

January 9,
2011

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



Sunday, January 9

9:45am - Choir Rehearsal
11am - Worship & RE
"This I Believe" Carol Norton
12:30-2nd Sunday Conversation w/Board

Monday, January 10

6pm-Ministry Council

Tuesday, January 11

4:30p-RE Committee
6pm-Board of Trustees

Wednesday, January 12

12pm - N&N Deadline
2pm-Membership Com.

Thursday, January 13

1:30p-Women's Disc. Grp.

7pm - Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 14

5:30p-Night at the Movies

Saturday, January 15

Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, January 16

9:45am - Choir Rehearsal
9:45am-Cafe Socrates
11am- Worship & RE
12:45pm-Brown Bag Concert

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

News and Notes

From Religious Exploration

Today we're back to our *Moral Tales*. Don't forget, you'll need your *Gems of Goodness* books every Sunday from now on. Hope you're keeping track of the good things you share with the world around you so you can share them with US!

Secret Pal sign up sheets for the kids are available in RE and electronically on request. Adult sign up forms are available in RE, in the Community Room and on request. Our coordinators – **Seneca Jacobson and Kate Throop** – and other helpers will be roaming the halls looking for adult volunteers. If you have never participated, please check out the information sheets available in the Community Room or ask ANYONE who has participated in the past what a great experience it was. The kids look forward to this more than any other RE event all year. They love getting to know YOU; and you'll love getting to know THEM.

We have a few openings in the Classroom Assistants schedule. Can you give one Sunday a month to help out in RE? See David if you need more details about what the job involves. The commitment is for about two hours once a month. We REALLY need your help and being with the kids is a wonderful way to see worship from a new angle.

In **Joy**, David Robinson

RE Teaching Schedule

January 9: Katy Ayer, Suzanne Phelan, VOLUNTEER needed!

January 16: Satia Hawken-Widmann, Christina Zaro, Don Reynolds, Andy Pease

January 23: Janet Murphy – and VOLUNTEERS (wow these fourth Sundays are getting hard to fill!)

January 30: Gina Whitaker, Alexandra Baele



Second Sunday Conversation with the Board: Presentation of Findings from the Long Term Home Task Force

After the service on Sunday, Jan 9, the Long Term Home Task Force will present our findings on the Exit Poll Survey taken after the Edna vote last February and our analysis of the current real estate market. This information was presented at the December Board meeting and we would like to bring everyone up to speed. Please join us for an interesting conversation.

Cheers, Eric Olsen and Susan Stenovec for the LTHTF

**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.

Admin News

It's the end of the Calendar / Tax year so everyone has money on their minds. Committees and groups with line items (expense and / or income) in the church budget will be getting a report by the end of January on where they stand half way through the fiscal year. Watch your group mailbox in the office.

Individuals will be receiving a statement about 2010 charitable donations made to the Fellowship sometime this month. These will be mailed to your home address. If you have any comments or questions about the content, contact the Office. If you have made donations but not received a letter by the end of January, contact the Office.

Thanks

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Office hours: Mon – Wed 9am – 1pm. The Office is staffed by volunteers on Thursday and Friday.



UUMusic

Happy New Year to every one of you who may be reading this. Our UU adult choir will be singing again beginning January 16th. We try to sing for 3 services a month and work hard to study and learn subject-appropriate music for Sunday services.

I wanted to let you all know that we have a special opportunity this month to sponsor a **Brown Bag Concert at UU Fellowship**. Two violists who play with the San Luis Obispo Symphony have asked me if I'd run through the Bach Brandenburg Concerto No. 6 with them with an audience before their larger concert at Mission de Toloso on January 30th. David Hennessee and Karen Loewi Jones will be playing this concerto with me at 12:45AM at the Parker Street sanctuary on January 16th. It's free and we'd like to have a crowd.

The concert at The Mission on the 30th will include Brandenburg

3,4,5, and 6 and will be played with the San Luis Obispo Chamber Orchestra. Our Brown Bag Concert is just a "warm-up" and we are fortunate that David and Karen have asked us to do this. Yours in music,
Rebecca



UUF SLOC BOARD MEETING AGENDA

January 11, 2011 6:00 PM

2010-2011 Goals

Renew our vision
Celebrate our strengths
Move forward together

Welcome and Lighting of the Chalice
Review/update agenda

Centering: Celebrating Our

Strengths – Thank you

Consent Agenda – Minutes and Reports

Re-new Our Vision Process: Follow up on October 2010 discussion about a congregation-wide process for renewing our vision

Search Committee: Update on Search Committee selection process and Board involvement in making phone calls

Articles of Incorporation: Proposal to initiate process to update Articles of Incorporation to more clearly indicate religious status

Mid-year Budget Review

Long Term Home: Review of Congregation Conversation & Discussion on Next Steps

Cafe Socrates - Sun.1/16/11 - 9:45am

"Can religious faith ever achieve a status greater than an hypothesis?"

