

May 30,
2010



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

Sunday, May 30

Choir Rehearsal - 9:45am
Worship & RE - 11:00am

Monday, May 31

No events scheduled

Homeless Overflow -daily
during June - 5:00PM

Tuesday, June 1

UFETA - 6:00pm
Lit Wits - 7:00pm
Men's Group - 7:00pm

Wednesday, June 2

N&N deadline - 12:00

Thursday, June 3

Choir Rehearsal - 6:30pm

Friday, June 4

Art Hanging - 10:00am

Saturday, June 5

Applebee's Pancake Fund-
raiser - 8:00am
Al Orcutt Memorial -
10:00am

Sunday, June 6

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

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

News and Notes

In Our Community ...



"Offer to Serve"

On May 11, 2010 the Board of Trustees re-chartered the Long-term Home Task Force. This is a call for "offers to serve" on this task force. If you are willing to help the Fellowship in this way, please send in email or hardcopy a one page maximum "offer to serve" to Eric Olsen that includes the following:

1. Name
2. Approximate number of years in the Fellowship.
3. If applicable, list any relevant committee or task force experience.
4. A 100 word or less description of the qualifications and skills you would bring to the task force.
5. A 100 word or less statement on your philosophical approach to a "Long-term

Home" for the Fellowship.

Offers to Serve received by Sunday, June 6 will be reviewed by the Board for consideration.

Cheers, Eric Olsen, Board President
eolsen@caloply.edu 805 782-9506



Admin News

The Office will be closed on Monday, May 31st in observance of Memorial Day.

Because we are housing the homeless overflow shelter in June, meetings here at Parker Street are very limited. Most groups have been asked to find alternate meeting space. If you have any questions, please contact the office as soon as possible for clarification.

The end of the fiscal year is approaching rapidly. If your group or Committee has a line item (income or expense) in the current budget and you want to know where you stand, contact the Office.

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.



From Religious Exploration

Today, more from our *Toolbox of Faith* – Conviction. What does it take to turn a “belief” into a true “conviction”? And what is a *saddlebag* anyway?

Next Sunday it's time to prepare for the RE Summer Service. Check your weekly RE Update for details. Still looking for youth to play some key roles and I really need to know who the volunteers are as soon as possible. Please contact David if you're interested.

If you're a new family to our Fellowship, please be sure you get on the list for the weekly **RE Update**. It's sent by email in the middle of the week with in-depth information about upcoming programs and events. Email me to get on the list. Hard copies are available on Sunday on the RE Welcome Table (at the Suite 110 entrance).

Family Fun Night at Edna!!! Friday, June 11th. Come out to Edna and spend some time on YOUR property having FUN! It's been through some big changes AND it's been a long time since we were able to really wander around and enjoy the open space. Gather any time after 5pm. Bring dinner and something to share with the group. Don't feel like making dinner? We'll have all-you-can-eat pizza available for the bargain price of \$2 per person (RSVP to me if you want pizza so I know how much to order and what toppings you like.) If you're new to the Fellowship it's likely you have NEVER had the opportunity to explore the Edna property, so here's your chance before the next renter takes possession.

Also, there's a Rummage sale at Edna the next day, so bring any last minute items for sale with you. we'll be organizing and pricing some of the kid-oriented material. We're also looking for some youth to

volunteer to work Saturday selling the stuff we'll be organizing and pricing Friday night. More volunteers are still needed for the rest of the rummage sale as well – contact Joyce Knight or Bonnie Wamsley.

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

RE Teaching Schedule

May 30: Christina Zaro, Don Reynolds, Annette Sheely

June 6: Ly-Lan Lofgren, Andy Pease, Kerry Taylor

June 13: RE Summer Service – no classes today, I need everyone in the Sanctuary to help with the service.



FUNDRAISER
OF THE WEEK

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Sat. June 5 8-9:30 AM

Pancakes, sausage, eggs & beverage

Applebee's Restaurant

Madonna Rd.

SLO

Tickets \$7

See Board members for tickets on Sunday

Remember Al Orcutt's Memorial Service immediately after the breakfast at the Fellowship at 10 AM



Help Wanted: Recording Secretary

The Board is looking for someone with the skills to help keep us on track. We need a Recording Secretary to take minutes at our Board Meetings on the second Tuesday of every month from 6-9pm. This is a good way to keep up with what is going on and provide a necessary service for the Fellowship. Please reply in confidence to Eric Olsen, Board President at 805 782-9506 or eolsen@calpoly.edu.

