

August 15, 2010  
2010



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

## Sunday, August 15

9:45am - Cafe Socrates  
11am - Worship & RE  
"Worshipping Diversity:  
Valuing the Other." - Ken Hill  
Newsletter Deadline 12 pm  
**Monday, August 16**  
No events scheduled.

## Tuesday, August 17

5:30pm- Hospitality Training  
7pm - Men's Group

## Wednesday, August 18

12pm - N&N Deadline  
2pm - Sr. Men's Group

## Thursday, August 19

10:30 - 5 Cities Men's Grp  
6:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, August 20

No events scheduled.

## Saturday, August 21

9am - RE Teacher Training

## Sunday, August 22

11am - Worship & RE  
"The Integrity of the In-  
Between: Rev. Sean  
Parker Dennison

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

# News and Notes

### From Religious Exploration

Our annual contribution to the art work that hangs on the sanctuary walls will be completed today with the help of Joan Scott. This year we'll be working with a medium we have never used before for an art presentation. Any guesses?

On Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> 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  
544-1669, [uufslocdre@yahoo.com](mailto:uufslocdre@yahoo.com)

### RE Teaching Schedule

August 15: Birgit Simmons, Christina Zaro, Don Reynolds, Andy Pease, Joan Scott  
August 22: Janet Murphy, Jaymie and Scott Taylor, Alexandra Baele



### Board Corner

Do you have questions or comments for your Board of Trustees? Interested in what happened at the recent Board meeting Tuesday night? After you've had a chance to have refreshments, come on back to the corner of the sanctuary (by the exit door) and join the discussion. We'll be there from 12:15-12:30. Hope to see you there.

### 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

Today we enter new territory with the start of Reverend Sean Dennison Parker's Interim Ministry with us. But it's not totally unfamiliar territory. We had an Interim Minister in 2000. We had Ministerial Assistance during Helen's Sabbatical back in 2006. And one of the big questions we asked ourselves then, and should ask again, is what we as individuals can do to make his time with us both productive and joyous. As your Congregation Administrator it's my job to see that he has the tools to do his job. We'll learn a lot about HIS responsibilities to US in the coming weeks. Take a moment to think about YOUR responsibilities to HIM.

A request to folks who do our regular weekly fundraising activities and use the Fundraiser Collection report – please be sure that the persons signing the form to verify the amounts are adults. Got a form recently that was co-signed by one of the RE kids and while they are certainly capable of doing the math, it puts me and the child in a very awkward position if anything goes wrong. This is one responsibility that needs to rest firmly on adult shoulders. In general, the people who sign the forms should be "voting" members – people who have signed the membership book and have a stake in the financial stability of the Fellowship.

Thanks

David Robinson, Administrator; 544-1669; uuslo@slonet.org

## 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.

Aug 8 thru Aug 21: Eric Olsen - 602-0228 (cell), 782-9506 (home) or Chris Cummings - 709-7404 (cell), 439-0772 (home)



## Auction Items Needed

Our services auction is coming up and we need your help. This is the Fellowship's largest fundraiser of the year. If you love to host dinners, have a skill to teach, service to offer, games to play, outings to go on, or something unique to offer WE NEED YOU! The success of the auction is not measured just by the income generated, but also by the sense of community felt by everyone's participation. This year will be different. Our live auction will be October 16<sup>th</sup> and our silent auction will be in January. We will also have entertainment at the auction so be sure to come and check it out this year. Think about what items you can contribute and fill out the form. Volunteers are also needed. Forms are at the Fellowship and will be e-mailed out or contact Laurie Napoli at [vnapoli@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vnapoli@sbcglobal.net) or 466-3407.

## GOT COFFEE? MAYBE NOT!

Transition is coming to our after service coffee time! The job of coffee making, service and clean up is being passed to the set up teams. How important is our coffee time after the service? The fact is that the current coffee crews are getting worn thin and worn out. The option was to discontinue this now weekly event or have the set up teams take it on. Joe St. Clair will be filling out the teams and adding this job to the groups. The current Hospitality team will help with the transition.

