

July 25,

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



Sunday, July 25

Worship & RE - 11:00am

Monday, July 26

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, July 27

Ladies of the Evening - 6:00pm

Wednesday, July 28

N&N deadline - 12:00pm

Thursday, July 29

LTHTF - 6:00pm

Friday, July 30

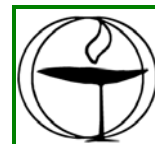
No events scheduled

Saturday, July 31

No events scheduled

Sunday, August 1

Worship & RE - 11:00am



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

News and Notes

From Religious Exploration

We had a GREAT time at Meadow Park last Sunday! It might get a bit dicey weather-wise in the winter, but we'll be trying to schedule RE in the Park once a month. Thanks to **Linda and Patrick Scott** who stepped in to help with some logistics at the last minute when I was panicking! And to **Tony Criscuolo** for showing us the relaxing side of working hard.

On August 1st we have a very special day planned. Our first *Family Chapel* of the new Church Year starts at 10:30am (in the RE Chapel) and EVERYONE is welcome to join us. We'll spend about 25 minutes exploring the mystery and wonder of the unknown that surrounds us the way children experience it. It's a different kind of worship, but there is a definite message for adults here as well – how open IS your mind to the unknown around you, really open? Maybe we can show you a trick or two, a little Magic to broaden your perspective before we send you off to the Sanctuary.

Then the morning continues as we whisk you away to explore the Magic in YoUU – our annual visit to our UU school of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Potions, Charms and a

little practical experience with the Care of Magical Creatures before we open the Quid-ditch pitch and break out the Butter Beer.

On Saturday, August 28th from 8am to about noon we need lots of willing hands (and a few strong backs) to help with cleanup and some reorganization of the RE area. EVERYTHING needs to be scrubbed and dusted, and we'll be expanding the Nursery area as well as moving the office which means moving some of the walls. Come for an hour or two anytime during the morning (although I need those strong backs first thing so we can get the walls moved before the cleaning really starts). If you can RSVP that would be great (especially if you fall into that "strong back" category), or just show up. There will be an abundant supply of donuts, fruit, coffee and juice to keep you awake and moving.

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
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Sunday Worship Service and Religious Exploration Classes

begin at 11 am at:
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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.

Admin News

Handy with a hammer? I need some assistance hanging a couple of new Bulletin Boards in the Community Room and RE – let me know if you can help.

Summer is always a time of transitions around your Fellowship, though most of them are fairly subtle. This summer is different. We welcome a new Minister and welcome he shall be! From the Administrator's point of view, that means trying to ensure that things run as simply and smoothly as possible.

So ... I need your help. Last year I asked for your input on a *Frequently Asked Questions* (or – *FAQ*) sheet on how the administration of your Fellowship works. Not many responses, so one more shot at it because I think it could be a real help to Rev. Sean as he joins us and tries to learn our systems as quickly as possible. If you were new to the Fellowship, or taking on a new role, what questions would you need answered quickly and easily? *Where do I find the form to get reimbursed? How do I schedule a committee meeting? Who do I talk to about a potential fund raiser?* What are YOUR questions – they are likely to be Reverend Sean's questions as well. This can also serve as a valuable resource for new members – but I could really use your ideas before I launch this project.

Thanks
David Robinson, Administrator
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RE Teaching Schedule

July 25: Jaymie and Scott Taylor, Alexandra Baele
August 1: Visiting Professorial Staff and House Elves from Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry (aka Ly-Lan Lofgren, Kerry Taylor, Andy Pease, and Assistant Headmistress Seneca Jacobson)
August 8: Gina Whitaker and Suzanne Phelan at Parker Street; David at Plaskett Creek.



Summer 2010 Coverage for UUFSLOC

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 25 July to 7 Aug:
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Plaskett Creek Campout Is Upon Us!

Our annual campout at Plaskett Creek is coming up in just a few weeks: Friday August 6th through Sunday the 8th. It's a wonderful weekend of fun and Fellowship. Come for the whole weekend or just for the day on Saturday (that's when most of the fun stuff happens). Information flyers are available in the Community Room, in RE, or on request. Space is limited, and there's always a chance we might fill up, so reserve your spot quickly by contacting me or **Donna MacCarley**.
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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.
jminikel@charter.net

Service Thanks...

To our dedicated Worship Associates:
July 25 - Carol Norton
Aug. 1 - TBD
Aug. 8 - TBD



To our Greeters:

Coordinator: Chris Cummings
July 25 (4th Sunday)
Erna Kristensen & John Alongi
Aug. 1 (1st Sunday)
Jan Clarke & Dick Dannells
Aug. 8 (2nd Sunday)
Richard Besel & Jessica Lynn



To our Welcome Teams:
Coordinator: Andrea Brown
July 25 (4th Sunday)
Laurie Napoli, Lefevre Family, & Bonnie Wamsley
Aug. 1 (1st Sunday)
Mary Jeanne Bonaventure, Andrea Caulfield, volunteer needed
Aug. 8 (2nd Sunday)
Renee Besel, Nancy Norwood, & John Alongi

To our Support Team & their Leaders
Coordinator: Joe St. Clair
July 25 - Worship Arts
Kate Throop
Aug. 1 - SLO #1
Jan Clarke
Aug. 8 - Whoever shows up!!!



Joy, Sorrows & Concern Volunteers
Coordinator: Ken Campos
July 25 - Barbara Watson
Aug. 1 - Ann Williams
Aug. 8 - Ron Sampson



Joys, Sorrows, and Concerns from 7/18/10

Mark Ratto died last Friday. He was cremated and his ashes scattered by family. His life partner, Barbara Watson, and her son were with us on Sunday. Our thoughts and prayers are with Barbara and all of Mark's family and friends.