Service Thanks...

To our dedicated Worship Associates:

May 30 - Ron Sampson

June 6 - Rev Carroll

June 13 - Helen Carroll



To our Greeters:

Coordinator: Chris Cummings

May 30 (5th Sunday)

Pete Bennett & Carol Singleton

June 6 (1st Sunday)

Erna Kristensen & Dick Dannells

June 13 (2nd Sunday)

Richard Besel & John Alongi



To our Welcome Teams:

Coordinator: Andrea Brown

May 30 (5th Sunday)

**Priscilla Akin, TBD
& TBD**

June 6 (1st Sunday)

Mary Bonaventure, Andrea Caulfield & Volunteer needed

June 13 (2nd Sunday)

Renee Besel, Nancy Norwood & John Alongi

To our Support Team & their Leaders

Coordinator: Joe St. Clair

May 30 - Membership Committee

June Minikel

June 6 - Ladies of the Evening

Diane Mason

June 13 - So. County Men's Group

Richard Knight



Joys, Sorrows & Concern Volunteers :

Coordinator: Andrea Brown

May 30 - Andrea Brown

June 6 - Ann Williams

June 13 - Ron Sampson

Rummage Sale
Saturday, June 12th

You may bring your rummage sale items on Sunday, June 6th. After Sunday service, we will be driving in a caravan to take rummage sale items from Parker St. to the Edna property at 6445 Edna Road. We need help loading and unloading items. We plan to leave Parker at approximately 12:45pm.

Items can also be dropped off of June 9th & 10th at Edna, as well as other times that week. If you can help on the day of the sale, please sign up for a time slot. The actual sale times are 8:30am – 12:30pm. Helpers are also needed for Clean-up from 12:30-2pm.

For more information, please call Joyce Knight at 489-9777.



Bon Voyage to Helen and Rob

1. The Bon Voyage party for Helen and Rob will be on June 19th at the Senior Center from 4:00-7:00.

2. It's crunch time now, so please RSVP to Ann Williams as soon as possible. (545-8855 or annwlms@att.net)

3. We are making a memory book for the Hunt/Carroll family and blank pages are available in the office. You can draw/write/collage on them and they will be assembled into a book to be presented to Helen and Rob at the party. We know that the Ladies of the Evening group is planning a gift—if any other groups are doing something special, please let Andrea Brown know and she can reserve a spot for you on the program. (Andrea--528-8647 or candrea93402@yahoo.com)

4. We have a wonderful menu planned. If you've already volunteered to make something or if you'd like to volunteer to make something, please email or call Susan Stenovec to reserve your recipe choice (sstenovec@yahoo.com; 549-8029). We are anticipating 150 people and we need lots of help.

5. Christine Latner is in charge of decorating and she also needs committee members. Please contact her at clefbvre@co.slo.ca.us to volunteer.

6. This is a BYO event—please bring your own wine and beer. We'll have non-alcoholic drinks on site.

7. We have no funds for this party and Tom Norwood is collecting contributions to cover our expenses. Please see him after services on Sunday.

Thank you, The Party Planning Committee

Open Art Show - All Media, All Members!

A new art show will go up on **Friday, June 4 at 10 AM**. Look in the June Newsletter for full details. Old and new work, beginners and experienced, young and old artists - you all are welcome to bring in up to 3 pieces, See you there. Joan Scott 227-4246 moonwatch@tcsn.net



In Memory of Al Orcutt

We offer our sympathies to the family and friends of Al Orcutt, who died in his home in March. Al was a member of our congregation for 20 years and will be deeply missed by his UU Fellowship family.

A Celebration of Al's Life is planned for Saturday, June 5 at 10AM at the Fellowship.

In Memory of Tessa York

We offer our sympathies to the family and friends of Tessa York, who died in Cabrillo Care Center, May 8. Tessa was a member of our congregation for 13 years and her gentle presence will be missed. We'll announce details for a Celebration of her Life as they are finalized.

In Memory of Marjorie Sauer

We offer our sympathies to Truman Stickney and the family and friends of Marjorie Sauer. She died peacefully on May 10 at her home. Marj and Truman joined the congregation in 1999 and have been dedicated supporters of our music program.

A Celebration of her Life is planned for June 12 at 2PM at the Fellowship.

