



The SLO UU News

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Luis Obispo County

Annual Report from the Minister

This year, as every each year since I was called by this congregation, we gathered to worship, to reflect, and to learn from one another. That is the way of this religious community – to explore our principles, to remind one another of our better selves, to look at the world around us for inspiration and encouragement and to identify in that world the places and practices where injustice calls us to action.

In this congregation we have grown beyond the ability of one person or even one group of committed individuals to keep us on track and moving forward. So we are indeed fortunate that many share in the tasks required to keep us vibrant and strong. It may sometimes feel that you, the ones who volunteer often, who come early and stay late, are carrying more than a fair share. It may sometimes feel that you, those who are new, who are daunted by the number of choices or unclear about who's who, are not as welcome as you want to be. Or it may sometimes feel that you, those who have stayed on the edges, or

were more comfortable with how things used to be, are feeling the shifting sands of change.

As the congregation plans for next year there's excitement and fear enough to go around. There will be an opportunity to stretch and re-imagine who you are to one another, who you are to our neighbors in San Luis Obispo and who you are within the association of congregations that is our faith tradition.

Without you this community could not exist. But you know that. This congregation is blessed with those who know when to lead and when to follow, with generous hearts, thoughtful minds and serving hands. We are gifted with those who remember and honor our past, with those who see our future and with those who take care of the present.

We are blessed, indeed, for without that exquisite mix of forward looking and present keeping and hind-sight remembering we would falter. Without the blend of folks who can volunteer today, but need tomorrow off, or who have no time, but can spare a few extra dollars beyond their pledge, we would stumble. Without the coming and going of visitors and newcomers in the steady traffic of members and guests, we would grow weary.

So we are blessed, indeed, with a rich tapestry of energy that binds each to all and calls us to our better selves.

Thank you to the 165 who have served on committees, activities, boards, circles, as teachers, worship associates, musicians and in all the ways that volunteers have served. And thank you for the opportunity to serve among you. Rev. Helen

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WHERE, WHEN, AND WHO ON SUNDAYS

2074 Parker Street, San Luis Obispo, 93401

11 am Worship services, children's classes and care

Rev. Helen Carroll, Minister

David Robinson, Religious Educator and Administrator

Rebecca Sloan, Choir Director and Pianist

For more information, call the church office, (805) 544-1669 Monday-Friday, 9 am to 1 pm, or email UUSLO@slonet.org.



Growth and Learning Circle

Never an End to Learning



The REview

by David Robinson, Religious Educator



May is a variety month here in RE. On May 2nd we'll be working on TOP SECRET projects so don't be surprised by the KEEP OUT sign on the door. It only applies to adults and it's for your own good. Then we open our *Toolbox of Faith* and pull out a hammer. POWER can be used in lots of ways. To build or destroy, and sometimes it's hard to control which one happens. Next, on May 16th, we revisit our friend Jack who has finally had enough. There are *Too Many THINGS* in his life and he needs to decide what to do about it. We wrap up the month with two more *Toolbox of Faith* lessons. It can be tough to find teachers for those fifth Sundays. Anybody available on May 30th?

Join your Fellowship family on Sunday, May 2nd from 5 to 9(ish) pm for a night of Spaghetti Bingo (it's supposed to be Spaghetti *and* Bingo, but Spaghetti Bingo sounds more fun). Dinner is \$10 per person; \$25 for a family. There will be BINGO (with *non-cash* prizes so even the kids can play) and other fun and frolic activities to enjoy. **RE's job is to supply the desserts.** Something home made, something store-bought; fruit, sweets; fancy, simple – it will ALL be devoured. Please let me know if you can bring something and your best guess about what it will be. Even if you can't come to the event, we'll make arrangements for you to drop it off or me to pick it up. Let's show these people how to do DESSERT! Tickets are available on Sunday morning from folks wandering around the Community Room (or from me, if you can catch me).

The church's Annual Business Meeting takes place after service on Sunday, May 16th. PLEASE attend this meeting if at all possible. We'll be voting on the budget for the coming year and

changes to the Bylaws, as well as discussing important details about the transition to a new ministry with the departure of Reverend Helen. Membership in YOUR chosen church comes with responsibilities as well as fun times and Spaghetti Bingo. This is one of the biggest and most important responsibilities.

