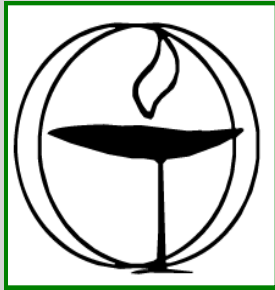


January 1,
2012



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

News and Notes

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

Sunday, January 1

9:45 - Choir Rehearsal
11am- Worship & RE
12:30 - Social Justice
Committee

Monday, January 2

Office Closed.

Tuesday, January 3

7pm - Lit Wits

Wednesday, January 4

12pm- N&N Deadline

Thursday, January 5

10:30 - Five Cities Men's
Group
7pm - Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 6

No events scheduled.

Saturday, January 7

10:00 - Art Show Hanging

Sunday, January 8

9:45 - Choir Rehearsal
11am- Worship & RE
12:30 - Second Sunday
Conversation

Coming Soon...

January 15 - Beyond Cate-
gorical Thinking Workshop

There's still time to help the Fellowship with 2011 tax-deductible contributions.

There's still time for your support to be recog-
nized in the 2011 Tax Year.

We deposited a large check with the escrow
company on Tuesday, and expect to take
possession of Our New Home on Wednes-
day, December 28, 2011.

The funds that made that transaction possible
came from the earlier generosity-of members
of the congregation.

We still need money to pay for the renova-
tions and to reduce the balance of our perma-
nent mortgage. You'll be receiving a solicita-
tion for the 2012 Capital Campaign soon.

However, if you want to make a contribution
to the building fund or to the operating fund,
your contribution will be eligible to be listed as
a charitable donation for 2011 if the check is
dated and postmarked (or carried to the
UUFSLOC office) on or before December
31. (Please consult your tax advisor for de-
tails.)

Sorry, but checks deposited in the offering
basket on Sunday, January 1, 2012 don't
qualify, no matter what date is on the check.
If you have questions, please contact Terry
Throop, Treasurer at 995-3204 or terryth-
roop@gmail.com

Closing Escrow!

By the time you read this, we will have
closed escrow on the Lawton/Meadow prop-
erty! In the coming weeks you'll see: more
access to the property for those who want a
first, second and third look around; posting of
possible designs for the renovation; interview-
ing contractors; finalizing the construction
budget and schedule; and launching the capi-
tal campaign. As always, the latest infor-
mation and documents are available at the
Lawton website,

<http://uufslolawton.wordpress.com/>.

Yes, there's lots to do, but, as I think back
on the past 2 months of chaos/excitement,
the past few years of questions and soul-
searching, and the past 5+ years without a
settled home, I personally plan on reveling in
this moment, with prayers of gratitude, and
yes, a glass of champagne!

Andy Pease, for the Board of Trustees

**Keep up to date with all aspects of our
new home project on Lawton Street .**

For the latest information visit:

<http://uufslolawton.wordpress.com/>

Sunday Worship Service and Religious Exploration Classes

begin at 11 am at:

at 2074 Parker St (Suite 100) 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.**



Admin News

Upcoming Office closures:
Mon., Jan. 2, and Mon., Jan. 16.

The new web site is now visible, so it's time for CONTENT. First, spend some time exploring what's there and how it's arranged.

Then, concentrating on your area of concern, decide what *should* be there. Then contact me and let's get it there. The best way - make an appointment to meet with me in the office so we can make changes, review the layout

and make decisions in real time. You'll be able to make sure it looks just the way you want it to look. Second best - send me the content electronically (preferably in Word; but in the body of an email if you don't have Word) and I'll transfer it to the Web Site.

After the basic content is set up, I'll be conducting classes on some very simple ways YOU can keep your area of the web site up to date. But let's get rid of that "Under Construction" banner first!

Thanks
David Robinson, Administrator; 544-1669; uuslo@slonet.org
Office hours: Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm.
The Office is staffed by volunteers on Thursday and Friday.



Did you know?

You can check out the Fellowship's Facebook page even if you don't use Facebook? Just go to:
<http://www.facebook.com/UUFSLO>
- see what's happening!

RE Teaching Schedule

Dec 25: David - Merry Christmas!
Jan 1: Ly-Lan Lofgren, Andy Pease, Volunteer needed.
Jan 8: Katy Ayer, Suzanne Phelan, Gina Whitaker.

News & Notes Articles

Please remember to submit all articles for News and Notes to uuslo@slonet.org by Wednesday noon of each week (Please note this coming week the deadline is Tuesday, 12/27). Please put N&N in the subject line as well as a word or two about the subject of the article. That makes it a lot easier to find the article I'm looking for than if all the subject lines just say News and Notes. Also, if the item isn't dated, please indicate how long you want it to run.