In Memory of Ken Helfant

We offer our sympathy and support to Nancy Hilyard and the family and friends of Ken Helfant, who died May 17. In recent years, Ken, a long time member of our congregation, was a member of the senior men's group. We'll announce details for a Celebration of his Life as they are finalized.



Calling all book lovers. This is your chance to clean out those bookshelves and closets of quality, well loved books and pick up your new summer reading stack.

We will be accepting donations before church on Sunday, June 6th in the parking lot. (Due to space limitations, we have no place to store large numbers of books in advance).

Browse for your new books after church. Invite your friends and neighbors to stock up too. Watch for the special 25 cent discount table.

Laurie and Steve Weymann



JOYS, SORROWS, & CONCERNS FROM MAY 23

Ralph Whitaker met the neurosurgeon who will do his Gamma Knife surgery sometime in June. Gamma Knife involves no cutting at all. It is focused radiation. Ralph has neuralgia of the facial nerve. Very painful and medication doesn't help any more so this procedure is the last resort. It will happen in Northridge. Ralph & Meredith are very grateful and can hardly wait! We hope for good results!

Barbara & Mark are glad the sun is shining and happy to be ALIVE!



Hospitality notes:

Thanks to all of you who bring coffee cake, birthday cake and the like. We love it! BUT it needs to be cut and ready with the utensils for serving it. Better yet, call me in advance so we'll have plenty of forks available. For a huge cake the bringer might offer to serve it.

Finger food is preferred. Something not too gooey! Call or email Meredith Whitaker, 594-1133 or rmwhit@charter.net

FREE MUSEUM TICKETS!!

If you plan a trip to the U S southwest this summer or fall, how about free museums tickets to either/or both of these: Museum of Northern Arizona in Flagstaff, AZ and any one of the five Museums of the New Mexico Foundation in Santa Fe, N M.

In addition to outstanding displays and special exhibitions, all of these institutions have quality gift shops.

If any Fellowship member(s) would like these tickets, telephone me(541-2370) or send an email(eperyma@calpoly.edu) and I will glad bring the tickets to you at an upcoming Sunday service. Other Fellowship members have used these tickets in the past, why not take them along on your vacation!

Kay Perryman-Snow



UFETA (Unitarians for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 1st; 6 to 8PM at home of Lois Barber in Shell Beach (NOT at Parker, because of Homeless Outreach) Meeting will start with a vegan/vegetarian potluck (you need not be vegetarian to attend) Just bring a dish or food item to share and your own place setting. After dinner those who wish can make almond cheese or view the video "The History of the Chicken." Please contact Lois for directions or to confirm if you wish to make cheese so she can have the ingredients available. < loisand3dogs@att.net > or Tel. 773-1232 Note: Lois will be out of town from May 23 to May 30.

Rev. Dr. Jonipher Kwong spoke last Sunday on the topic of gays in the military and the current policy known as Don't Ask, Don't Tell. Many folks in attendance asked for more information about him. Thanks to all who gave him such a warm welcome last Sunday. I know I am not alone in appreciating his sermon and perspective on Don't Ask, Don't Tell.

Gina Whitaker

The Rev. Dr. Jonipher Kwong is an Interfaith Organizer for California Faith for Equality. An ordained minister with the Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC), Rev. Kwong is in the process of seeking plural standing with the Unitarian Universalist Association. He also serves on the board of several organizations, including the California Council of Churches, Asian Pacific Islander Equality—Los Angeles, the Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of California Marriage Equality Leadership Team, among others.

Prior to moving back to the mainland, Jonipher was the Executive Director of the Counseling & Spiritual Care Center of Hawaii. He was also the founding minister of 'Ohana MCC, interim minister at Resurrection Beach MCC, and consulting minister at the Temecula Valley Unitarian Universalist Community.

Raised in an ecumenical background, Dr. Kwong values his pluralistic upbringing – from Evangelical to United Methodist, Episcopalian to Calvary Chapel. He was christened at a Gospel church and baptized as a Chinese Mennonite. In Hawai'i, Jonipher was a member of the Honolulu Mindfulness Community, a sangha influenced by Zen Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hahn.

Dr. Kwong obtained his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Claremont School of Theology. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Film Studies from the University of California at Santa Barbara. Prior to getting "the call," Jonipher worked in the film industry for three years, followed by two years as a Graphics Specialist at McKinsey & Company in Los Angeles. Jonipher currently resides in Long Beach, California, with his partner of 12 years.