There will be a training session at the Fellowship on Tuesday evening, August 17 at 5:30 pm. Rosemary Lucier and Meredith Whitaker will be there as tutors

Questions? Ask your circle leader or call Meredith Whitaker at 594-1133.

## Service Thanks...

To our dedicated Worship Associates:

**Aug 15 - Gina Whitaker**

**Aug 22 - Kate Throop**

**Aug 29 - Susan Stenovec**



To our Greeters:

Coordinator: Chris Cummings

**Aug. 15 (3rd Sunday)**

**John Faulkner & Chris Cummings**

**Aug. 22 (4th Sunday)**

**Jan Clarke & John Alongi**

**Aug 29 (5th Sunday)**

**Pete Bennett & Carol Singleton**



To our Welcome Teams:

Coordinator: Andrea Brown

**Aug. 15 (3rd Sunday)**

**Ann Williams, Frank Basich, & Gina Whitaker**

**Aug. 22 (4th Sunday)**

**Laurie Napoli, Bonnie Wamsley, & The Lefevre Family**

**Aug. 29 (5th Sunday)**

**Priscilla Akin, Volunteer needed**

To our Support Team & their Leaders

Coordinator: Joe St. Clair

**Aug. 15 - People's Kitchen**

**Renee Besel**

**Aug. 22 - Garden Gang**

**Joyce Knight**

**Aug 29 -**



Joys, Sorrows & Concern Volunteers

Coordinator: Ken Campos

**Aug. 15- Jan Clarke**

**Aug. 22 - Barbara Watson**

**Aug 29 -**



### Joys, Sorrows & Concerns from 8/8/10

Joyce Knight: My Joy is that thanks to arthroscopic knee surgery on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, I can now walk again without pain!

Gina Whitaker: It was with great Joy!!! that I received the news on Wednesday that Judge Vaughn Walker had ruled Proposition 8 UNCONSTITUTIONAL!! The rally at Mission Plaza that evening was a beautiful celebration of LOVE with over 150 people. Though the road ahead is still long, we can take a breather to appreciate our victory!!!

Jo Anne Milburn: It's my Joy that we have such an articulate letter-writer in the Fellowship as Meredith Whitaker. Be sure to see her letter in the Tribune today about immigration.

June Minikel: My nephew and his girlfriend visited me last weekend and what a joy to have them to pamper. We went to Hearst Castle, elephant seals, and wine tasting, all for the first time! Bubble Gum Alley even grosses out 27 year olds. We had a grand time!

Meredith Whitaker: I've enjoyed managing our after service coffee since we met at Foothill and I'm ready to "retire." So I'm looking forward to the gradual turnover of the Hospitality job to our set-up teams. Watch the News & Notes for our progress!



### A New Circle Emerges

In times of transition, clear, effective communication is especially important, not just within an organization, but with the larger community as well. To this end, a new Circle has emerged: the Communications Circle. This circle will encompass *News and Notes* (our weekly bulletin), *The SLO UU News* (our monthly newsletter), the website, the email listserve, and public relations (such as press releases and media activities). Reneé Besel will serve as Circle coordinator, and Priscilla Akin will fill Reneé's previous role as Social Responsibility Circle coordinator. If you have any questions about the new Circle, or if you are interested in becoming involved with this Circle, please contact Reneé.



### Annual Women's Retreat

Our annual Women's Retreat will be held at Camp Ocean Pines, a lovely wooded, seaside location on 12 acres in Cambria on October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. It is a wonderful opportunity to reflect, relax, laugh and bond with other women. There will be interesting workshops, craft projects, a community building event Saturday evening and a workshop and service on Sunday. Take time to connect, renew and enjoy the beautiful setting with each other. The retreat cost is \$85 for Saturday and Sunday (overnight optional) with four meals or \$55 for one day only and two meals to be paid at the time of registration. Registration deadline is September 18<sup>th</sup>. Forms at church or e-mail Laurie Napoli at [vnapoli@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vnapoli@sbcglobal.net) to have a form e-mailed to you.