Thanks, Jan Clarke, N&N Editor

New Art Show of "FAVORITES"

It is time for a new art show of some of our "FAVORITES", to be hung **next Saturday, January 7** from 10 AM to 12 noon. Let's put up a colorful and exciting show of paintings, photos, collages, etc. -- work that you have done or that is part of your collection and favorites! You may bring in 2 or 3 pieces, ready to hang, and include a sentence or two to describe the work and tell us why it is a "favorite". Let's start 2012 with a great show!! Questions? Joan Scott 227-4246 moonwatch@tcsn.net

ART COMMITTEE meeting on Sunday, January 22

All interested UU's and friends are invited to discuss art plans for the new year and the new church building. We will meet from 12:30 to 1:30 in the RE area on Sunday, Jan. 22, and then you can attend the concert in the sanctuary at 2 PM, if you wish. Let me know of any art related topics you would like us to discuss. Put this on your calendar and join us! Joan Scott 227-4246 moonwatch@tcsn.net

Coffee Support Schedule

First Sunday-Rosemary Lucier
Second Sunday- Katy Ayer
Third Sunday- Carol Lewellen
Fourth Sunday- Deene Shahinian

For latest updates on UU matters, be sure you are on the UU Email Roster. Send an email to Gene Fabricius to be connected: efabrici@calpoly.edu

Service Thanks...

To our dedicated Worship Associates:

Jan. 1 - Carol Norton
Jan. 8 - Janet Murphy
Jan 15 - Ly-Lan Lofgren



To our Greeters:

Coordinator: Chris Cummings

Jan. 1 (1st Sunday)
Erna Kristensen & Dick Dannells
Jan. 8 (2nd Sunday)
Jan Clarke & Jessica Lynn
Jan 15 (3rd Sunday)
John Faulkner, Marilyn Fentress



To our Welcome Teams:

Coordinator: Andrea Brown

January 1 (1st Sunday)
Sandra Sondhi, Jessica Lynn, and Mary Jeanne Bonaventure
January 8 (2nd Sunday)
Renee Besel, Anne Furtick, and Nancy Norwood
January 15 (3rd Sunday)
Frank Basich, Gina Whitaker, and Ann Williams

To our Support Team & their Leaders

Coordinator: Joe St. Clair

Jan. 1 - Joyce Knight
The Garden Gang
Jan. 8 - June Minikel
Membership Committee
Jan. 15 - Renee Besel
The People's Kitchen



Joys, Sorrows & Concern Volunteers

Coordinator: Volunteer Needed

Jan. 1 - Penny Porter
Jan. 8 - Ron Sampson
Jan. 15 - Jan Clarke



Jan. 8 - "Moving Forward Together," Board of Trustees
 The Board's goals over the past two years have been moving forward together and practicing compassion. The theme for January is wholeness. The Board Service, therefore, will focus on how moving forward together with compassion is helping to bring us to a sense of wholeness.

Jan. 15 - "Families and Faith," Mr. Barb Greve
 The Beyond Categorical Thinking (BCT) program works with congregations to promote inclusive thinking and help prevent discrimination in the ministerial search process. The congregation will learn more about its institutional culture, examine ways it can be more inclusive, and surface subtle and often unintentional, unconscious biases members hold that may affect the search for a new minister.

Jan. 22 - "A Word to the Wise," Dr. Lee Barker, president of Meadville Lombard Theological School

Jan. 29 - "Finding Wholeness," Rev. Sean
 In a broken world, how do we find a sense of wholeness?



JOYS, SORROWS, & CONCERNS 12/25/11

Ingrid Pires: Tony & I celebrated 20 years of marriage Tuesday – YIPPEEEEE!!!

Ken Campos: Trin & I just acquired 40 acres in rural south SLO County to use as a spiritual retreat. This is our intention.

LUNCH BUNCH

Let's do lunch. Join us for lunch and conversation at New Frontiers following Sunday morning service. Let John Faulkner know if you're coming. If you miss John, come find us there. We'd love to see you. New Frontiers is now located at 1531 Froom Ranch Road (That's right by Home Depot & Costco off Los Osos Valley Road)

R-E-S-P-E-C-T

The new arrangement of chairs and space in our sanctuary has made new etiquette necessary. If you arrive even a bit late on Sunday, please wait until the first hymn to find a seat. It's very distracting to have people moving about during the prelude, opening words, and chalice lighting. Because the new arrangement is much more open, it's possible to see and hear everything from the back until you can be seated. To make it easier for everyone to find a chair, we also encourage you earlybirds to sit toward the center of the row so people arriving after you don't have to step around (or ON) you to take a seat.

**Beyond Categorical Thinking:
 Service & Workshop**

Come One, Come All on Sunday, January 15, 2012

In terms of a minister, what images come to mind?
 Is it a person of a particular gender, race, or age?
 In finding the person who would be the best match for our minister, we could potentially overlook or even let biases keep us from knowing that a particular person would be the best match for us.



