sunday, Mar 21

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

### Monday, Mar 22

No events scheduled

### Tuesday, Mar 23

No events scheduled

### Wednesday, Mar 24

News/Notes deadline - 12p

### Thursday, Mar 25

Women's Discussion Group  
- 1:30p  
Choir Rehearsal - 6:30p

### Friday, Mar 26

CAMFT 8:00a

### Saturday, Mar 27

No events scheduled

### Sunday, Mar 28

Choir Rehearsal - 9:45am  
Worship & RE - 11:00a  
Youth Symphony - 2:00p



#### Admin News

It is vacation time and I'm looking for volunteers to staff the Office on April 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

One other Office staffing need – Saturdays. We have been getting a number of people stopping by the Office on Saturdays to check us out. So we're going to make a trial run of keeping the Fellowship open from 10am to 1pm on Saturdays to be here to answer questions. Can YOU spare a few hours once a month to spread the word of Unitarian Universalism? The duties of the day are fairly light – answer the phone, answer questions from visitors, water the plants and possibly a few other easy tasks. Please contact the Office if you can help. We'll keep a log of Saturday visitors for six months and see if the time is worth the effort. One word of advice if you

sign up – have your "Elevator Speech" ready. When a visitor walks in the door, you've got about a minute to captivate them or lose them, so a thirty second speech that sums up what Unitarian Universalism means to *you* is a handy thing to have available. Pamphlets just don't get the message across in the same ways your words will.

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



An integral part of Sunday morning services are our greeter volunteers who hand out the order of service. "What I like best about being a greeter is the opportunity to see and say hello to every person entering the Sanctuary." We are currently in search of volunteers to be greeters on a once a month basis or those willing to substitute when needed. If you would like to serve the fellowship in this capacity, or have further questions about what is involved, please contact the greeter coordinator, Chris Cummings.

#### **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 ...



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](mailto: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.

**We are not meeting this week (March 24) so join us on these dates**

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?

Don't wait until the next auction! Meredith's Marvelous Marmalade is made all year. \$4/1/2 pint for the Fellowship.

Order by email [rmwhit@charter.net](mailto:rmwhit@charter.net) or phone 594-1133.  
Meredith Whitaker



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 congregation. 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.



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

The NEXT MEETING is **Thursday March 25, 2010 at 1:30 pm** at the home of **Peggy Fabricius** at 575 Stanford Dr., SLO, phone 544-3486. **Bonnie Wamsley's** topic is based on "You were always Mom's favorite". **Ann Williams and Peggy** will furnish refreshments. Please plan to carpool, if possible.

For general questions about the group, please contact **DeeDee DeSantos** at 534-9211.

## Service Thanks...

To our dedicated Worship Associates:  
**Mar 21 - Carol Norton**  
**Mar 28 - Renee Besel**  
**Apr 4 - Gina Whitaker**



To our Greeters:

Coordinator: Chris Cummings

**March 21 (3rd Sunday)**  
**John Faulkner & Ralph Whitaker**  
**March 28 (4th Sunday)**  
**Jan Clarke & Ralph Whitaker**  
**April 4 (1st Sunday)**  
**Erna Kristensen & Dick Dannells**



To our Welcome Teams:

Coordinator: Andrea Brown

**March 21 (3rd Sunday)**  
**Ann Williams, Frank Basich & Gina Whitaker**  
**March 28 (4th Sunday)**  
**Laurie Napoli, Patricia Gulliver & Bonnie Wamsley**  
**April 4 (1st Sunday)**  
**Pat Boyd & Andrea Caulfield**

To our Support Team & their Leaders  
**Mar 21 - Choir**

**Rebecca Sloan/Jan Lester**

**Mar 28 - Membership**

**June Minikel**

**April 4 - TBD**



To our Joys, Sorrows & Concern Volunteers :

Coordinator: Andrea Brown

**Mar 21 - Jan Clarke**

**Mar 28 - Barbara Watson**

**Apr 4 - Ann Williams**



K C B X TIME

The KCBX Spring Pledge Drive began last 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." You can hear our spots often on Saturday and Sunday mornings and occasionally during the week. If you are a regular contributor to KCBX and want to continue a personal connection, you can also do as some of us do and split your contribution. Some others help us all year long by making their contribution monthly. It all helps! JoAnne Milburn



Hospitality notes:

We on the coffee crew welcome Erna Kristensen and JoAnne Milburn to our midst! They will be paired with us old timers until they get the routine. New member, Linda Scott has offered her services as well. She'll begin as soon as she gets trained. This is a great way for new people to get acquainted. Many thanks, all three!  
We can still use more help. If you're inclined, call Meredith Whitaker 594-1133 [rmwhit@charter.net](mailto:rmwhit@charter.net)

Joys, Sorrows, & Concerns for 3/14/10

Nancy Koren shared her Sorrow that Harold Fitzwater passed early last Thursday. He married her sister when Nancy was only 15. They had 3 wonderful daughters. Harold contributed much to our Fellowship especially as our treasurer at Foothill. He will be greatly missed by many.

Jan Lester celebrated her birthday on March 14. While not thrilled about being a year older, she shared her Joy of being very happy to be alive on such a lovely day!



**From Religious Exploration**

Today 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. Next Sunday we pull a mirror out of our toolbox – want to guess what that is used for?

K-1 OWL after service today starting at 1:30 – contact Ly-Lan with questions.

The Chamber Groups of the SLOC Youth Symphony will be performing here at the Fellowship on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Support your Fellowship AND local youth at the same time. Everybody wins!