To help make your attendance possible we'll be having some extra special fun activities in RE for the kids while you adults talk away. So bring some lunch and spread out in RE or outdoors for a while after church, then bring the kids down for fun and head yourself up to the Sanctuary and get that work done!

The RE Committee will spend their May meeting making decisions about next year's curriculum. Feel free to email me with input or suggestions at any time. It is YOUR RE program after all, not mine. Make sure your voice is heard. By now the Curriculum Survey should be underway to help us get your input. The technical problems we had with the first Survey have been corrected – thanks for your patience while we get used to using this new tool. Check the *RE Update and News and Notes* for a link to this on-line survey. We'll need your input by May 17th.

Are YOU getting the RE Update every week? Every Thursday or Friday I send out an update with information about events and classes for the coming weeks as well as teacher and snack scheduling info and other important stuff. To get on the list just send an email to uufslocdre@yahoo.com and let me know you want the weekly RE Update.

A quick reminder about child care – the Fellowship is dedicated to making *all* the events in its life accessible to *everyone*. For a family, that might mean having access to child care. If there is a Committee you want to join, or an event you want to attend here at the Fellowship and Child Care is the determining factor, please let me know. I need some notice to arrange it (or rather, **Donna MacCarley**, our child care coordinator, does), but we'll do our best if we know the need is there.



Growth & Learning Circle Never an End to Learning

Mark Your Calendar:

May 2: Spaghetti and Bingo

May 16 after church: Annual Business Meeting

May / June 2010 at Camp de Benneville Pines:

May 7-9: Work Weekend

May 17-20: Camp for Homeschooling Families

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RU a UU Word Freak?



Adult Enrichment Class

Sins of Scripture – *Exposing the Bible's Texts of Hate to Reveal the God of Love*

By John Shelby Spong, former Episcopal Bishop of Newark, New Jersey

In the ***Sins of Scripture***, Spong takes on a thematic exploration of the Bible, carefully analyzing those passages that inform some of our key debates, like the role of women in the church and in society, and homosexuality, to name just two.

What were the roots and cultural realities behind the Scriptures that define the role of women in the church? What were the hopes and fears driving the writers who condemned homosexuality in such stark terms?

“The Bible is a subject of interpretation...” Paul Tillich

The class will delve into the points made in Spong's book and look at them in depth with Unitarian Universalist values and insights.

Begin Wednesdays May 5, 12, 19, 26 at the Fellowship - 7:00pm to 8:30 pm.

To be followed in June at a location to be determined.

Co - facilitated by Richard and Joyce Knight.

805-489-9777



Pathways Circle Our Ministries Of Support

New Member Alert

Please keep May 2 as a Sunday you will attend Sunday service. The Membership Committee takes this time to introduce you to the rest of the congregation so they may welcome you properly. The committee also invites you to stay for lunch after the service. **Please plan to attend on May 2 if you joined the congregation in the last 6 months.**

Questions? Suggestions? Contact June Minikel 545 8575

WE REALLY REALLY NEED YOUR SUPPORT for some elements of our overall Sunday Worship Service

We need more members and friends to:

1. Assist with the Welcome Team

This is a commitment of ONE Sunday each month. We need a few people to agree to work on one Sunday and a few others to be substitutes. The expectations for these roles are very clearly spelled out and can be shared with you in either hard or electronic format.

2. Coordinate the Welcome Team

3. Coordinate the Joys, Sorrow and Concerns

These programs are set up and run smoothly when there are sufficient members working each Sunday. They are not extensive and do not require you to be at the Worship Service every Sunday. The responsibilities for these roles are again available in either hard or electronic format.

Please note that we are getting MORE visitors here at Parker than we ever did at either Foothill or Atoll. We need more of your support to make our visitors welcome and eager to return.




You do not need to be a member in long standing to give of your time in either of these programs. New members and ongoing friends are VERY welcome to be part of these programs.

Please contact Andrea if you can help in any of these capacities. Thanks for your consideration.

