

July 4,
2010



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

Homeless Overflow -

daily from 5pm during June

Tuesday, July 6

UFETA - 6:00 pm

Lit Wits - 7:00 pm

Friday, July 9

No events scheduled

Sunday, July 4

Worship & RE - 11:00am

Social Justice Comm. - 12:30

Wednesday, July 7

N&N deadline - 12:00

Saturday, July 10

No events scheduled

Monday, July 5

Office Closed

Music Committee - 9:45am

Thursday, July 8

Women's Disc Grp - 1:00 p

Sunday July 11

Worship & RE - 11:00am

2nd Sunday Conversation

with the Board - 12:30 pm

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

News and Notes



From Religious Exploration

Today we celebrate by exploring how Independence and Interdependence are intertwined – you can't truly have one without the other. We'll create our own version of the *Declaration of In(ter)dependence!*

On July 18th it's time for our first *RE in the Park*. Check your weekly RE Update for details. Yoga, games, food and even a little religion thrown in just to make it relevant. See David if you're interested in joining us.

August in RE is going to be busy! The first weekend we'll be spending a Day at Hogwarts. Our annual campout at Plaskett Creek is coming up the second weekend, August 6th – 8th (watch for flyers and more info coming soon). The fourth weekend is teacher training / orientation (August 21st). The fifth weekend is RE Cleanup day (and reorganizing to make a BIGGER NURSERY! – August 28th). Get it all on your calendar NOW!

New to the Fellowship? Make sure you're getting the weekly RE Update. Just email me to get your name on the list and you'll stay up to date on everything that's go-

ing on in RE – from class schedules to special events to *Taking It Home* – our series on how to extend the RE lessons into your family's life all week long.

In Joy, David Robinson

544-1669, uufslocdre@yahoo.com

RE Teaching Schedule

July 4: Ly-Lan Lofgren, Andy Pease,

July 11: Katy Ayer, Suzanne Phelan, Kerry Taylor

July 18: Christina Zaro, Don Reynolds, Andy Pease, Tony Criscuolo



A celebration of the life of Tessa York will be held at the Fellowship at 2 pm on Saturday, July 24th. This will be a time to share our love for what was her quiet, supportive presence in our midst.

Questions, please contact Rev. Tom Norwood, 544-0558.

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.**

UU Music

Hello Everyone,

Our music on Sunday, July 4th, is dedicated to the Gulf Crises, to all of the folks directly affected by it, to all the animals and matter affected and to everyone who is potentially affected by it. Here below are 2 poems offered by our UU Music Network colleagues.

Thanks to our special musicians this morning who both are members of our Fellowship: Barbara Lees, cello, and Katy Ayer, flute. Musically, Rebecca



Healing Prayer for the Gulf

Dr. Masaru Emoto

I send the energy of love and gratitude to the waters
And all living creatures
In the Gulf of Mexico
And its surroundings.
To the whales, dolphins, pelicans,
fish,
Shellfish, plankton, corals, algae ...
To ALL living creatures ...

I am sorry.
Please forgive me.
Thank you.
I Love You.



A Time to Mourn

By Becky Post

We mourn the lost lives -- the eleven workers who died -- and we know the heaviness that hangs over their families.

We mourn the lost livelihoods. Many have had their lives changed:

Shrimpers,
fishermen,
those whose
income depends on



tourists, and
Those who work on oil rigs. They have been hit hard.

We mourn the wildlife drenched in oil --
Brown pelicans, sea turtles, dolphins,
Fish, seagulls and whales,
Egrets, herons and white ibis,
Marsh birds, song birds, the northern gannet,
Jelly fish and dragonflies,
Sea birds, terns and laughing gulls.

We mourn the grass and seaweed and all the plant life choked in
Black crude.



We mourn the smeared beaches, the sullied marshes, the islands and
Shores that lie in the path of the black, unstoppable oil.

We wait, too, for the consequences that will ripple outwards from
The Gulf, ripple east and west, south and north. We wait for the
Unknown ways our own lives will surely need to change.

