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Service Themes for July and August

4th "Freedom Rocks!"

Join us in a Cafe Conversation regarding "Freedom" and what that word means to us today. Freedom has long been an American rally cry for many politically and spiritually diverse groups. We have watched this word become tarnished through recent years with the deterioration of the Bill of Rights. As such, how do we as a congregation embrace Freedom? Robin M. Powers, Worship Leader

11th "KIVA"

KIVA is a program providing personalized micro-loans to small relatively impoverished entrepreneurs across the globe. By connecting people with this program, a relationship is created. These relationships are characterized by mutual dignity, accountability, and respect. Under our Green Sanctuary, the plan is to develop a UUF based KIVA program to assist small family sized agricultural projects abroad, to create a UUF sponsored fund that can be used to help small farmers. In the service we will be sharing some personal stories about this process. Brian Heath, Worship Leader

18th "Credo Sunday: Diversity Expressed In Our Spiritual Beliefs"

We say tolerance is important. We believe diversity and acceptance of differing views are strengths of our UU faith. We agree that a congregation of a multiple opinions creates the best outcome when dealing with any challenge. We say "We believe we agree" but do we practice? Can we disagree and worship together? Can we state our individual beliefs in church with no fear of judgment? Join Tricia Keith-Spiegel, Bill Bosworth and Helen Oxley as they share their beliefs. Russ Menk, Worship Leader

25th "Generosity as A Way of Life"

Western Service Workers Association is an organization in Santa Cruz that is unique in what it does and how it does it. This completely volunteer organization, including its full and part time workers, relies on the generosity of doctors, dentists, lawyers, and many others in this community to provide all manner of free services to its members -- poor working and unemployed people. We will learn about what it can mean for those who give and those who receive when generosity is a way of life. Marcia Heath, Worship Leader

Service themes for August

1st “UU Roots in the Thinking of The Enlightenment”

The Unitarian connection and thinking in the 18th and 19th centuries were partially rooted in the "Rational Thinking Movement" that had its basis in the Deists and Free Masons. The spirit of "The Enlightenment" sought an informed and rational citizenry. The American response to the oil crisis we now face demands an emotional outrage rather than a considered solution. Bob Kraft, Worship Leader

8th To Be Announced

15th "The Way of Play: Reclaiming Divine Celebration"

Our guest speaker will be Victor Shamas, PhD. See the article on page 8 to learn more about the service and workshop that follows.

22nd “Leadership School Expressed”

Every summer we send off a couple of our members to Leadership School and they return to us renewed, enlivened and on fire! Come experience worship with Robin M. Powers and Edy Rhodes, who will have just come home, bringing all of that joy and awe to share with our congregation. Robin M Powers and Edy Rhodes, Worship Leaders

29th Part of the Solution ?

Claire Paul will lead our service this morning as we bring home all that we discovered, learned and developed during our Fellowship retreat (see page 5 for details).

Opening Words

*We bless you, cicada,
high in the branches.
You sip a dew drop
and whistle like a king.
What you see is yours:
all the soft meadows
and furry mountains.
Yet you do no harm
in the farmer's field,
and men exalt you
as the voice of summer.
You are loved by Muses
and Apollo himself
who gave you clear song.
Wise child of the earth,
old age doesn't waste you.
Unfeeling and bloodless
you are like a god.*



Anonymous Hellenistic Poet

President's Letter

Here I sit, ready to put on the President's shoes, wondering, "What does that mean for me and you?" At first, I worried that for me it meant more meetings, more phone calls, more emails. But as the days draw closer to what may feel like a monumental job, as my phone has started ringing more, as emails are flying in, my excitement, adrenalin, and deep passion for sustaining a UU faith in Santa Cruz County has been sparked and my mind is whirling with all the possibilities, fun and adventure that is out there for us to create and take part in.



We have our work cut out for us. We have commitments to our UU District (PCD) and Association (UUA), to a children's religious education program that needs to be rebuilt, to a music program that must continue to fill our hearts and souls with love every Sunday, and to our beautiful building and land that screams for our attention.

I have NO doubt that this incredibly creative and passionate community, working together, will ignite not only a spark but a sustainable fire that will last forever in Santa Cruz County.

So let's get to work. Let's be creative and use visions of grandeur and songs unrelated. See gardens and labyrinths and children abound and elders dancing to drums in our new playground. There are totems, free soup and basketball hoops, choruses singing and unicorns feeding. The visions go on, I don't need to tell you, create something splendid, worth living and giving for me and for you.

