

July 18,
2010



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

Sunday, July 18

Cafe Socrates - 9:45am
Worship & RE - 11:00am

Monday, July 19

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, July 20

Men's Group - 7:00pm

Wednesday, July 21

N&N deadline - 12:00pm
Sr. Men's Grp - 2:00pm

Thursday, July 22

Women's Discussion Group
- 1:00pm
Endowment - 3:00pm

Friday, July 23

No events scheduled

Saturday, July 24

Celebration of Life - Tessa
York - 2:00pm

Sunday July 25

Worship & RE - 11:00am

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

News and Notes



From Religious Exploration

Today we're off to Meadow Park for a lesson in the contemplative beauty of the "everyday" nature that surrounds us. Grand Canyons and a universe of stars are all well and good – but there's equal beauty in the grass beneath our feet if we spend a little time with it. The Nursery will be open for our UU's three years and under, and children are always welcome to remain in the service if they don't want to join us in the Park.

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 (flyers are available in the Community Room and in RE)). 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 going 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 18: Christina Zaro, Don Reynolds, Andy Pease, Tony Criscuolo

July 25: Birgit Simmons, Jaymie and Scott Taylor, Alexandra Baele

August 1: Visiting Professorial Staff and House Elves from Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry

Board Corner

Do you have a question or comment for your Board of Trustees? Would you like an update from the Board Meeting last Tuesday? From 12:15-12:30 pm, you can take your snack and head to the far corner of the sanctuary (by the exit door), and we will be there for you. Come on back

**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.

From the Treasurer: The numbers are now in for the Fiscal Year which ended at the end of June. Unfortunately, we didn't quite break even. Expenses exceeded income by \$2,200. Income was under budget by \$10,250 while expenses were under budget by \$8,050. The very short assessment is that we did a good job of controlling expenses, but didn't produce quite enough income to cover our expenses. Please see a somewhat longer article in the next newsletter for more information. Please let me know if you have specific questions. Terry Throop, Treasurer

Our UU Needs Help!
We began our Board Meeting last Tuesday evening by answering the question, "If there were no UU in our area, would we start one?" We are fortunate that we already have not one, but two, UUs in SLO County, and right now our UUF-SLOC needs our full financial support. From our Treasurer's report, we learned that we are experiencing a shortfall at the end of this fiscal year. It's easy to fall behind on pledges during the summer months, but right now it's so important to be sure our pledges are up to date. We count on each other in so many ways, and right now we are counting on each of us to do our part, so that we are able to keep our UU doors open. Not going to be there this Sunday? Please mail your check to:
UUF-SLOC
2074 Parker, Suite 100
San Luis Obispo CA 93401
Thank you!
Joyce Knight, On behalf of your UU Board of Trustees

Farewell Party for Helen and Rob – Closing Notes
Did you know that the party for Helen and Rob, in addition to being a great time with thoughtful presentations, delicious food, and a warm and wonderful group of people, was also financially self-sustained? All expenses and gifts were underwritten by many generous members of

the Fellowship. Direct donations for the party and gifts were \$839. The rental of the Senior Center and general expenses came to a total of \$417. The remaining \$422 was donated in Helen and Rob's name to the UU Legislative Ministry, the organization of their choice. Several dozen very hard working members and friends of Helen and Rob made it all happen. Thanks to everyone.

The **Women's Discussion Group** meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of most months. All women are welcome.
The NEXT MEETING is **Thursday July 22, 2010 at 1:30** at the home of **Peggy Fabricius**
575 Stanford Dr., SLO, phone: 544=3486. **Sandra Sondi** has chosen "**FACING CHALLENGES**" as her topic for discussion. Refreshments will be provided by Peggy and Anne Furtick.

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

Founders' Bank Parking Lot will be closed for sealing on July 24 & 25 so we will be unable to use it on Sunday morning, the 25th.

Summer 2010 Coverage for UUF-SLOC

We have a "Summer Coverage" plan while we are between ministers. These Board Members and/or Circle Coordinators have agreed to be a first point of contact in the event any situation arises that cannot be postponed or handled in the normal course of Fellowship business. The plan is set up in teams with a first and second person to call.

From 11 July to 24 July:
Susan Stenovec 549-8029 (home), 748-3428 (cell) sstenovec@yahoo.com
Norm Scott 227-4246 amphib-scott@gmail.com

From 25 July to 7 Aug:
Joyce Knight 489-9777 (home) 215-3411(cell) joycek777@gmail.com
Mary Jeanne Bonaventure 489-5387 (home) 202-6806 (John's cell) mjbonaventure@kcbx.net

Service Thanks...