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	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Pathways Circle Our Ministries Of Support</h2>	 <h2 style="text-align: center;">Stewardship Circle Care for Today and for Tomorrow</h2>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Need a Little Help from Your Friends? <i>Contact the Fellowship or a Regional Care Coordinator</i></p> <p>If you or someone you know in the congregation is in the hospital or is recovering from illness, please contact the Fellowship. We'll organize support through our Regional Care Coordinators.</p> <p>Thank you to our volunteers:</p> <p>Avila, Grover Beach, Oceano, Pismo Beach, and Shell Beach: Jan Turney</p> <p>Arroyo Grande: Trish Wilson</p> <p>Atascadero, Templeton & Paso: Laurie Napoli & Joan Scott</p> <p>Cambria, Cayucos & Morro Bay: Kate and Terry Throop</p> <p>Los Osos: Joy Gault & Chris Cummings</p> <p>San Luis Obispo: Marianne Culver, Tom Norwood, and Bonnie Wamsley</p> <p>Santa Maria and Nipomo: Sandra Sondhi</p> <p>Pathways Coordinator Jan Clarke</p>	<p>Admin News – May 10</p> <p>YOUR Fellowship Office needs HELP! We're on a search for volunteers to staff the office when I'm not here (Thursdays and Fridays, vacations, illness, etc...). But more than that, we're looking to expand the pool of people with more intimate knowledge of how to accomplish the routine, and some of the <u>slightly</u> more complicated tasks done by the office staff (paid and volunteer). So it's time to get you trained. How to Run a Church will be offered Friday, May 21st and Wednesday, May 26th at 9AM. If you are interested in joining the volunteer pool or just want to know more about how the office runs, please consider attending. (RSVP's are encouraged but not required.) Let me know if neither of those days / times fits your schedule and we'll work something out. While this all might sound very dull and boring, it will be a real boon to our Interim and our next settled Minister to have a wider pool of people who can be of real help with running the Office.</p> <p>The latest version of the Fellowship Directory will be available the first week of May. You can pick up a copy in the Community Room or email the office for an electronic copy. Please specify what format you prefer: pdf, Word or Excel. If you don't specify, I'll send it as a pdf file. Don't forget that a Picture Directory is available on the web site.</p> <p>Have you checked your Fellowship mailbox lately? Every group / committee has a mailbox, color coded and arranged by Circle. If your group needs a mailbox, contact your Circle Coordinator (look for the colored charts with interconnected circles on the wall above the mailboxes). Who are the Coordinators? Worship Circle: Sandra Kulczyk. Pathways Circle: Jan Clarke. Growth and Learning Circle: Kate Throop. Social Responsibility Circle: Renee Besel. Stewardship Circle: (position open).</p>
<h3>WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP</h3> <p>The Women's Discussion Group meets on the second and fourth Thursdays from 1:30 - 3:30pm. We start with a check-in for all present, have a topic for discussion or a presentation with time for questions and answers, and then refreshments are served as the conversation continues. All women are welcome. For further information call DeeDee De Santos at 534-9211 or watch for e mails about place and topics.</p>		<p>THANKS David Robinson, Administrator Office Hours: Monday – Wednesday, 9am to 1pm The Office is staffed by volunteers Thursday and Friday from 9am – 1pm 544-1669; uuslo@slonet.org</p>



Stewardship Circle Care for Today and for Tomorrow



Buying What We Love By Ken Hill

I've been asked to talk with you about money today, but first I have a confession to make. I've fallen in love. Over the last 17 years, I've fallen in love with you, this fellowship. Mostly the people, but also the institution that has brought us and many others together. We are not great in numbers, but we do great things.

Actually, I think this is right. Jacob Needleman talks about money as "life stuff." So I guess love and life is the right place to start. It is no surprise that we are in tough times and making hard choices right now. However, now is no time for fear. Like life, we are tough and tenacious, especially together. I've seen us weather all kinds of storms together. In those tough times, We kept feeding the hungry; We kept housing the homeless; We kept seeking justice. This is important work and we will not stop regardless of how tough the times get. In fact, our special way of doing this work is more important now than ever.

So, there is no reason for fear. I'm not going anywhere. We are not going anywhere. We will be here for you; rich, poor, old, young, inside our doors or outside. How are we going to do this without creeds, doctrines and fear? Love. Concrete love. Creative love. Courageous love. That's why Gina and I give to this place, to the UUA and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. If there is transformative, life giving, redemptive, spiritual and religious work, this is it for me. It has transformed my life; I've seen it save kids lives; I've seen it help people face life's toughest challenges. All without negating or dismissing anyone. We work tirelessly with other congregations right here in SLO and around

the globe. We hold hands across doctrinal and creedal divides.

