

April 4,
2010



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

Sunday, Apr 4

Choir Rehearsal - 9:45a
Worship & RE - 11:00a
Easter Egg Hunt - 12:30p
Social Justice - 12:30p

Monday, Apr 5

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

Tuesday, Apr 6

Lit Wits - 7:00p
Men's Group - 7:00p

Wednesday, Apr 7

News/Notes deadline - 12p
CCCLJ Meeting - 9:00a
Ethics Class - 6:30p

Thursday, Apr 8

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

Friday, Apr 9

No events scheduled

Saturday, Apr 10

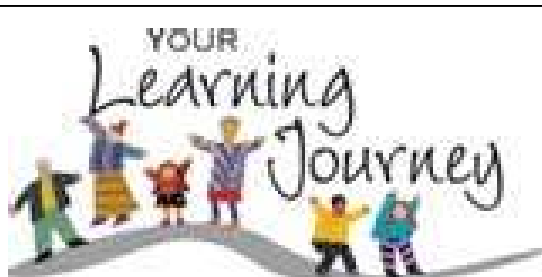
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Sunday, Apr 11

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Worship & RE - 11:00a

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

News and Notes



From Religious Exploration

Our Easter Chapel brings us the story of Reshenka's Eggs - a story of birth and miracles. Then we'll decorate eggs and have an Easter Egg hunt right after classes.

The Weekly RE Update is sent out by email every Thursday or Friday with in-depth information about upcoming programs and events. Email me to get on the list. There will be no RE Update this coming week. (I'm on VACATION!! YEAH!!)

So, what do you think? The RE Committee and I want to hear what you think about our programs so far this year, and what your interests are for next year. We'd like as many people as possible to complete the survey (whether you have kids in RE or not) before April 11th so that we can use your input when we start deliberating about next year's

curriculum. After this, there will be another survey to get more specific input. For those of you unfamiliar with it, Survey Monkey is a free web-based survey system. Follow this link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RQ68D7K>
The survey should take less than 5 minutes to complete.

Our booming nursery will soon need a little extra help. Tori Patterson, our child care worker, does a great job with involving the littlest UU's in our activities every Sunday. But we're getting to the point where it's more than one person can safely handle. So, I'll need to ask the parents to sign up to take one or two shifts a year in the nursery helping her. Watch for the sign up list, and it's not just parents I'm looking for. Anyone who would like to spend an hour helping out is welcome – talk to David.

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

RE Teaching Schedule

April 4: Ly-Lan Lofgren, Kerry Taylor, Janet Murphy

April 11: Katy Ayer, Suzanne Phelan, Nancy Steinmaus, Tony Criscuolo

April 18: Satia Widmann, Christina Zaro, Don Reynolds, Andy Pease

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 ...



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, April 7 we'll focus on "Relationships—In a Different Voice." Join us as we explore relationship as a factor in moral choice and examine the contention that, in general, men see morality in terms of rights and women see it in terms of relationships.



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.



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 or phone 594-1133.

Meredith Whitaker



Reminder: Help fill the SLO Food Bank Pot! All non-perishable items greatly appreciated. Also, there is now a bin for towels, backpacks, sleeping bags, etc., for the Prado Day Center. Bonnie Wamsley has graciously agreed to take these items to the Prado Day Center.

Opportunities to Volunteer:

- Arrange for Sunday setup team & refreshments
- Volunteer to staff the office from 9 to 1 pm on Fridays. Most immediately a substitute is needed on Friday, April 16. E-mail "uuslo@slonet.org" to help.

If either of the preceding tickle your fancy or pique your curiosity, send an e-mail to "uuslo@slonet.org" to volunteer or ask questions you might have.

"The Altar Link Committee needs volunteers to help set up the sanctuary at 10 am on Sundays. Work includes arranging chairs and altar items and general preparation for services.

It would be good to have at least three people each week. If you are interested, please email Carol Norton at rummy1@juno.com."



Service Thanks...

To our dedicated Worship Associates:

Apr 4 - Gina Whitaker

Apr 11 - Kate Throop

Apr 18 - TBD



To our Greeters:

Coordinator: Chris Cummings

April 4 (1st Sunday)

Erna Kristensen & Dick Dannells

April 11 (2nd Sunday)

Richard Besel & Quin Hauss

April 18 (3rd Sunday)

John Faulkner & Chris Cummings



To our Welcome Teams:

Coordinator: Andrea Brown

April 4 (1st Sunday)

Pat Boyd & Andrea Caulfield

April 11 (2nd Sunday)

Renee Besel, Nancy Norwood &

Mary Bonaventure

April 18 (3rd Sunday)

Ann Williams, Frank Basich &

Gina Whitaker

To our Support Team & their Leaders

April 4 - The Blotters

Spot

Apr 11 - Social Justice

Gina Whitaker

Apr 18 - SLO Group #1

Jan Clarke



To our Joys, Sorrows & Concern Volunteers :

Coordinator: Andrea Brown

Apr 4 - Ann Williams

Apr 11 - Ron Sampson

Apr 18 - Jan Clarke



A RECEPTION WITH THE ARTISTS

The art we will be seeing in our sanctuary beginning April 11 has been provided by the Pathpoint Senior Program next door to our building here on Parker. This day program is for folks with developmental disabilities who have had interesting and productive lives and are now in their retirement years. The program has been in existence for about 20 years. And through the years, the participants have produced some beautiful works of art of all kinds - prose and poetry as well as the kind of art which will be hung in our sanctuary.

I retired after 30 years of doing social work with adults with developmental disabilities and have known some of the folks at the Senior Program for all those years. When I went to a showing they had last year, I was so very impressed with the variety and beauty and brightness of their art that I hoped they would share it with our congregation.