On April 4<sup>th</sup> we'll be dyeing and decorating eggs during our Easter Chapel. If anyone can donate and bring in a dozen hard boiled eggs, we could use the extra supply – please contact David.

In **Joy**, David Robinson  
544-1669, [uufslocdre@yahoo.com](mailto:uufslocdre@yahoo.com)

**RE Teaching Schedule**

March 21: Christina Zaro, Don Reynolds, Nancy Steinmaus  
March 28: Janet Murphy, Birgit Simmons, Jaymie Taylor, Scott Taylor, Alexandra Baele  
April 4: Ly-Lan Lofgren, Kerry Taylor, Volunteer needed.

**JOIN US FOR CHAMBER MUSIC AT THE FELLOWSHIP!!**



Chamber Groups of San Luis Obispo County, Youth Symphony with Nancy Nagano, Conductor  
Come appreciate the young rising stars of our musical community who represent the future of fine music.  
2:00 p.m. Sunday March 28 at the UU Fellowship Donation \$15, students \$5, children 12 and under free

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



**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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup>: 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](http://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**

**The Cards for Congress are here at last!!**

**Look for them inside Order of Service or at a table set up outside. Please sign one and leave with John Alongi at the table set up for collecting them. We can only collect signatures today and next week, so please sign a card today if you believe immigration reform is important. We must return the cards to Washington on April 2.**

**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.**

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

**A bit of non-seasonal whimsy....!**





## Staff and Programs and Rent – Oh My!

Pause for a moment to reflect on some things you love about our Fellowship... inspiring worship, new friends and almost-family friends, stimulating classes and conversations, the laughter of children, a supportive minister, beautiful music, community activism... and so much more. And isn't it amazing how we *all* give of 'time, talent and treasure' to make that happen!

Well, it's budget time. We were all upset with cuts we had to make last year – reducing staff time and benefits, and reducing our dues contribution to national and district UU affiliations were the most painful. The economy was perilous and we made appropriate choices, but this coming year, we dream of bringing our staff back to their previous hours –Minster, Administrator, Music Director and Director of Religious Education. In fact, in order to attract an interim minister, we must offer a full-time package with benefits. And we want to participate fully in UUA and our District, PSWD, with our 'fair share' of dues. Plus, of course, modest dreams of adding a yellow page listing, making some audio-visual upgrades and other steps to increase our reach and depth.

We have had two budget meetings so far. Although happily we no longer feel like we're on a downward slide financially, we are not exactly projecting a budget increase either. Our anticipated income for 2010-2011 is almost exactly what we had budgeted in 2009-2010: about \$240,000. To meet our program goals, we anticipate expenses of \$270,000 - \$315,000. Below is the draft summary. The full draft budget is available in the Board Corner or by request.

The third budget meeting on March 30 is the start of the reconciliation process – figuring out how to increase the income and/or how to cut the expenses. We hope you all will join us in thinking and acting creatively to increase the income side, such as events, fundraisers, increased pledges, digging deep. And we know that we will also tighten the expense side, using that same creativity to work within our means to support this congregation that we all love.

Join us on March 30, 6:30 PM, and/or speak to Eric Olsen, Andy Pease, Rev. Helen Carroll or Orval Osborne with your ideas.



| <b>Category</b>                 | <b>2009-2010</b>       | <b>2010-2011</b>    | <b>2010-2011</b>    |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                                 | <b>Approved Budget</b> | <b>Draft Budget</b> | <b>Reach Budget</b> |
| <b>Operating Income</b>         |                        |                     |                     |
| Pledges                         | \$ 185,000             | \$ 175,000          | \$ 175,000          |
| Donations                       | \$ 12,350              | \$ 15,000           | \$ 15,000           |
| Goods/Services                  | \$ 17,500              | \$ 6,400            | \$ 6,400            |
| Event/Program                   | \$ 27,010              | \$ 40,410           | \$ 40,410           |
| Rental Income                   | \$ 1,000               | \$ 1,000            | \$ 1,000            |
| Endowment Fund                  |                        | \$ 3,500            | \$ 3,500            |
| <b>Total Income</b>             | <b>\$ 242,860</b>      | <b>\$ 241,310</b>   | <b>\$ 241,310</b>   |
| <b>Operating Expenses</b>       |                        |                     |                     |
| <b>Personnel Expenses</b>       |                        |                     |                     |
| Minister                        | \$ 66,623              | \$ 88,340           | \$ 99,840           |
| DRE                             | \$ 15,000              | \$ 19,594           | \$ 27,170           |
| Choir Director/Pianist          | \$ 15,930              | \$ 20,850           | \$ 28,912           |
| Administrator                   | \$ 12,000              | \$ 15,450           | \$ 21,424           |
| Childcare Provider              | \$ 2,100               | \$ 2,100            | \$ 2,100            |
| Payroll Expenses                | \$ 21,638              | \$ 11,140           | \$ 12,855           |
| <i>Personnel Expenses Total</i> | <i>\$ 133,290</i>      | <i>\$ 157,474</i>   | <i>\$ 192,301</i>   |
| Program Expenses Total          | \$ 9,480               | \$ 8,755            | \$ 8,755            |
| Building Expense Total          | \$ 61,700              | \$ 63,700           | \$ 71,500           |
| Fundraising Expenses Total      | \$ 15,110              | \$ 9,610            | \$ 9,610            |
| Other Expenses Total            | \$ 520                 | \$ 20               | \$ 20               |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>           | <b>\$ 242,805</b>      | <b>\$ 271,551</b>   | <b>\$ 318,710</b>   |
| <b>Difference</b>               | <b>\$ 55</b>           | <b>\$ (30,241)</b>  | <b>\$ (77,400)</b>  |