Coffee Support Schedule

First Sunday-Meredith Whitaker

Second Sunday- Katy Ayer

Third Sunday- Deene Shahinian

Fourth Sunday- Rosemary Lucier

The occasional Fifth Sunday-Erna Kristensen

This group will be available to help newcomers to the coffee routine

Service Thanks...

To our dedicated Worship Associates:

Jan. 9 - **Barbara Watson**

Jan. 16 - **Renee Besel**

Jan. 23 - **Rev. Sean**



To our Greeters:

Coordinator: Chris Cummings

Jan. 9 (2nd Sunday)

Richard Besel & Jessica Lynn

Jan. 16 (3rd Sunday)

John Faulkner & Chris Cummings

Jan. 23 (4th Sunday)

Jan Clarke & John Alongi



To our Welcome Teams:

Coordinator: Andrea Brown

January 9 (2nd Sunday)

Renee Besel, John Alongi, & Nancy Norwood

January 16 (3rd Sunday)

Ann Williams, Frank Basich, & Gina Whitaker

January 23 (4th Sunday)

Laurie Napoli, Bonnie Wamsley, & The Lefevre Family

To our Support Team & their Leaders

Coordinator: Joe St. Clair

Jan. 9 - **Garden Gang**

John Faulkner

Jan. 16 - **People's Kitchen**

Renee Besel

Jan. 23 -



Joys, Sorrows & Concern Volunteers

Coordinator: Ken Campos

Jan. 9 - **Ron Sampson**

Jan. 16 - **Jan Clarke**

Jan. 23 - **Carol Norton**



Joys, Sorrows, & Concerns 1/2/11

Carol Singleton: I would greatly appreciate any mental support/prayers the UU community can give to me and my daughter Daniela. We will be traveling up to Stanford Medical Center for a noon appointment this coming Tuesday to confirm a diagnosis of a bone disorder affecting her skull and to determine what, if any, treatment she can get to relieve the horrible headaches she has had continuously since December 4.

Andy Pease: Our thoughts are with Ralph and Meredith Whitaker. Meredith is having a difficult recovery after a 'small' stroke before Christmas.

Ralph Whitaker: Someone ELSE is doing coffee today... and tomorrow, too. Thanks! Meredith is MUCH better now – at Mission Health Service on Southwood. She could hardly wait for yesterday's Rose Bowl Game. Talkative. Questions. I'll be visiting after Church if you have any messages.

Scott Cleere: It has been a joy to have my son Jeremy home for the holiday – I'm sad that he will be heading back to school up in Vancouver, but know he is growing into a beautiful, educated young man.

John & Joy Gault: Thank you – ALL of you who bring fruit and vegetables – We enjoy them!

Patricia Gulliver: I start my new job Monday. After orientation, I will be working the 11pm to 7am shift. Yippee!? Thanks again for all your support over the years.

FROM JSC Coordinator:

Thanks to all the volunteers for their service in 2010 as we look forward to a year of community-building in 2011. Changes are afoot as well for 2011, as Rev. Sean had requested to streamline the Joys, Sorrows and Concerns forms we use on Sunday morning. The new style will be a single form on which you may circle the word "Joy," "Sorrow" or "Concern" at the top of the page. The rest of the form is similar to the old forms. We will implement the new form on Sunday 01/16/11.

Ken Campos



Who Do You Love?

Show your LOVE and send a Valentine's Cupcake'o'gram. RE is sponsoring a cupcake fundraiser. Surprise your valentine with a personalized cupcake to be delivered by the RE kids during Social Hour after service on Sunday, February 13th. Place your order at the table we'll have set up on Sundays starting January 16th, or email your order to David (uufslocdre@yahoo.com). Specify whether you want chocolate or vanilla cake (all cupcakes will have vanilla buttercream frosting).

Any questions or want to place an order or want to buy your Walk tickets early? Contact David in RE.

Attention - Artists and Friends:

The **Art Committee** will meet in the Sanctuary, **12:15 - 12:30**, after the service **this Sunday**. It is time to **brainstorm themes for shows** for the next 6 months or more, so I need your help. Bring ideas to share or email me at moonwatch@tcsn.net . If you speak to any other artists or supporters, please share this request.

We will have a longer meeting on **Sunday, Jan. 30th** after the service to finalize our list and discuss dates. Then we will be hanging the traveling photo show "IN OUR FAMILY: Portraits of All Kinds of Families" on Wed. February 2 (10 am - 12 noon), with the opening on Friday, February 4th with **Art After Dark**, 6 to 9 pm. Details and sign-up for help with the reception - at the meeting. You-all come!! Joan Scott 227-4246

A cause that could use your assistance

I am often amazed, and at the same time disappointed, when I hear the stories of some of our "elders." I am amazed at what they have done and the concerns they have addressed over their years. I am disappointed in that I did not hear about the stimulating events in their lives until their memorial services. I often think that it would be good to hear these stories from the person themselves rather than second hand. So how could I/we hear these stories?