Tom Norwood asked us to remember Sue Chippendale with prayer and cards. She faces test and treatments for thyroid lymphoma.

Gina Whitaker shared her Joy that last week's 13th Pride in the Plaza was terrific! Our worship service in the amphitheatre was well-received, and I was proud to introduce our Rev. Sean to my Clergy and Laity for Justice friends, as well as to my friends in the transgender community. UUF is visible in our support at Pride each year!

From Ruth Reason: Sorrow – Rev.. Paul Sawyer died recently. I was choir director of the Valley Unitarian Church in Van Nuys, CA, when he came in 1958 to be our Minister. I am glad that I got to see him at the reunion of the "Onion." (She had pictures.) Joy – I flew up to Salem, OR, for my granddaughter's beautiful wedding on the grounds of The State Capitol the last week in June. Joy – After 5 Great-Grandsons, and another on his way, I finally have a Great Granddaughter, Mylee Jo Reed born July 2nd, 7 pounds 2 ounces, 19 inches. She's a real joy!

From Jan Clarke: I just returned last week from a trip with my son and his family in Iowa. Had a lot of fun at the zoo and children's museum with my 2 and 4 year old grandsons. I have to admit that after 5 days, it was nice to come home. I picked up my 8 and 11 year old granddaughters on Friday in So Cal. They're here for a busy week, including camping at Lopez Lake for a couple of days and then a day at the Fair. That will give me two weeks to recover before I take off for my vacation to Calgary and Glacier National Park.

Barbara Lees wants her friends at UU to know that Mel is now under Hospice Care. According to Rev. Tom he is resting comfortably, but restlessly, at home. Cards would be appreciated.

People have been asking who takes care of my pastoral needs now that Helen is gone and our new minister not yet here. Rev. Tom Norwood is available during the month of July. (805) 544-0558 Thank you.



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



UFETA (UUs for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) Monthly Meeting August 3rd

Time 6 to 8 PM at Parker Street. We will begin 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**. We are pleased that at about 7PM,

following dinner Caroline Israel, Health and Nutrition Coach will give a presentation. The title of her talk is "Why Greens Should Be Your Best Friend."

She will touch upon the health implications of a diet deficient in leafy greens, other veggies, and fruit, why increasing your raw veggie intake isn't very much fun (at first) and the psychology of dietary change. Please come and bring a friend!!

From Selma to Phoenix, Civil Rights to Human Rights, to the Rights of Mother Earth!

Summer of Human Rights
Phoenix, Arizona

Resistance has sparked across the state of Arizona to overturn SB1070 and all racist policies that further criminalize Hispanic people and separate families. The Obama Administration's Justice Department has filed a lawsuit against SB 1070, taking decisive action to intervene in Arizona. Alto Arizona and other organizations are organizing to root out the political establishment of hate, intolerance and division. They are calling all people of conscience who are able and ready to dedicate time and effort towards this cause to come to Arizona this summer. They need organizers, artists, lawyers, communicators, trainers to help build the resistance this summer and beyond. This effort will run throughout the summer, kicking off on July 1st.

A national call to come to Arizona on July 28-30 to protest the implementation of SB 1070 has been issued. If you are interested in doing some serious interfaith human rights work, contact Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Phoenix. She is asking you to come to Phoenix to be a part of the National Day of Non-Compliance with SB 1070.

Rev. Frederick-Gray says this:

"On July 29th, the day SB 1070 goes into effect, Maricopa County law enforcement has announced major sweeps and raids to implement the law. Whether or not the law takes effect that day, all will be needed -- particularly ministers, with your collars on -- to witness and support families.

"We need at least 200 clergy and laity from across the country to come and support the human rights movement here on the ground. We can provide assistance with travel to those who most need it. We can also help with home hospitality.

"What is happening to families in Arizona is wrong. Taking parents away from their children is a violation of human rights and of Love's law - of God's law. When families are being terrorized, I must stand up for what my faith tells me is good and right. And I need your help."

Now is the time to attend to each other with love and compassion, and may the solidarity we share strengthen us for the challenging journey that lies ahead.

Will you join hundreds of faith community activists and Stand on the Side of Love?

March for Humanity SLO County Stands Up Against State Budget Cuts!

Central Coast Clergy and Laity for Justice has joined in support of a coalition of agencies who are facing real cuts in their budgets so that their ability to meet the needs of their clients will be seriously compromised.

We are gathering to express our frustration with our governor's proposed budget cuts which will deny needed services to our children, our seniors and our families. Home health care, CalWorks, food programs, education, health care and child care are ALL on the chopping block!

We are being called to speak out instead for a Family Recovery Budget!

Join with the Central Coast Commission for Senior Citizens, Independent Living Resources Center, the SLO Food Bank Coalition, Health Access, Supervisor Jim Patterson and others who will speak and march for economic justice on

Thursday, July 29 - Mitchell Park
Pismo St. at Santa Rosa
San Luis Obispo
5:00 PM Rally and Speakers
6:00 PM March through Farmers' Market
7:00 PM Closing and Celebration - Mitchell Park

More info:

Carl Hansen, SLO Food Bank Coalition

chansen@slofoodbank.org

Jerry Mihaic, Independent Living Resources Center

jmihaic@ilrc-trico.org

Health Human Services Network CA

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 UUFSLOC 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:

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Thank you!