As a very famous doctor once said, "I like nonsense; it wakes up the brain cells. Fantasy is a necessary ingredient in living; it's a way of looking at life through the wrong end of a telescope. Which is what I do, and that enables us to laugh at life's realities."

We have brains in our heads, we have feet in our shoes, we can steer ourselves in any direction we choose."

Dr. Seuss and I look forward to working together with all of you throughout the program year.

Yours in Silliness and Service,
Julie Gill

Minister's Message

When I was a young child growing up in Florida, summer meant swimming and sparklers and pecan rolls purchased from Stuckey's during a road trip to visit relatives. It meant lightning bugs and the sweet smell of gardenias wafting through the windows at night. It also meant hurricanes and the occasional mishap requiring a cast or stitches. Mostly, I remember it as a long and luxurious and out-of-the-ordinary stretch of time during which the self-evident goodness of life had more room to happen.



The territory of summer was increasingly invaded during my teen years by the looming realities of life in these United States. My family was struggling to stay in the working class. At first in summer and then year round, there were jobs for me to look for and have. Later, there was figuring out how to buy a car and to live on my own. There was college to pay for. As the years passed, summer became more and more taken up by the ordinary concerns of working and paying the bills. By the time I had passed fully into adulthood, summer's magic remained for me primarily in its ability to renew my hope of escape from the toils of empire and into a world where the self-evident goodness of life has room to happen all around.

I tell this story now because it is summer and I am so very grateful that, as your settled minister, I finally have a post in the empire where my labor is mostly joyful and even my toiling is to make room for life's goodness. I tell this story also because the end of summer will bring a special opportunity for us to come together and decide how life's goodness might best be revealed within and among us in the years just ahead. If you are a member of this congregation your voice and your vision are needed as we gather in retreat on August 27 and 28. Please plan to attend and be present for the entire retreat. If finances are an issue, please email me or your Board president, Julie Gill, so that we can relieve you of those concerns. If you were there on March 14 and voted to give me the call, you need to be there in August as we decide what the shape and substance of our shared ministry will be.

As of this moment, my schedule for vacation and study leave in July and August are still evolving. Definite plans include travel to Oregon in August to

attend Beloved, a sacred music festival and to Chicago in July to attend an eight-day national training of the Industrial Areas Foundation which is the parent organization of COPA, the local grassroots community organizing network to which the Fellowship belongs. Still shaping up are plans to visit family in Florida and a trip to Burning Man.

During my vacation and study leave, I will be available for pastoral care emergencies. If you have such an emergency you may call me at home or contact the Office Administrator or Board President both of whom will know how to reach me at all times. The Caring Connection will continue to operate all summer. Please e-mail caringconnection@uufsc.org to communicate your needs.

As we move now fully into the months of summer, may there be for all of us a deep appreciation for our lives as free people and for the choices we make in freedom. May we experience a larger and more relaxed liberty. May we grow as individuals and in community in our ability to make room for the self-evident goodness of life to unfold in our midst.

Rev. Pallas Stanford



UUF members march in the 2010 Gay Pride Parade



Unicorn newsletter, the agenda for the Coordinating Council Meeting and a creative "Thank You" card made by our new UUF Board President, Julie Gill.

Social Action Committee

As I write this, I am packing to go to Minneapolis for General Assembly to defend our Congregational Study Action Issue proposal. By the time you read this, we should know how this trip went. Thanks to the whole congregation, manifested through the Endowment Committee, for helping me be able to go to GA. And thanks to all of you who have helped campaign and most importantly raise awareness about Ending Slavery!

And closer to home, I have great news. Gina Langhout has offered to co-chair the Social Action Committee with me (Deborah Pembrook) next year. I can't say how excited I am to work more closely with Gina.

Traditionally the last column of the fiscal year is a recap of what we have accomplished. And believe me, Social Action Committee has had a busy year! This year we will have to suffice with a bulleted list. Here are the projects we worked since last July:

- *Health Insurance Reform
- * School Supply Drive
- * Watsonville Pride
- * Water Justice Postcards sent to Sacramento
- *Tutoring on Freedom Boulevard
- * Ending Slavery UUA proposal
- * Reverse Trick or Treat
- * Supported Cuban Caravan
- * Holiday Food Drive: collected \$14,688 worth of food (\$1,630 donated)
- * Guest at Your Table for the UU Service Committee
- *Participated in Human Rights Fair
- *Sent postcards to Sam Farr to Close Guantanamo
- *Standing up for Higher Education
- *A Valentine Event Of Astronomical Proportions
- *Results of our Pencil Drive: collected 1,400 pencils for Pajaro Valley schools
- *Planned Parenthood volunteers
- *Support to Haiti
- *March 4 protest at UCSC
- *Get Together: UUSC inspired discussion about the economy
- *Lunches for Day Laborers
- * Eight Split Collections raised \$5,213.50
- *Green Sanctuary application completed