OK, back to the money thing. Here's my simple rule: pay for what you love. I didn't say try to buy love, but pay for what you love with your heart, mind and soul. If what you buy makes you happy, then hurrah, you got it right. If it doesn't, then make some adjustments. To do this, rules of thumb are helpful, but not dogma. We don't do dogma. We serve life. Other religious traditions use 10% of gross income for what is called a "tithe." In my religious past, I found that was actually doable. I fully understand that for some it is not possible. Here is a rule of thumb that works for Gina and me and is suggested by the UUA as a starting place. Take 10% of gross and give 5% to the congregation and 5% to outside charities. Again, not rules, just pay for what you love.

So I hope you can look at our budget with eyes full of love. No compulsion, just love. Those numbers are lives changed, children taught, UU principles projected into our community and around the globe. We do not hold with fear and we do not compel with rules. We only ask that we transform the world with willing hands. Talk with me. Talk with each other. This is about money, but more importantly, it is about life. Our life together. Now that is something worth talking about. Thanks.



This is an invitation to sign up for the Scrabble event presented at the last Auction. We still have some spots available for those who missed out on an opportunity to learn (under the tutelage of Torre Houlgate-West) or just play for fun with fellow UU's. This is another opportunity to contribute to the Fellowship while satisfying some of your needs to keep neurons firing or who-knows- whatever other urges. Call JoAnne Milburn 528-2911 or jamilburn@charter.net.

 <p>Stewardship Circle (continued)</p>	 <p>Social Justice Responsibility Circle</p>
 <p>Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser Sponsored by the UU Board Sat. June 5 8 AM- 9:30 AM Applebee's Restaurant Madonna Plaza Rd. San Luis Obispo Pancakes, eggs, sausage and beverage \$7.00 Come early! Tickets on sale from board members on Sundays.</p>  <p><u>UUF 2010 Yard & Rummage Sale</u> Saturday, June 12, 8am – 2pm Location: The Edna Property: 6445 Edna Road, SLO Please clean out your closets and save usable items for our upcoming sale. All proceeds to go to our Operations budget. Needed: About 25 volunteers to help sort, price, set-up, selling, cashiering, loading/unloading, tear-down, clean-up. Contact Joyce Knight, joycek777@gmail.com or 489-9777.</p>	<p>June is our month to shelter our homeless neighbors. There are some exciting changes from years past. First we will be housing the folks in this facility for the entire month. While the United Methodist Congregation will provide volunteers from June 16th through the 30th, the guests will not have to move to that site mid-month.</p> <p>Another change is that our families will arrive at about 5:30 p.m., so children can participate in the new Good Neighbor Program. Good Neighbor volunteers will be here to help children with reading, math and other academic skills and just to interact with them. Some people in the community are regulars in this program, but yes, this is another way we can participate, too. People who sign up for this have a commitment of two hours from 5:30-7:30 on any given evening, including Saturday and Sunday.</p>  <p>Last year members of our Fellowship were very generous with their time, gifts of fruit and home baking. Our guests were extremely grateful last year and I'm sure that we will make them just as welcome this June.</p> <p>I'm proud to be part of a Fellowship that is very responsive to the needs of the community. The generous donations of towels, sleeping bags, warm jackets, and backpacks over the last several weeks have overflowed our collection box! Bonnie Wamsley has volunteered to take the bounty to the Prado Day Center on a regular basis. This is an ongoing need, so please continue to fill the box.</p> <p>Thank you for your continued support of these worthy programs to help our homeless families. Richard and Mary Jeanne will be asking you to step forward once again if this is your calling. I trust enough of you will say yes, just like you have for years.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sylvia Willard</p>



Social Justice Responsibility Circle

Central Coast Clergy and Laity for Justice

[Next General Meeting](#)

Thursday, May. 27

**"California:
Paradise or Prison State?"**

In light of the current crisis in the California prison system, what can restorative justice teach us?