To our dedicated Worship Associates:
July 18 - Kate Throop
July 25 - Carol Norton
Aug. 1 - TBD



To our Greeters:
Coordinator: Chris Cummings
July 18 (3rd Sunday)
John Faulkner & Chris Cummings
July 25 (4th Sunday)
Jan Clarke & John Alongi
Aug. 1 (1st Sunday)
Erna Kristensen & Dick Dannells



To our Welcome Teams:
Coordinator: Andrea Brown
July 18 (3rd Sunday)
Ann Williams, Frank Basich, & Gina Whitaker
July 25 (4th Sunday)
Laurie Napoli, Lefevre Family, & Bonnie Wamsley
Aug. 1 (1st Sunday)
Mary Jeanne Bonaventure, Andrea Caulfield, volunteer needed

To our Support Team & their Leaders
Coordinator: Joe St. Clair
July 18 - Social Justice
Gina Whitaker
July 25 - Worship Arts
Kate Throop
Aug. 1 - SLO #1
Jan Clarke



Joys, Sorrows & Concern Volunteers
Coordinator: Andrea Brown
July 18 - Jan Clarke
July 25 - Barbara Watson
Aug. 1 - Ann Williams



JOYS, SORROWS, & CONCERNS from 7/11/10

Lois Allen: This coming Wednesday, July 14, is Dick Allen's 86th birthday – and they are having one heck of a celebration in France (It's Bastille Day!).

Joyce & Richard Knight: Our Joy is that thanks to the efforts of so many who cleaned, painted, repaired things, installed flooring, hauled things, mowed, worked on the grounds, and also those who participated in Italian Night, the Edna house has never looked better! Our Parsonage was ready this weekend for Rev. Sean & Tone, and they are now moved in.

Ann Williams: I spent a great week in Charlottesville, VA, attending a family wedding and enjoying the lovely and historic community. The weather was fine for my visit.

Mary Jeanne Bonaventure & Richard Knight: We have a JOY that many folks from our Fellowship volunteered to spend an overnight with the Homeless Overflow here at Parker. Thank You, Thank You for helping those less fortunate than we are.

Peggy Fabricius: Six more of our U.S. "troops" died Saturday in the Afghanistan War – bringing the total deaths to 23 already this month. Does calling our military boys and girls "troops" make this any less tragic? In June 60 American troops were killed. The total deaths in this war is 1083. Where is the publicity? Is this less important than our other disasters?



WHERE HAVE ALL THE FLOWERS GONE??
Our sanctuary looks more appealing with flowers at the altar. Simple bouquets are fine, garden offerings are very welcome. The flowers can be taken home after the service. If you wish to have an arrangement in honor of a person or an event, just let us know. Sign up sheet for flowers is in the lobby near the water fountain. Any questions, please email Carol Norton at rumb1@charter.net.

FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT:

Six gallon plastic container used for lemonade at Helen/Rob's Goodbye party has been donated to UUSLO. Please contact June Minikel if you wish to use it.



DAY OF DECISION on Prop 8 Trial

A decision will be coming any day from Judge Walker on the Prop 8 trial just ended in San Francisco. We may only get a few hours' notice, so I am sending this email as the Chair of the Coalition of Welcoming Congregations to everyone who wishes to come **to MISSION PLAZA at the Amphitheatre area at 5:30 PM ON the Day of Decision** to either celebrate our victory or mourn another loss. We will need each other and will want to celebrate our community at that time.

We still have a long road ahead, as we know this case will go to the US Supreme Court eventually, irrespective of its outcome at this federal level. But it will be important to be together on this day!

Remember:

WHEN: ON Day of Decision

WHERE: Mission Plaza amphitheatre

WHY: To celebrate a victory or mourn another loss for marriage equality

HOW: Blessing and prayers from faith community leaders, and open mic for anyone wishing to share feelings, thoughts or to reach out for support.

We may only have a few hours' notice of the decision, or we may have 24-48 hours' notice. **Either way, see you at the Plaza on Day of Decision.** I will send out another email when the decision is announced.

Our event is posted at this web site where you can get updates on Day of Decision.

<http://equalityevents.ning.com/>

Gina Whitaker 805 481-0788

OFFICE VOLUNTEER NEEDED: Please see Jan Clarke (543-2394) janclarke@charter.net about helping in the office on Thursday, July 22. If we can't get a volunteer, the office will have to be closed.



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

March for Humanity

**SLO County Stands Up
Against State Budget Cuts!**

THURSDAY, JULY 29, 2010 / 5:00 - 7:30 PM

**Unite to Oppose More Cuts to Health Care and Social Services,
and Call for Closing Corporate Tax Loopholes Instead**

**5:00 PM - RALLY @ MITCHELL PARK, PISMO STREET, SLO
(BETWEEN SANTA ROSA AND OSOS)**

6:00 pm – SLO March for Humanity

7:00pm – Closing & Celebration @ Mitchell Park

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Child Care

These Programs are Solutions, not Problems!

Together, we have a voice.

Together, we can stop the insanity.

Together, we can protect the most vulnerable.

Together, we can provide a better future.

**Co-sponsored by: Central Coast Clergy and Laity for Justice, Central Coast Commission for Senior Citizens, Independent Living Resource Center, SLO Food Bank Coalition, Health Access
Supervisor James Patterson**

To volunteer or find out how your organization can get involved, contact:

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Jerry Mihaic, jmihaic@ilrc-trico.org, (805) 462-1162