In our efforts to find the best match, our congregation will host a Beyond Categorical Thinking worship service and workshop on Sunday, January 15, 2012 featuring facilitator Barb Greve, M.Div. He will lead the Sunday Service and facilitate a 3-hour long conversation afterward allowing the congregation fuller participation in the search process. All members and friends are encouraged to attend. *Lunch and child care will be provided.*



Facility Scheduling

I'm not sure why, but there has been a sharp drop off in the number of people using the Facility Request form to schedule events. You Administrator is finding out about events by reading the *News and Notes*! Please remember that there is only ONE way to get your event in the Calendars for the *News and Notes* and Newsletter – tell your Administrator. There is only one way to avoid schedule conflicts that respects everyone's right to use the space – tell your Administrator. There is only one way to make sure you have the space and materials to do your job as efficiently as possible – tell your Administrator. There is only one way to tell your Administrator that respects his working hours and his need to do his job as efficiently as possible – use the Calendaring / Facility Request form. The form is available in the Community Room, the Office, and electronically. As we transition to a new facility, let's make sure we transition with "best practices" that respects everyone's right to make use of our new space.

Thanks
 David Robinson
 Administrator
 544-1669; uuslo@slonet.org (that email address will be changing very soon, watch N&N for info)

Giving to the Lawton-Meadow new home project

Contributions to the Lawton-Meadow new home project are now being accepted. In fact, we've already received our first contribution.

You may contribute by check – make the check to UUFSLOC and indicate one of the following on the memo line:

- 1) If you have an existing Capital Campaign pledge – “2006 Capital Campaign”
- 2) If you don't have an existing Capital Campaign pledge – “Building Fund”.

When pledges have been made to our upcoming capital campaign, we'll add another choice.

If you would like to donate securities or have any questions, please contact Terry Throop, Treasurer, at terrythroop@gmail.com or call him at 995-3204.
Terry

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2012:" OUR NEW HOME" AT LAWTON/ MEADOW

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$500,000 PAID OVER A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS*

TIMELINE OF CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES*:

- A. BEGINNING DEC. 2011- PLANNING WITH UU CONSULTANT, MR. DAVE RICKARD AND RECRUIT CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE MEMBERS
 - B. JAN. 2012- RECRUIT CAMPAIGN STEWARDS FOR CANVASSING MEMBERS.
 - C. SATURDAY, JAN. 28, 2012 DAVE RICKARD TRAINS STEWARDS IN TWO SESSIONS 9:30 AM OR 1:30 PM AT FELLOWSHIP, PARKER ST.
 - D. SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JAN. 29 ALL FELLOWSHIP KICK-OFF AT " OUR NEW HOME": HOSTED LUNCHEON AT LAWTON/ MEADOW PROPERTY
 - E. JAN. 30- FEB. 18, 2012 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: VISITING STEWARDS CONTACT MEMBERS
- * ESTABLISHED BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

LOOKING FORWARD TO ALL WORKING TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF "OUR NEW HOME" WE NEED VOLUNTEERS NOW !

YOUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2012 CO-CHAIRS:
GEORGE SNOW & KAY PERRYMAN- SNOW
QUESTIONS/ COMMENTS:

eperryma@calpoly.edu or 541-2370



IS KCBX ON YOUR LIST?

When you think about end-of-the year giving, is KCBX one of the names you consider? If so, or even if not, please think about a contribution to KCBX channeled through the Fellowship. These contributions enable the Fellowship to continue sponsorships of programs on KCBX. It is good publicity for us as well as financial support for our local public radio station. Right now our KCBX fund will take us only through February. Please help extend that by writing a check to the Fellowship with KCBX on the memo line. When you hear us mentioned on the radio, you will be glad you did.

From Religious Exploration

This Sunday (Jan 1) we'll be having our annual celebration – *Say Hello, Say Goodbye* – where we look back on the accomplishments from last year and set goals for the one ahead.

We need more classroom assistants! With the departure of Satia Widmann to Nepal for the next six months and a few other schedule changes, some gaps have developed in our teaching schedule. If you can help out in RE ONE Sunday per month, please contact David or any member of the RE Committee. The job involves helping with the activities during class under the direction of a Lead Teacher. Preparation is minimal (you can learn everything you need to know 15 minutes before class starts). It's a lot of fun and also a great way for adults to see their religion reflected in a way that can help their own spiritual growth. Please consider joining us.

Our collection of socks for charity continues today. We're looking for donations of new socks, all sizes welcome but kids sizes encouraged. Bring them to service or drop them off in RE any time on or before Jan 1.

In **Joy**, David Robinson
544-1669, uufslocdre@yahoo.com



Update from the Ministerial Search Committee

The Ministerial Search Committee sends you glad tidings. We know everyone is very curious about what we are up to these days – we've been quiet because now we are involved with the confidential aspect of our search. We have gotten our list of ministers and we are pleased with both the quantity and quality of the applicants---but that is all we can tell you! We are deep in the midst of reviewing packets, reading sermons, and trying to discern which ministers would be the best match for UUFSLOC.