About Our Panel

Sister Suzanne Jabro is the Founder and Executive Director of the Center For Restorative Justice Works, a community-based organization that innovates solutions to the issues impacting women in prison and their families. She is a nationally recognized leader in the development and evolution of restorative justice ministry. She has more than 25 years' experience in these areas.

Christopher Bickel is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Cal Poly and a prison rights activist. He has worked with incarcerated youth in juvenile detention centers and youth prisons. He is currently writing a book on juvenile justice and the inequalities caused by mass incarceration.

Rabbi Lon Moskowitz has served as Jewish Chaplain at California Men's Colony for over 13 years. Prior to his move to the Central Coast, Rabbi Moskowitz served as rabbi at Congregation B'nai Israel in Sacramento, California, and as Rabbi and Hillel Director in both Boulder, Colorado and San Luis Obispo, California. Rabbi Moskowitz has for many years served on faith-based boards and commissions working to assure freedom of religious practice in institutional life.

**Note the change to 4th Thursday
for this meeting only.**

**Congregation Beth David LOVR/Foothill, SLO
Networking 6 PM & Program 6:30 PM**



Stewardship Circle Care for Today and for Tomorrow

MUSIC AT THE FELLOWSHIP

W. TERRENCE SPILLER



Dr. Spiller will charm us with a piano concert and his interesting historical perspective of the music.

2:00 PM Sunday **May 23** at the UU Fellowship
Donation \$15, students \$5, children 12 and under free



If you're looking for the Minister at the end of May...I'll be away from the church the last two weeks of the month. In case of emergency, contact the office and David will always be able to reach me. See you in June - Rev Helen





**Board View by Andy Pease,
Board Vice President**

When it comes to pledge campaigns, it is difficult to find the happy ground between 'invisible' and 'in your face.' As a Fellowship, we have established various programs and processes for our pledge canvass, each with advantages and disadvantages. In the 'old' system, up until a few years ago, there would be a big spring canvass when we would all renew our pledge commitments. Some years there was a big pledge dinner; other years we held small living room meetings. There would be testimonials on Sunday mornings, articles in the newsletters and a general buzz. Many years ago, we collected the pledge cards, then developed the budget based on projected income. Then, with help from Rev. Helen, we switched to developing the desired budget first, highlighting the programs we want to offer, then asked for folks to pledge to those dreams.

There were problems with that Spring Pledge Drive system. It was a tremendous effort to run the canvass, manage the events and try to collect everyone's pledge cards. Because the entire congregation started fresh each year, it felt a little like roulette as we waited for the cards to come in – the totals could vary wildly from our expectations either way. By the end of the canvas, everyone was pretty tired of hearing about money. So when we learned of year-round pledging being successfully used at other congregations, we decided to give it a try. We divided the entire membership into 12 groups, so that 1/12 of members are canvassed each month and renew their pledges. There is a simple letter and follow up calls, if needed, and it's done.

Year-round pledging has indeed solved big problems – no more huge canvas events and logistics, no pledge burn-out, and a much more predictable income stream. Yet we have lost something too. As someone noted during the budget meetings, the proc-

ess of pledging to our Fellowship has become 'invisible'. During the budget meetings this year, we realized we needed to shake it up a little, resulting in News & Notes articles, many conversations, and direct pledge letters. Next year we may want to review the process and think out a new plan, not obnoxious, but not invisible either.

Pledging is important not just to keep the lights on, but because generosity is part of our spiritual practice. As UUA President Peter Morales notes, "When you and I focus on what we love and what we long to create, something almost miraculous happens. We are energized. We form lasting bonds. We become eager to commit ourselves and to work together. We become more generous. We come to care more about 'us' and less about 'me'". Let it be so



Hear ye! Hear ye!
The Annual Congregational Meeting
Will be held Sunday, May 16, 2010
at 12:30 PM in the Sanctuary

Agenda:

- 1. Call to Order & Lighting of the Chalice
- 2. Approval of last Congregational meeting minutes
- 3. Elections
 - a. Board of Trustees
 - b. Endowment Committee
 - c. Nominating Committee
 - d. Vote to approve the 2010/2011 Operating Budget
 - e. Transition Plan Update
- Open comments

Past minutes, election slate and proposed budget will be available electronically and at the Fellowship after May 1.

