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April Sunday Services

- April 3 10:00am: YRUU-** Our youth group will be leading the service this Sunday. Please join us as they share their talents and lead us in worship!
Service Associate: Terra Collier-Young
Congregational Meeting after the service
- April 10 10:00am: Our Moral Obligation to Stop Climate Change** - Human history has been marked by many changes, the most recent of which is the unsustainable use of fossil fuels to drive society. Join us as we hear from Professor Michael Loik for a discussion of the scientific and moral arguments to reverse anthropogenic climate change. Professor Brent Haddad will also be adding comments on this subject after which the congregation will be invited into a question and answer session. Sponsored by the Social Action Committee and the Committee on Ministry.
(Rev. Paul and Board President Kären Aaker are at District Assembly this weekend.)
- April 17 10:00am: Leaving our Legacy-** Join us this Sunday as we celebrate the beginning of our Annual Canvass. This community has grown strong over the years and today we honor those who have worked hard to make it so. Their legacy gives us strength and hope for the future. What will your legacy be for the future of Unitarian Universalism in Santa Cruz County?
Rev. Paul Langston-Daley
Canvass Kickoff Potluck after the service
- April 24 10:00am: Into the Desert-** Today we recognize the beginning of Passover begins and explore the metaphor this celebration offers to us in our own spiritual paths. As Israel leaves Egypt and enters the wilderness for 40 years, they pass out of slavery and into freedom, but freedom offers a challenge. How do we view freedom, and what does it mean to have religious freedom?
Rev. Paul Langston-Daley

Langston-Daley Thoughts:

This month we kick off our annual canvass. That means that a member of the congregation will be visiting each of you and asking you to show your commitment to this Fellowship with a financial contribution. We know that not everyone has the ability to support this institution with a large pledge, but every little bit helps us achieve the goals and mission we set forth.



To each of you I ask you to consider giving a bit more than you planned this year. Here's why- as in most congregations, a small minority of families provides the bulk of pledges. This creates a burden on them, and can in some instances give them unfair sway in how things are done in a Fellowship or Church. These also tend to be older members, who will some day no longer be able to support the Church or Fellowship in the same way.

This means that younger families must take on the shared responsibility of caring for the financial stability of the institution. The bottom line is, your dollars matter. We can't operate with them, and yes, an increase of \$10 a month to the Fellowship will make a difference.

So, I ask you to reflect, really reflect (not just add a few bucks to last year's pledge) on what this Fellowship means to you. What is the role this community plays in your life? Have you found comfort here you would not have found elsewhere? Have you learned a new skill, taught or taken a new class, experienced a new way of thinking about something, met new and lasting friends, tried new ways of being? Have you been transformed in any way?

We can talk about the pledge as a way to pay the bills and manage our budget, but really your pledge is more than that... it is a commitment to the institution of Unitarian Universalism in Santa Cruz and beyond and a symbol of your personal growth and love.

A Church or Fellowship is not a commercial institution. You don't necessarily get concrete goods and services for your dollars. What you do get is an opportunity to express your hope and commitment to the future and that, in the words of Master Card, is priceless.

So, open your door to the canvasser, invite them in for coffee, share

a story or two about how the Fellowship helped you to transform your life.

Shanti, Paul

ANNUAL CANVASS: Canvassers' Party

The Fellowship's Annual Pledge Drive-Canvass, for Fiscal 2005-2006, will be held from April 19 through May 9. Our 21 intrepid canvassers look forward to meeting with all members and concerned friends.

The kickoff party for canvassers will be at 7 p.m., Monday, April 18, at the home of Rosalie and Bob Kraft. Iran Mohsenin will be in charge of canvass training.

Please welcome your canvasser.



Greeters for March

April 3	Jane Boone
April 10	Judy Anton
April 17	Iran Mohsenin
April 24	Fran Gertler

Please call Judy Anton 684-9608 or Iran Mohsenin 479-0105 to volunteer.

Unicorn Deadline



The deadline for **May** is **April 17th**. Please place articles in the Unicorn office folder or email them to the editor by that date.

Please email computer text and photos.

President's Letter

A humanist elevator speech*...



Among other things I claim to be, I am a humanist. As such, I hold that giving respect, dignity, justice, peace and good will to the human community can and does make a difference.