Joan Scott has made that possible. And she has arranged for a Reception on Saturday April 10 from 2 to 4 when we will have a chance to meet and hear about some of the artists and art work. Some of the teachers will be available to help tell the stories. I am sure that any of you who can come will have a wonderful time.

Nancy Norwood



Important Dates for Life at the Fellowship!

Here are some important new dates to add to your calendar:

- Sun Apr 11: Board Conversation & Budget Update, 12:30
- Tue Apr 20: Final budget meeting, 6:30 PM (rescheduled from April 6)
- Sat Apr 24: UU Tennis Tournament, Sinsheimer Courts, 8 AM – 3 PM
- Sun May 2: Spaghetti Dinner/Bingo Night, 5 PM at Parker
- Sun May 16: Congregational Meeting: Budget & Elections
- Sat June 2: UU Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's, 7 AM – 9 AM
- Sat June 19: We can't tell you yet, but it's important and fun so SAVE THE DATE



Our Office staffing needs are looming large with the impending departure of Rob Hunt from our Fellowship. We are in desperate need of one or more people to take his place in the Office on Fridays from 9am to 1pm. What's at stake? If no one steps forward to help on Fridays, it's likely we will have to stop printing the News and Notes and only send it electronically. With communication being a critical issue, this is certainly not the time to let this happen. Scott Taylor has volunteered to produce the News and Notes, but someone needs to volunteer to be in the Office on Friday to print it. The process is fairly easy, and it's all written down. Please consider being part of the team that keeps this critical tool functioning. If you can help, or have questions, contact the Office.

An updated Member Directory will be coming out at the beginning of May. Is your address, phone number and email address correct? Check the current Directory and contact the office before April 20th with any corrections.

Last chance to get it right – Starting in May our mailbox at Edna will only be checked once a month. If your bank is sending checks to the Fellowship, please be sure they are using the correct address: 2074 Parker Street, Suite 100, San Luis Obispo, CA, 93401.

Thanks

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



We now have a Flower Sign Up Sheet on the front table. Please choose a date and sign in to provide altar flowers. Arrangements do not have to be fancy and they can be taken home right after the services. We have extra vases for use.

Thanks. Any questions, Carol Norton: rumbly1@charter.net

A Celebration of Life for Harold Fitzwater

Join in a celebration of life for Harold Fitzwater on Sunday, April 18 at 2:30. Harold was a long-time member of the Fellowship and joined the Unitarian Universalist Community of Cambria as one of the founding members. The service will be held at the Joslyn Center, 950 Main Street in Cambria.

Hospitality notes:

Thanks everyone! The collection of dollars in the basket has really picked up since our plea for support.

Missing: The very large clear plastic pitcher that was up on the shelf in the kitchen area. We need it! It's used by us coffee makers to fill the pots.

Small complaint: It is really great that those who use cups and silver wash them---but take a minute to dry them and put them away. Others who use the kitchen don't know where they came from so the items seem to accumulate. There are dish towels in a labeled drawer. Thanks.

Want to help with the Sunday coffee hour? Call Meredith Whitaker 594-1133 or email rmwhit@charter.net

Joys, Sorrows, and Concerns from March 28:

It was announced that Orian Reasor died peacefully Thursday afternoon. The Memorial Service was held last Saturday with many, many in attendance. They came from all over the US and Mexico. Our love and support are extended to Ruth and her family.

Ly-Lan Lofgren shared her Joy that her family has moved into a new home on Garden Street. They are so excited!

Darleen Rodgers shared her Joy that even though her husband Dan is legally blind, uses a walker, is on oxygen, and has a feeding tube, he has decided they need a hobby. They ordered a greenhouse, got books, and are both very excited. Can't wait for tomatoes in January.

Joyce Knight shared that she and Richard had an outstanding day last Saturday seeing the wildflowers along Shell Creek Road, lunching in Parkfield, and touring Mission San Miguel with Richard's sister, Pamela, who was visiting from Massachusetts.



Ladies of the Evening

The Ladies of the Evening next meeting will be at Diane Mason's, 443 Sicily Street, Morro Bay, at 6 PM, April 27, 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 Diane's please call her at 805-801-5924. Want to know more? Ask around before or after Sunday services, ask Ann Williams, June Minikel, Laurie Weymann, Jan Clarke, Laurie Napoli, Joan Sargen, Diane Mason (and many more).

The April 8th Women's Discussion Group will meet at the Fellowship at 1:30. The speaker will be Ann Williams and the topic will be Spring Equinox: Yin and Yang. All women all welcome to attend.



District Assembly Coming April 23-24

District Assembly 2010 promises to be a stimulating gathering of UUs from across the Pacific Southwest District. There will be the Keynote Address by the Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed, "Torn Between Fuzzy Aspirations and Hard Realities--The Perversity of Embracing Diversity," as well as workshops on Multiculturalism, Marriage Equality, Health Care Reform, Covenantal Faith, Digital Communication, Immigration Reform, "Voices of Pride" readers' theater, and the Future of Faith Formation, to name a few. Another stimulating aspect of DA is the community and fellowship of UUs from so many congregations coming together and exchanging ideas and best practices and just plain enjoying each other. There will be programs for children and youth and display tables with information and books and other items for sale and there will be a film on Saturday night, for those who wish to stay. And then, if you stay over Saturday night, you can experience worship at either of the two Santa Barbara congregations on Sunday morning. All in all a most satisfying weekend.

Early Registration Deadline for District Assembly is **April 1**. After that date the fees go up, so now is the time to register! Click this link for a downloadable [brochure](#) and registration form or click here to [register online](#).