### UU Music

Hi Folks, We are beginning a new season, with a new Interim Minister and hopes and prayers for fellowship, for worship together, for friendship, for music, for social justice. It seems we've had so many losses over the last few years. It certainly makes me more somber when I don't see the faces of my friends in our congregation.

Choir practice is officially beginning Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. We only had 1 month without rehearsals, but somehow it seems like a long, long time ago.

We, as the choir, want to be a part of this community that faithfully represents our values and inspires through music. We want to be an extension of the congregation. We want to hold hands and shout out for peace, pain, joy, love. Let's think of ourselves as a whole and not just parts!

Oh, and there's one more thing. We have a new especial musician who is a new member. Jim Riccardo, and his wife Pat Crowns, have moved from Minneapolis to become part of the Central Coast. Jim, who plays more than one instrument, will be playing his violin for our service this week, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Please come to hear the beautiful music! Sorry that his name didn't make it to the order of service; Jim also plays the viola. Welcome Jim and Pat!

Next week, a small version of our choir will be present to welcome Rev. Sean. We have a new piece of music to sing which was introduced at GA this summer. It's called "Stand!" by Amy Carol Webb.



## A Month of Sundays

Aug.15, 2010 - "Worshipping Diversity: Valuing the Other" – Ken Hill

Ken writes: Worship is not just for deities. How can we use this act of valuing--of ascribing worth--to appreciate each other and the world we live in? What can we learn through the challenges, joys and benefits of living in a diverse world?

### (Interim Minister Rev. Sean Parker Dennison begins his ministry with us on August 22)

Aug. 22, 2010- "The Integrity of the In-Between" – Rev. Sean Parker Dennison

Rev. Sean tells a little of his own story to reflect on the beauty of the "in-between". All of us are too big, too messy, too complex to fit in the little "boxes" in our culture.

Aug. 29, 2010 - "Many Waters, One Source" – Rev. Sean Parker Dennison

Bring water that represents your journeys (in the world or inward). We will end the summer by sharing in a ritual gathering of these waters and stories.

Sept. 5, 2010 -"Gather 'Round the Campfire" - Storyteller Kirk Henning will be our guest speaker as we explore endings and beginnings. Kirk is the drama coach at Coast High School in Cambria, and has taught story-telling workshops for elementary and middle-school age children up and down the coast, as well as at Cal Poly for teachers and other adults. Lois Allen will minister musically and David Robinson will help us get settled around the campfire as we bid our summer services a fond farewell.

*"If stories come to you, care for them, and learn to give them away where they are needed. Sometimes a person needs a story more than food to stay alive."* – Barry Lopez, in Crow and Weasel.



**MISSING PACKAGE:** If anyone by mistake picked up a package of navy and gold fabric for choir stoles, please return them to the church office; or call Carol Norton at 991-6978. Thanks.



## From the Treasurer

Financial Update: Thanks to you, we had a good month in July. Income exceeded expenses during a month when giving often drops off. Let's work together to keep the momentum going. Look for a letter with an update on the status of your contributions in the near future.

Terry Throop, Treasurer

## 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 [rummy1@charter.net](mailto:rummy1@charter.net).



## Circle Suppers Sign Up

It is time to sign up for circle suppers. Circle suppers will have a potluck September 18<sup>th</sup> and November 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be no circle supper October 16<sup>th</sup> so we can all go to the auction at the Fellowship and have dinner with everyone. We can bring food to the auction dinner instead of our potluck and enjoy the entertainment this year and bid on lots of interesting and fun items. Circle Supper forms are at the Fellowship or e-mail Laurie Napoli at [ynapoli@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ynapoli@sbcglobal.net) to have a circle supper form e-mailed to you.