Thanks to Andy, Art, Barbara, Bob, Brian, Bruce, Chea, Claire, Deb, Deborah (me), Devi, Edy, Fran, Gareth, Gina, Helen, Helene, Jenny, John, Julie, Liz, Marcia, Marsha, Mavel, Melissa, Pallas, Reggie, Susie, Sylvia, Terra, Tricia, Woody, and every member of the congregation who helped our Fellowship put our Principles into action.

Submitted by
Deborah
Pembrook,
Chair of SAC



The Repair Wizards Are Recruiting New Members



The Repair Wizards is an informal group that does miscellaneous repair work around the Fellowship: generally small jobs, e.g., painting a portion of bathroom wall, replacing floor tiles in office, making new storage shelves, cleaning leaves out of rain gutters.

We meet once a week in early afternoon. Mike Jerry coordinates maintenance work and provides us with a list of tasks from which each person can choose what he prefers to work on. It is an easy way to contribute to the quality of the Fellowship facilities.

Rev. Pallas told us that the work we've done over the past few months has made a big difference and is much appreciated.

Let Don Hoernschemeyer know if you would like to participate: phone 684-0506.

Thanks for considering.

Submitted by Don Hoernschemeyer

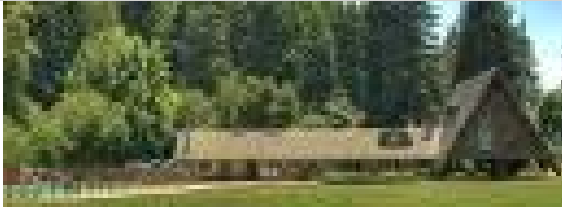
UUF Sound Team

Testing, testing, 1, 2, 3, the UUF Sound Team is looking for more members. Come be an instrumental (pardon the pun) part of putting on our services at the Fellowship. Plenty of training at your pace - you won't fly solo until you feel you are ready!

Please contact Mike Jerry at 684-0506 if interested.



UUF Congregational Retreat: Save the Date!



Inspirational, Revitalizing, Re-confirming!

The UUF Congregational Retreat will be held on August 27-28, 2010. Please plan now to come to this pivotal event in the life of the congregation, to have fun and deepen your connection with other Fellowship members.

Vision and goals: This is the opportunity to determine our priorities as a congregation as we move forward with our new settled minister, Rev. Pallas Stanford. Linda Laskowski will join us again to help facilitate this important work together.

Fun & Fellowship: We'll gather at Happy Valley Conference Center on Branciforte Drive in Santa Cruz on Friday night for dinner, social activities and fun around the campfire. The focus on Saturday will be our visioning and goal-setting, with plenty of time for volleyball, swimming, horseshoes, frisbee and hiking in the woods. There will be childcare and fun activities for kids.

Lodging Options: For those staying overnight in the cabins or lodge, the cost will be \$138 for adults and \$81 for children under 12. In RV or tent camping with showers, the cost is \$88 for adults and \$37 for children. For day attendance with four meals from Friday night and through Saturday, the cost is \$58 for adults and \$41 for children. Children under 2 are free. Scholarships will be available.

Please reserve the dates now and watch for more information about registration coming soon. Questions? Please contact Claire Paul or Ann McCrow, 684-0506. We need you there!

Claire Paul and Ann McCrow,
UUF Retreat Organizers

Quotes From the Wayside Pulpit

*"Somewhere something incredible is waiting to happen." Carl Sagan

*"People are best united not by mutual fear, but by mutual hope." Adlia E. Stevenson

*"Forever is composed of nows." Emily Dickinson

The Unicorn Newsletter Gets A New Name and Due Date

As UUF Past President Bruce Fihe announced at the May 28 Coordinating Council Meeting, the Communications Task Force is inviting members and friends to offer submissions to re-name our newsletter. I think Bruce has a prize in mind for the winner! So send your ideas to 684-0506 and we will consider them at our next meeting.

Here are a few ideas

already submitted:

"UUQ" for UU Quarterly;

"commUUnicator";

"U2U" (from Us to yoU).