Let us hope for
And work for
Positive changes--

For our children and grandchildren,
For the once-blue waters,
And for all that
lives on Mother
Earth.

LOVE YOUR MOTHER...



EARTH



YEAR END CLEARANCE SALE

Check out the Fair Trade Market for **BAR-GAINS** on selected coffee, tea and chocolate items.

Your purchase makes a big difference to less fortunate people in developing nations.

Service Thanks...

To our dedicated Worship Associates:

July 4 - Carol Norton
July 11 - Ingrid Pires
July 18 - Kate Throop



To our Greeters:

Coordinator: Chris Cummings

July 4 (1st Sunday)
Jan Clarke & Dick Dannells
July 11 (2nd Sunday)
Richard Besel & Jessica Lynn
July 18 (3rd Sunday)
John Faulkner & Chris Cummings



To our Welcome Teams:

Coordinator: Andrea Brown

July 4 (1st Sunday)
Mary Bonaventure, Andrea Caulfield & Volunteer Needed
July 11 (2nd Sunday)
Renee Besel, Nancy Norwood, John Alongi
July 18 (3rd Sunday)
Ann Williams, Frank Basich, & Gina Whitaker

To our Support Team & their Leaders

Coordinator: Joe St. Clair

July 4 - The Board
Joyce Knight
July 11 - The Choir
Rebecca Sloan
July 18 -



Joys, Sorrows & Concern Volunteers

Coordinator: Andrea Brown

July 4 - Ann Williams
July 11 - Ron Sampson
July 18 - Jan Clarke

INFORMATION

Admin News

The Office will be closed on Monday, July 5th.

A copy of the Fellowship Calendar for the coming year has been distributed to all group/Committee leaders and others who might be interested in scheduling events in the coming year. Email the Office if you were (inadvertently) left off the list and would like a calendar. Please keep in mind that the official calendar changes every week, sometimes every day, so this is only for broad planning purposes. Contact the Office for inquiries about specific dates once you start planning your event.

Anybody have a decent floor lamp (even a good table lamp) they would be willing to donate to the Office? The track lighting in there is not enough to properly illuminate the Office and the bulbs are REALLY expensive. Please let me know as soon as possible if you can help. If we can get two or three good lamps then we can disconnect the track lighting and save a good chunk of money.

July marks the beginning of a new year, at least for your office Administrator. New budget, new names on all the documents, new Calendar, new Minister ... just to name a few of the new. Don't forget that any reimbursement for expenses which you incurred on behalf of the Fellowship as part of last year's activities (July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010) needs to be submitted to the Office by 8am, Tuesday, July 5th. Anything submitted after that will be charged to the 2010–2011 budget.

Thanks

David Robinson, Administrator
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New Newsletter Editor

I will be taking over for Rob Hunt as newsletter editor. If you could please send articles and information you would like to be included in the newsletter to Laurie Napoli at vnapoli@sbcglobal.net by the 15th of the month to be included in the newsletter instead of sending them to the office. If you have any questions please e-mail me at vnapoli@sbcglobal.net or call me at 466-3407.

Thank You, Laurie Napoli

New News & Notes Editor

I will be taking over for Rob as N&N editor. Please continue to send all articles to uuslo@slonet.org and be sure to put News & Notes in the subject line. I will notify you when I receive them. The deadline continues to be noon on Wednesday

Thank you, Jan Clarke



JOYS, SORROWS, & CONCERNS

Darleen Rodgers: When I told my daughter Anne I didn't need anything more for a recent birthday, she said she would make a symbolic donation to my church. I said, "You're giving the church \$79?" She said, "Well, no. I was thinking of \$20." I said, "We'll take it!"

Joan Sargen: While in Costa Rica I was leaving the spa located at the top of a steep driveway in my golf cart. It was so dark that instead of releasing the safety brake, I hit the accelerator. The golf cart lunged forward to the edge of the cliff, but underbrush stopped it from plunging down the hillside. One of the worst parts of this situation was that I had no one to share my experience with! I was alone in a foreign country where I knew no one. I am grateful to be here with all of you.