Three of us have talked a little about having a celebration of the lives of our elders. Currently we have 22 members who are 80 years of age or older. What are their stories? We do have a tentative plan but no date! In order to do justice to such a celebration we need the help of more members or friends who will commit to working on one or more of the aspects of this celebration such as decorating the sanctuary, planning a pot-luck, searching the internet, interviewing our elders etc. We think that we need a committee of 8-10 persons,

Can you help us celebrate the lives and contributions of our elders while they are with us? Can you serve our community in this way?

If you can help in this matter please contact either Andrea Brown (528-8647 or Candrea93402@yahoo.com) or Jan Clarke (543-2394 or janclarke@charter.net)



FREE MONEY FOR OUR FELLOWSHIP

All you have to do is buy the things you usually buy, organic chocolate, coffee, tea, cocoa, rice, quinoa, dried cranberries, from the Fair Trade Market on Sundays before or after the worship service. A portion of that purchase goes to **our Fellowship**. The main focus of Fair Trade is to pay a fair price to the farmers in developing countries who, otherwise, have to deal with middlemen who do not give them a fair price. By buying Fair Trade you are helping twice: our Fellowship and poor farmers around the world.

Thank you.



Jan. 9 “This I Believe” - Carol Norton. Members and friends of the congregation will share – in a variety of forms – their beliefs and values.

Jan. 16 “Building Communities of Compassion” - Rev. Sean. Compassion is a central tenet of all major religions. Rev. Sean explores what it would mean for us to intentionally build communities of compassion in our congregations and beyond.

Jan. 23 “Holding Tight & Letting Go” - Rev. Bets Weinecke

Jan. 30 “Stone Upon Stone” - Rev. Sean reflects on the many small steps that make it possible for us to build a better world.



The WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of most months. All women are welcome to join us.

Our **NEXT MEETING** is IMPORTANT! It is January 13, 2011 at 1:30pm. It will be held at Morro Shores Clubhouse, 633 Ramona Ave., Los Osos. This is our special Planning Session. Come with your ideas for our topics of discussion. **Dee Dee DeSantos** will facilitate. **She and Ruth Reasor** will provide refreshments. As usual, please carpool, if possible.

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

You're Invited! CCCLJ January Meeting Commemorates MLK; Unravels the State Budget

Title: “Martin Luther King, Jr., and the State Budget: A Context for Action”

Central Coast Clergy and Laity for Justice invites the public to a commemoration of the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr., on Thursday, January 20, 2011. A time for fellowship and networking will begin at 6:00 pm and the program will follow at 6:30 with a Reader's Theater of selections from the writings of Dr. King. Jessica Rothhaar, Health Access Program Director and SLO Budget Coalition resource person, will then speak on our state budget crisis, focusing on the theme, “Martin Luther King, Jr., and the State Budget: A Context for Action.” The program will be held at the United Church of Christ, 11245 Los Osos Valley Rd., SLO. For further information, call Rich Kurrasch (805.704.3356).



What Are You Doing on MLK Weekend?

Martin Luther King was all about community organizing and fighting against war, racism and poverty. Here's a way to honor his legacy, and make that "day off school or work" meaningful for your family: In the spirit of Martin Luther King's commitment to fighting poverty and hunger, and reaching out to help our neighbors, The Food Bank Coalition will be holding its annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service food drive with the Central Coast United for Change. This event will take place on **Saturday, January 15th, 8:30 - 11:30 AM** in communities throughout the county! We need volunteers to distribute grocery bags to local neighborhoods throughout San Luis Obispo County. **On Monday, January 17th at 8:30-11:30 AM** we need volunteers to return to pickup the filled bags. This is an excellent chance to make a positive difference in our community, and I encourage you to join us in our efforts.

The food and funds we raise will help the Food Bank Coalition supply food for more than 200 partner agencies. These agencies consist of organizations such as food pantries, soup kitchens, senior centers, churches, and other non-profit organizations that are working to fight hunger in our community.

Here are ways you can help:

- * Volunteer to help with the MLK Food Drive by distributing and collecting the bags on Saturday, Jan 15th -- it's easy, we'll tell you how!
- * Donate non-perishable food to the Food Bank during our drive. We will have drop off locations throughout the county.
- * Donate cash on line at www.slofoodbank.org Every \$1 received can provide 10 lbs of food!!

If you would like more information please visit <http://centralcoastunitedforchange.org/>. Or please don't hesitate to call Megan or Stephanie at (805) 238-4664 to discuss availability and any questions you may have.

On behalf of those in need as well as the entire Food Bank Staff, we thank you for your participation. Together we can truly make a difference.

Sincerely,
Megan Chicoine & Stephanie Lossinsky
Volunteer Coordinators