Please note that the due date for this new publication will be Sunday, August 8.

Please send your submissions to 684-0506.

Your (soon to be retired) Publisher,

Terra Collier-Young



The Greater UU Picture

For coverage on the 2010 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations in Minneapolis, Minnesota, go to www.uua.org.



Thank you Deborah Pembroke for representing the UUFSCC and for presenting the Study Action Issue on Ending Slavery!!



The 2011 Pacific Central District, District Assembly will be May 13 – 15, 2011; save the date; www.pcd-uua.org.

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The UU Church of the Larger Fellowship



A Greener RE Program and a Greener Future

Religious Education (RE) had a rough year at our Fellowship, which translates to a poorer experience for all of us. Rev. Pallas and I have struggled to develop a vision and a practice that fits our reality (few children who are regular participants) and encourages a better future, one in which families and their children are welcomed to this community by a vibrant, exciting RE program; and once here, stay to become vibrant parts of our Fellowship's present and future.

I've described the work we've done and the challenges we face in numerous *Unicorn* articles. Each month I hope for an opportunity to joyfully report to you that our RE numbers are increasing, and that families are finding what they need in our community. Instead, today I joyfully report to you that despite the truly scary budget scenario we face, our Board has reaffirmed its commitment to the future by keeping our pre-Kindergarten RE program intact. This means there will be a childcare provider and an RE Teacher in the pre-K room next year.

Serendipity has helped us here: our excellent one-room school house Teacher, Melissa Lopez, will replace Pre-K Teacher Juliet Goldstein, who ended a wonderful three year stint as our pre-K teacher to pursue other interests. Melissa will continue to plan lessons and experiences that kids of all ages can participate in, while focusing on our most constant RE audience, the children who participate in our pre-K program.

Jonathan Irvin, who was developing our Environmental RE program, resigned due to his own budget constraints. Both Pallas and I were extremely disappointed to see Jonathan leave before the Environmental RE program was in place, but are pleased that the timing of his departure meant we did not have to lay him off. We remain committed to the concept



of Environmental RE, which is clearly a missing element in the larger community we live in. We believe that such a program could be the invitation

families and young people need to explore and participate in our Fellowship. It is certainly something our world needs.

In these tight economic times, we can't expect funding for anything beyond the basics to come from our operating budget. At the same time, I'm very sure we can't expect to deal with our RE and young family troubles without some innovative and compelling programming. The RE Committee and Reverend Pallas will be looking at alternative ways to get an Environmental RE program up and running, and to get the word out to our larger community about what our Fellowship offers to families and their children. I will be exploring intern relationships with UCSC, Cabrillo and CSUMB to see if that might be a viable way to secure a leader for the program, as well as pursuing grant and directed action funding for program development. Most likely, we'll also be asking for volunteer help from the Fellowship – in ways both expected and not – in roles we will define as we work on this project over the summer.

I know the vast majority of our Fellowship members do not have children or are past the RE stage of their children's lives. Thank you for your support of those of us who are still in the trenches of parenting. That support helps us as parents of younger children, but it also impacts the future of our community.

We need young blood and passion in our Fellowship, both to provide a future population, and to help carry the burdens of today. If you're interested in helping to develop our Environmental RE program, please contact me, Kathleen Robins at 684-0506.



"Give us the spirit of the child. Give us the child who lives within. The child who trusts the child who imagines, the child who sings. Give us a child's heart, that we may be filled with wonder and delight."

adapted from
Sara Moores Campbell

(See #664 in "Singing the Living Tradition" hymnal for the whole poem)

Adult Religious Education

Rev. Pallas Stanford has recruited four members to assist in coordinating programs, practice groups, and courses for adults at the Fellowship.

Jan Taylor will coordinate Connecting Programs, including TGIF, Dinner Club, Fellowship after services, Chavarot extended family groups, and the special events like the July 4th BBQ sponsored by the south county Chavurah. These social programs help us get to know each other better and build the foundation for our beloved community.

Patt Taylor will coordinate Grounding Coursework, including Introductory UU History for new members, World Religions, and Building Your Own Theology. UUA curriculum such as Ethical Eating and introductory Non-Violent Communication classes may also be offered. All classes will be held on Sunday morning.

Barbara Woodruff will coordinate the Healing and Deepening practice groups and trainings, including meditation, chanting, NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) support groups, the Crones womans' group, and special workshops for issues such as a Grief Workshop in October. Programs are open to the public.