SLATE FOR 2010-2011 UUFSLOC ELECTIONS**Board****Chris Cummings - 3years****Susan Stenovec -3years****Steve Weymann - 3years****Norm Scott - 1year****Endowment Committee****Joe St. Clair - 3years****Diana Schmiett - 3years****Nomination Committee****Marianne Culver - 2years****Scott Cleere - 2years****FROM OUR NOMINEES**

When I think about why I want to serve on the Board of UUFSLOC, it always comes down to the people. Progressive people brought together by the principles of Unitarian Universalism. People who truly care about and for each other. If I had my druthers I would just enjoy the thought-provoking and uplifting sermons and the warm camaraderie that come from Sunday service and other fellowship meetings, but my eyes have been opened to the fact that a church doesn't function as a result of a few individuals. We all have a part to play in making this Fellowship what it is and I think I bring skills that are helpful to the Board. The foundation for that service is my love of this community. As an attorney I have experience with reserving judgment and listening to all sides of an issue before making a decision in the best interest of an individual or group. Also, the law gives me an appreciation for board work as the development of policies as guiding principles and guidelines for resolving problems. I have had the opportunity to fill a board vacancy for nine months now and consider myself lucky to be serving with the talented group of people who currently comprise the board and I am proud of the work we have done thus far. If you decide it's in the best interest of the Fellowship, I would be honored to serve for this additional term.

Chris Cummings

In June, our youngest child will graduate from high school and I'll be retiring from full time parenting. After considering various options, I've realized that I'd like to volunteer on a more full-time level at the Church and am thrilled that the nominating committee considers me a candidate for the board. As a life-long Unitarian Universalist, I understand and value the responsibility of church stewardship and will accept this appointment with enthusiasm.

Susan Stenovec

I've been a member of the UUF since November 2002, and have participated in a many UU activities and roles since that time, including singing in the choir, book sales, technical committee, sound system, and personnel committee. The UU is important to me first as a strong community of friends, and as well as a diverse and interesting group of people, supportive of many causes and points of view I also believe in and support. In addition to UUF activities, I'm active in other community programs as well as in sustainable living and climate change issues. My background is in engineering and engineering management, including budget, personnel and project management; I hope to offer these experiences, as well as problem solving skills and creativity, to the Board and our community. My hope for the near term is to see our community stabilize and regain positive energy, to regain our financial footing such that we can support our staff and the programs we want, and to move forward towards a new home.

Steve Weymann

Last year's controversy surrounding the Edna/CBD Feasibility Study highlighted the need for improved communications from the Board. Since then, the Board has taken giant steps to remedy the situation. I would hope to continue this trajectory. I am trained as a scientist. Good scientists take positions (hypotheses), then they test them. If the facts (data) falsify their hypotheses, then they must abandon that position, no matter how attractive it is to them personally. I propose to use the same methodology during the critical year ahead to help fashion a broadly acceptable plan for the future. I consider the size, shape, and site of our future home to be the most important decision we make next year. I am also concerned that our aging fellowship is not attracting