Erna Kristensen: A concern on behalf of Don Berry. He told me he fell on his bicycle last Thursday. A neighbor helped him and took him to the ER. Don is now at home and doing better every day. He is on 2 weeks leave from work. I think he would like a little note from you – but don't let him know I said so.



Joys, Sorrows, and Concerns continue to be a critical component in the ongoing support and development of our Community. As we share with one another we come to appreciate the paths that others walk, and our care for one another becomes more empathetic. So as we continue.....

**as of July 2010 Ken Campos
will be coordinating Joys, Sorrows, and Concerns.**

I want to thank all those who have worked with me these past few years especially

**Ann Williams
Ron Sampson
Barbara Watson
Jan Clarke**

We have certainly worked through many changes in terms of location, process, and procedures. Thank you for working with me. Your service to the Fellowship is valued. I know that you will give your on going support to Ken as he coordinates this program and perhaps brings, for your consideration, other ideas for changes and improvements.

Thank you, Andrea Brown



Can you help?

As of July 1020 Andrea Brown and Jan Clarke will be covering the office on alternate **Thursdays from 9:00-1:00pm**. However, there are times when one or both of us are not in town on Thursday, so there is a need to create a list of persons who would be prepared to cover the office on an irregular basis as needed. There is a list and description of a few needed chores to address during this time. Please contact Andrea or Jan if you could serve our Fellowship in this way.

Our current need is for volunteers on the **Thursdays from 9:00am -1:00pm**

**July 8th
July 22nd
August 12th**

Again, please contact Andrea Brown (Candrea93402@Yahoo.Com) or Jan Clarke (janclarke@charter.net) if you can help in this way.



UFETA Meeting; Tuesday, July 6 -- 6 to 8PM at Parker Street. .All are welcome and we love new faces.

We will start with a vegan/vegetarian potluck. Please bring a dish or food item to share and your own place setting.

Following our meal we will view a video by Gary Francione, Professor of law at Rutgers University in New Jersey. Among many other compelling arguments, Professor Francione argues that non-human animals require only one right, the right not to be regarded as property. It promises to be a most interesting presentation.

If you would like to contribute to the GULF ANIMAL RELIEF effort, please bring cotton pieces the size of dishcloths or wash rags. Apparently towels and t-shirt material work well. We will then send them, with some Dawn liquid to a Florida relief organization.

For more info contact Lois Barber <loisand3dogs@att.net> or 773-1232



It's Time, Once Again, To Celebrate Gay Pride!

July 11 marks the 13th Pride in the Plaza celebration for SLO's GLBT Community! It's a family-friendly fun day in the sun with free entertainment, and LOTS of color and excitement! UUFSLOC has hosted an interfaith booth at Pride in the Plaza for the last 12 years. And this year will be no exception! I will be looking for help setting up, staffing the booth and representing our Fellowship, then tearing down at 5:00 PM. Set up occurs at 9:00 AM, before church. We need four people to help set up two pop up shade tents and tables and chairs. Set up takes about 30-45 minutes. We usually schedule two people per hour to staff the booth from 12-6 PM, with the last folks helping tear down the booth. You will share this booth with members of several other faith traditions.

Staffing the booth is a chance to tell the public about our congregation, and I am seeking new and older members and friends--anyone who is proud of our Unitarian Universalist faith and our Fellowship! Don't be shy...you know what the Fellowship has meant to you, so it's just a matter of sharing that good news! Let folks know that there is a faith community where they can come and NOT have to check their sexual orientation or their beliefs at the door--we welcome all who come to share in our spiritual journey!!

Please let me know if you would like to help. That's Sunday, July 11, 12 noon-6:00 PM at Mission Plaza downtown! Check your calenders, please. Then contact Gina Whitaker about volunteering.

Gina
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FOR RENT
2 bed/2 bath condo near Marigold Center, \$1500/month. see June @ 545 8575