Meditation Sangha facilitated by Barbara Ambler and Barbara Woodruff is on Tuesdays at Noon in the Sanctuary.



The NAMI Support Group meets on the third Tuesday from 7-9pm in the Sanctuary. If you have a family member suffering from mental illness and need support, information or camaraderie, please put these dates on your calendar: July 20, August 17, and September 21. Contact Barbara Woodruff for info.

Carol Schwery, DC CCN (chiropractic credentials) will be offering "Natural Solutions to Sleep" on September 7, 7-9pm.

The Crones' Initiation, guided by Patt Taylor, will be meeting throughout the summer culminating in a Croning ceremony in November; a new session will be available for interested women next year.

Claire Paul will coordinate a design group for the Profound Leadership program that will meet the first Thursday for September through December. Participants will be Embodying our covenant with personal centering practice, compassionate communication practice and readings for those interested in leadership as a developmental path.

Submitted by Claire Paul

UUF Musical Ministry

UUFSCC Music Coordinator Gail Swain will be off for the summer and will return refreshed in September.

Thank you Gail for a year of amazing music, be it the choir, small ensembles, guest musicians, solos, and especially your original songs. Our worship experience is greatly enhanced by your influence; you are greatly appreciated.

In the Love of Music, Terra Collier-Young

Open Mic:

Open mic provides a comfortable venue for musicians, poets, magicians, and other artists of all ages to perform before a live audience.

Refreshments are provided.

Wednesdays, July 7 and August 11.

Sign-up: 7:00, Start time: 7:30 pm

UUF Sanctuary.

For further information phone Barry Seidler at 684-0506.



Drumming for Heart and Soul:

"Those cultures that choose to access the higher domains – the spirit world, the other world, heaven, transpersonal consciousness, the collective unconscious, name it however you prefer – have often used some form of rhythmically controlled noise to facilitate the communion. How does the rhythmic music serve as a catalyst for transformation? What role does the musician play? How much training is required before a drummer can handle these powerful trance rhythms and not become entranced? What quality of balance is needed before we can dance at the edge of magic and not slip?"

Adapted from *Planet Drum* by Mickey Hart



As of this writing I am looking forward to our drum circle on Sunday, June 26; we will be celebrating Summer Solstice with a short ritual and a new drum song. Our summer schedule looks something like this: the July drum circle will be on the 25th and in August we will meet on the 29th (typically the last Sunday of the month).

Yours in Rhythm, Terra Collier-Young

UUF TGIF's

Thank Goodness It's Friday and time to get together for a few hours of summer socializing and fellowship fun. Please look for more information on these gatherings in the Current Happenings Enews and in the order of service on Sunday mornings.

July 2, Jeannie Logan co-hosting with John Thiemann, at the Fellowship.

July 9, John Thiemann is co-hosting with Robin Powers for her "Sheela na Gig" Art Show and Reception, at the Fellowship.

July 16, Reggie McLain and Edy Rhodes, location TBA

July 23 is open.

July 30 Marcia and Brian Heath,

August 6, Sylvia Forsyth,

August 13: Linda and Andy Neher,

August 20, Jayne McCreadie,

August 27 open

September 3 open

September 10: Helen Oxley, Don Newfarmer,

September 17 will be a combination TGIF and Art Show/Reception (see page 9), spearheaded by Erica Crawford with food brought by artists and will be held at the Fellowship.

September 24 Ann McCrow and Randy James,



Shamanic Divine Circle Play

Come and play! After our worship service on August 15, author Dr. Victor Shamas will lead us in a shamanic divine play circle. For the past 15 years, University of Arizona psychologist Dr. Victor Shamas has been leading "divine play" circles that integrate chanting, rhythm, movement, and laughter, with healing intention to create a unique and lively spiritual ceremony.

In this "playshop," Dr. Shamas will share some of the ideas in his new book, *"The Way of Play: Reclaiming Divine Celebration"* and show you how to put them into practice in the spirit of celebration. Percussion instruments are definitely welcome!

Submitted by Claire Paul



Hospitality Notables

It's a Grateful Time of Year for Me:

I am grateful for the long, warm days of summer. I am grateful for all the family and friend gatherings -- without the stress of the holidays. I am grateful for the music on the beach, art festivals, and farmer's markets. I am grateful for the TGIF's, which start up again and offer a deepening of our relationships and the embracing of newer UU's into our fold through the "getting to know you" process. I am most grateful for ALL who sign up to host our Hospitality Hour, in service to our Fellowship, assisting my committee, and, best of all, doing KP. I am truly blessed to have the best team of "Hummers" to keep our Fellowship Hour the amazing connection time it is.

