

April 11,
2010



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

Sunday, Apr 11

Choir Rehearsal - 9:45a
Worship & RE - 11:00am
2nd Sunday Conversation -
12:30pm

Monday, Apr 12

RE Committee - 6:00pm
Cake Decorating Class -
6:00pm

Tuesday, Apr 13

Board Meeting - 6:00pm

Wednesday, Apr 14

News/Notes deadline - 12p
Membership - 2:00pm
Nominating Comm - 5:00pm
UFETA - 6:00pm
Ethics Class - 6:30p

Thursday, Apr 15

Newsletter Deadline - 12pm
Choir Rehearsal - 6:30p

Friday, Apr 16

VOP Rehearsal - 5:00pm

Saturday, Apr 17

No events scheduled

Sunday, Apr 18

Choir Rehearsal - 9:45am
Cafe Socrates - 9:45a,
Worship & RE - 11:00am
Super Camp - 12:30pm
OWL - 1:30pm

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

News and Notes



Social scientist Margaret Wheatley has written with compassion and clarity about communities - not just religious communities, but all communities. She says: There is no power greater than a community discovering what it cares about. Ask "What's possible?" not "What's wrong?". "Keep asking. Notice what you care about. Assume that many others share your dreams..."

Trust that meaningful conversations can change your world. Rely on human goodness. Stay together."

The Board and staff are working diligently on behalf of the congregation to finalize a budget for 2010-11 that will reflect the fellow-

ship's commitment to provide equitable salaries and benefits for our present staff and to hire an Interim Minister who will bring us fresh eyes, experience and energy to engage the future. The proposed budget also supports our outreach and educational programs and this home that nurtures and shelters us. The proposed budget recommends a return to full funding for our denominational responsibilities, funded in this current fiscal year at only 50%. At next week's Board meeting (April 13, 6:00 p.m.) we will hear a brief status report on the budget. It is clear that our income for 2010-11 must increase by at least \$40,000 in order to balance this budget.

Almost certainly, between now and May 16 when we vote to approve a new budget, we will turn to you and ask "What is possible?". We will ask you to either make a one-time donation or to increase your monthly pledge by 25% percent. Understandably, some members and friends will not be able to increase their giving, but others have the means and motivation to contribute more than their fair share. Every gift is needed, all gifts are appreciated. Let us pull together to notice what we care about, and to sustain this place that is the cradle of our hopes and dreams.

Kate Throop, for the Board of Trustees

**Sunday Worship Service
and Religious Exploration Classes**
begin at 11 am at:
at 2074 Parker (Suite 100) St in SLO
Contact Info:
(805) 544-1669
Email: uuslo@slonet.org
Website: www.uufsloc.org
Mailing Address: 2074 Parker
(Suite 100)
San Luis Obispo, CA, 93401

**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 ...



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. Our last class begins at 6:30 on Wednesday, April 14. We'll focus on "Values—Is the Golden Rule Enough?" by exploring the role of values in moral decision-making and examining a hierarchy of values and ways to resolve a conflict of values.



Proposed April Board Agenda

1. Opening
2. Requests for changes to agenda
3. Consent agenda
4. Transition plan discussion with Circle Coordinators and Staff (est. 1 hr)
5. Bylaw update status
6. Nominating Committee recommendations
7. Budget process / pledge status update
8. Edna Funds allocation discussion
9. Discussion on proposal to create a Finance Committee
10. Adjourn to Executive Session



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 alternate Fridays or work out a mutually agreeable schedule with June Minikel who has agreed to cover half the Fridays each month.

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 rumby1@juno.com."

Wanted: Good Driveway Vehicle

I am looking for a reasonably priced used vehicle for occasional HomeDepot and winery visits. Best if seats 5 or more and costs under \$3000. This would be a good way for a UU to get rid of that big old SUV and put a down payment on a Prius. Contact Eric Olsen 782-9506.

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: rumby1@charter.net

Service Thanks...

To our dedicated Worship Associates:
Apr 11 - Kate Throop
Apr 18 - Carole Norton
Apr 25 - Laurie Weymann



To our Greeters:

Coordinator: Chris Cummings

April 11 (2nd Sunday)
Richard Besel & Quin Hauss
April 18 (3rd Sunday)
John Faulkner & Chris Cummings
April 25 (4th Sunday)
Jan Clarke & TBD



To our Welcome Teams:

Coordinator: Andrea Brown

April 11 (2nd Sunday)
Renee Besel, Nancy Norwood & Mary Bonaventure
April 18 (3rd Sunday)
Ann Williams, Frank Basich & Gina Whitaker
April 25(4th Sunday)
Laurie Napoli, Patricia Gulliver & Bonnie Wamsley

To our Support Team & their Leaders

Apr 11 - Social Justice
Gina Whitaker
Apr 18 - SLO Group #1
Jan Clarke
Apr - 25 Worship Arts
Kate Throop



To our Joys, Sorrows & Concern Volunteers :

Coordinator: Andrea Brown

Apr 11 - Ron Sampson
Apr 18 - Jan Clarke
Apr 25 - Barbara Watson



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 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



Bingo and Spaghetti Dinner

Come one, come all for a fun family night.

Sunday, May 2nd at 5:00 at the Fellowship

- Dinner: Advance Purchase: \$10 for individuals
\$25 for a family
- At the door: \$15 for individuals
\$30 for a family
- Bingo: \$2 per card per game or \$15 for the whole night.
- Drinks: Beer and wine available for purchase at nominal amount.
- Prizes and Surprises: You bet!!!

Tickets will be sold after church, beginning April 11th.



Sharing is Caring

JOY, SORROWS, & CONCERNS from April 4th Service

Ly-Lan Lofgren had this Concern: We have a cousin with a 3 year old daughter who has been fighting a very aggressive cancer for one year. Last week she had multiple surgeries and we are awaiting her body's response. Please keep Ella in your prayers.

Ruth Reasor wants to thank everyone for their kindness, encouragement, support, and sympathy for her and her family.

Our thoughts are with Ralph and Meredith Whitaker. Ralph is "under the weather," but is home.

Scott Cleere has the Joy that after 8 weeks of computer problems, he is finally back in touch with the world. He will soon be reaching out to all his UU tennis friends to participate on Sat., April 24, in the UU Doubles Benefit Tournament.

June Minikel's Joy was that Joe Jenks was back at the Fellowship. How lucky we are. His concert a week ago was fabulous!

Ken Hill and Gina Whitaker celebrated 17 years together a couple of weeks ago with a lovely trip to the Redwoods of Santa Cruz. "We're still IN LOVE!"

Ken Hill shared his Joy of a wonderful reunion with an uncle and aunt that he hadn't seen since he was 15 years old. It all happened on his Dad's 88th birthday. He is so thankful that his Dad was well enough to appreciate it all.

Gina asked that on the Easter Sunday may we remember with reverence Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., who was assassinated on this day 42 years ago. May his spirit help heal the racism and inhumanity in our country that we have been seeing recently.

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.



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).



ALERT. The Prado Day Center has an immediate need for breakfast foods. The Social Justice Committee has set an objective to collect boxes of dry cereal, jars of peanut butter, jams and jelly, eggs, bread, milk, and coffee, and small boxes and large bottle of fruit juices to help the Day Center meet their current demands. We will collect and deliver these items on a weekly basis. The Day Center also has many other needs. There will an information table and collection container in coffee area on the next four Sundays. Next week we will have envelopes for contributions to the Food Bank.

John Alongi Phone: 805-457-0778



District Assembly Coming April 23-24

District Assembly 2010 promises to be a stimulating gathering of UUs from across the Pacific South-west 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](#).