<p>and holding teen-agers and young adults; they are the life-blood of our future. I am impressed with the current Board and its leadership, and look forward to working with them.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Norm Scott</p>	<p>I live with my husband, Jim, in San Luis Obispo, we have two lovely daughters in college.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Marianne Culver</p>
<p>The Fellowship has become a significant anchor in my life in SLO County. The services, committee involvement, Social Justice activities, etc. have gradually added richness and a sense of accomplishment to my life over the six years I have been here. My background is varied, and perhaps a bit strange. Originally educated in the sciences and math originally, I later gravitated to business and aviation. Army aircraft mechanic and Viet Nam veteran, a career as a finance and banking officer, and a commercial aviation career as an airline pilot are the highlights of my professional background. I guess I just don't know what I want to do when I grow up.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Joe St. Claire</p>	<p>The UUF is important to me because I value a community that shares my values of liberal religion, particularly the free and responsible search for truth and meaning.</p> <p>My hopes for the Fellowship are that we continue to have a strong presence on the Central Coast as a place that speaks out against repression, narrow mindedness and in support of human rights.</p> <p>The skills I bring to the Fellowship are grass roots promotions, special events and a willingness to speak to large groups of people. Ultimately I want to do my part to ensure that the UU faith and values are supported so that my family and others have a place that does good for the community near and far.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scott Cleere</p>
<p>Being a UUF has allowed me to benefit and mature as a member of a loving community, to grow spiritually, to hone and offer leadership skills and to successfully raise a child with the help of "the village". My years with UUFSLC have seen many changes, our core principles keeping us strong and always bringing us back to center. Having served on multiple committees and two terms as past Board member I am happy to now bring this experience to the Endowment Committee. We are entrusted with caring for financial gifts intended to manifest your hopes and dreams and those of UU's that have gone before you, far into the future. It is an honor to be able to serve you in this way.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Diana Schmielt</p>	<p>Nominations may also be made from the floor by a voting member at the Annual Business Meeting, with the prior consent of the nominee <u>in writing if not present.</u></p>
<p>Hi, I have been part of the UUF fellowship since around the mid 90's. Some of the things I cherish the most are the experience of community, open and honest exchanges in many different groups and some of the different ways we worship together. I love the music in our services and topics that stimulate our own spiritual development as well as promote social justice are close to my heart.</p> <p>In my work life, I have been working with people with mental illness and currently, with folks with developmental disabilities. My educational background is in social work and education.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Opportunities to Volunteer within the Congregation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrange for Sunday setup team & refreshments • Volunteer to staff the office from 9 to 1 on alternate Fridays <p>If either of the preceding tickle your fancy or pique your curiosity, send an e-mail to "uuslo@slonet.org" to volunteer or ask questions you might have about these tasks.</p>

FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN BOARD

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2009-2010

President - **Eric Olsen**

Vice President - **Andy Pease**

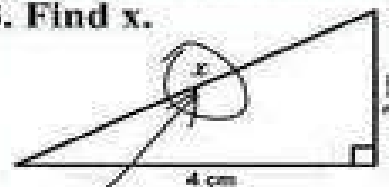
Corporate Secretary - **Kate Throop**

At large: **Richard Besel, Mary Jeanne Bonaventure,
Andrea Brown, Scott Cleere, Chris Cummings,
Joyce Knight**

Appointed Treasurer—**Terry Throop**

Recording Secretary—**Sylvia Willard**

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In Memory of Al Orcutt

We offer our sympathies to the family and friends of Al Orcutt, who died in his home in March. Al was a member of our congregation for 20 years and will be deeply missed by his UU Fellowship family.

A Celebration of Life is planned for Saturday, June 5 at 10 am at the Fellowship.



Endowment Fund Of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Luis Obispo County:

A permanent fund maintained for the financial health and long-term needs of this Fellowship.

Gifts of all types are received, invested, and maintained by the Endowment Fund Committee as directed by the Fellowship Bylaws.

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Committee members are John Bonaventure, June Minikel, Joe St. Clair, Diana Schmitt, and Kent Taylor

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May Special Events

May 2 (Sun): 12:30pm Social Justice Comm
5:00pm Spaghetti & Bingo Nite
May 3 (Mon): 9:45am Music Committee
6:00pm Worship Arts
May 4 (Tue): 6:00pm UFETA
7:00pm Lit Wits
May 7 (Fri): 4:00pmQ Youth Forum
May 9 (Sun): 12:30pm 2nd Sunday
Conversation
May 11 (Tu): 6:00pm Board of Trustees
May 12 (Wed): 2:00pm Membership
May 13 (Th): 9:00am CCCLJ Board
May 14 (Fri): 12:30pm Single Again
May 15 (Sat) 12:00pm Newsletter Deadline
May 16 (Sun): 9:45am Café Socrates
12:30pm Annual Meeting
May 18 (Tue) 4:30pm RE Committee
2:00pm Sr. Men's Group
May 21 (Fri) 9:00am How to Run a Church
May 23 (Sun) 2:00pm Concert

May 25 (Tue): 6:00pm Ladies of the Evening
May 26 (Wed) 9:00am How to Run a Church

May Recurring Events

Sundays: 9:45am - Choir Rehearsal
11:00am Worship and RE
Tuesdays: 7:00pm Men's Group (Mau 4 and 18)
Wednesdays: 12:00pm News & Notes Deadline
6:30pm Sins of Scripture
Thursdays: 1:30pm Women's Discussion Group
(May 13 and 27)
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal
Saturdays: 1:00pm Creative Exploration (May 1 and 8)