I am especially grateful to Jeannie Logan and Jayne McCreadie for stepping in when we had no one to host or bring food; grateful for the lovely flowers Jeannie often brings in vases, ready to beautify our table. And so grateful for Jayne's love of cooking and the wonderfully delicious treats she spoils us with!

I am grateful to Mike Lanznibat for always making me smile when I arrive (late) and everything is set up with the umbrellas looking so welcoming; to Mary Brooks, with her quiet smile and willing time to pick up fruit when I forget, and to pitch in when it isn't even her turn; to Bob Bates for the many hats he wears on our committee, especially since finances and numbers are not my forte...thank you for keeping me well organized; to Barbara Woodruff who coached me well and pushed me out of the nest, yet is still there as my safety net when I need one; to Sylvia Forsyth for setting the bar high and showing us how to run the show; to Linda Neher for being willing to stay as our backup Hummer, even when her commitments were elsewhere. Thank you.

With Love and Gratitude, Jan Taylor

Jennifer Choate Wood and Dave "Woody" Wood enjoying the Fellowship Hour after a Sunday morning service.



UUF Family Camping Trip at Lake San Antonio



This will be at least the 6th time we have met for a week(end) of camping fun at Lake San Antonio! We have secured the group camp-site

again from Sunday afternoon, July 4 to Sunday morning, July 11.

This "cushy camping" site is great; it is lake front, with a kitchen, hot showers and regular bathrooms, lots of shade and space for tents, trailers or RV's, and it's private!!

Contact Ken Chamber or Terra Collier-Young, 684-0506, to sign up.

Calling All UUF Artists and Art Lovers

In conjunction with the Members Art Show at the Fellowship in September, the Art Committee is sponsoring an art fundraiser/sale for member/friend artists, which will be part of an extended TGIF/Artists Reception on September 17, from 4:30 to 8:00 pm. We are hoping you can donate a large percentage of your earnings to the Fellowship.

Artists can come early and set up a table to show off and sell their work. We are asking also that all artists in the show and selling their art to bring food and drinks for the TGIF. This is an opportunity



for all UUF artists to get their art seen. And with almost three months notice you'll have a chance to create some small, affordable works just

for this show/sale. So get creative over the summer and share a bit of yourself with the rest of our UUFSCC community. Erica Crawford

Massage Offer & Fundraiser

Ocean Rhythms Massage:

Shell McDevitt nurtures the sacred through Reiki energy work and Swedish therapeutic massage, using essential oils and healing stones. Shell will come to your home, \$65 an hour, and will donate 50% to the Fellowship; gift certificates available. You can reach her at 684-0506.



(Article approved by the editor)

Poetry Corner

I ask for a moment's indulgence to sit by Thy side.
The works that I have in hand
I will finish afterwards.

Away from the sight of Thy face
My heart knows no rest or respite,
And my work becomes an endless toil
In a shoreless sea of toil.

Today the summer has come at my window
With its sighs and murmurs,
And the bees are plying
their minstrelsy
At the court of the
flowering grove.



Now it is time to sit quiet
Face to face with Thee,
And to sing dedication of life
In this silent and overflowing leisure.

Rabindranath Tagore

Your Opinion is Wanted: Please Respond to Surveys

Several congregational groups will be seeking input from the members this summer:

*The Communications Committee wants input on whether you prefer to get information from a printed newsletter like this, an online weekly newsletter, the order of service, or other methods. Do you want to use Facebook?

*As we prepare for our congregational retreat August 27-28, planners want your opinion on goals for the congregation and what responsibilities and privileges go with membership in our Fellowship.

*The Board wants your input on priorities for new funding that is raised beyond our present budget, and policies about earmarks and holding funds.

*Sunday Service Committee and Adult Religious Education want input on the possibility of changing Sunday Service time to allow for classes Sunday morning before services.

If you use email, please respond to these surveys. If you are not active online, please check with the office for copies of these surveys so we can benefit from everyone's input.



Submitted by Claire Paul

UUF Photos by Erica Crawford and Terra Collier-Young



Patt, Thomas, Erica, Bob, Marley



Coordinating Council Meeting



Memorial Day Silent March



“From all that dwells below the sky”



Jazz band “Signals” played for us.



Dancing around the Maypole!

Please submit all *Unicorn* newsletter related materials to unicorn@uufsc.org
The due date for the September issue is August 8: please note the early date.

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Please Do Not Delay*



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