Humanists are committed to discovering objective truth using reason, science, and direct experience, at the same time recognizing that there are other ways of knowing.

In this way I understand that we, the diverse peoples of the world, are an integral part of the independent web of nature and because we are, we have a responsibility to be actively engaged in our world and to care for our environment and about other people of all kinds and in all situations.

Humanism is a religion of responsibility. It also is a religion of joy, celebrating the fruits of human creativity — arts, music, crafts, and invention.

Humanism does not exclude or invalidate other teachings. This is specifically expressed in our UU living traditions, which states that religious pluralism, “enriches and ennobles” us.

This is my ethical grounding and my credo.

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\* A speech to give to someone on a ride in an elevator who has asked what one’s religious beliefs are. It is limited to the time it takes the elevator to get from the ground floor to the ninth (or fifteenth) floor.

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*Children of the human race,
Offspring of our Mother Earth,
Not alone in endless space
Has our planet given birth.
Far across the cosmic skies
Countless suns in glory blaze,
And from untold planets rise
endless canticles of praise.*

*Should some sign of others reach this,
Our lonely planet Earth,
Differences of form and speech
Must not hide our common worth.
When at length our minds are free.
And the clouds of fear disperse,
Then at last we’ll learn to be
Children of the Universe.*

Hymn #305, Words: John Andrew Storey

Congregational Meeting April 3

All Congregational meetings as defined in our bylaws require the presence of a minimum of 15% of validated voting members. This is currently approximately 18 members.

The agenda includes and is limited to the following:

- Roll call of members to establish a quorum
- Ratification of 2005 trustee replacement selected by the board
- Officers' reports
- Nominating Committee report
- Presentation of the slate of 2005-6 officer and trustee candidates
- Nomination and election of 2005-6 officer and trustee candidates
- Presentation of 2005-6 strategic plan initiatives
- YRUU/RE building addition proposal
- Announcements

It is asked that announcements be given in advance and in writing to a board officer for approval and inclusion.

Everyone's presence is encouraged.

New Location for Caring Connection Board

On your way to Coffee and Conversation following the Sunday Service, please take a moment to check out the Caring Connection bulletin board which is now located nearby. Post your offers or requests (but nothing involving exchange of money, please).

There will be no dinner club in April because of canvass activities.

EXHIBIT COMMITTEE

On Feb. 28th the sparkling photographs of Margaret Stanton Murray will be taken down to be replaced by the striking acrylic paintings of Hildy Bernstein. Hildy's work is large and colorful, and ranges from landscapes to figurative work, often with strong social comment.

Her paintings will remain up until about mid-April, when Judith Maxfield's large abstractions will be installed.

These are comments by the artist whose lovely landscapes will be exhibited in the sanctuary through April 4th:

Many years ago a palm reader held my hand and forecast my future. He told me I was an artist and would come into my art later in life. I held onto that instruction like a precious secret, being equally thrilled and afraid that it might be true.

A few years ago I decided it was time to explore the suggestion. With the help of some exceptional people and my own perseverance, I now find myself completely immersed in the process of making art.

I never imagined my experience would become so rich. Now all I want to do is paint. The act of painting feels mystical and completely ordinary at the same time. It is luscious, chaotic, quieting and deeply nourishing. Within all this energy, there are stunning moments of stillness when art seems to come forward and everything becomes art.

Hildy Bernstein

(For information on purchases call Judy Anton @ 684-9608)



Henri Matisse's "The Dance" (1910)

Jan. 30 Sermon Text Available

The paper on which Dr. Alan Richards' Jan. 30 sermon on "American Thinking on Violence in the Middle East" was based is available at <http://www2.ucsc.edu/cgirs/publications/workingpapers/index.html>, along with some of Dr. Richards' earlier papers. Unfortunately, there is no tape from this sermon due to technical problems.

-WE HAVE A DATE

We are having a major event here at the Fellowship on Sunday June 12 at 3 PM. The talented musicians Cameron & Kristina, of "Musical Missions for Peace", will be performing for us. They have performed in many Arab countries as well as many states in America. Find out more about them by going to their site www.musicalmissionsforpeace.com. This afternoon's event of music, stories, slides and refreshments is for you, your children, relatives, friends and strangers.

Sometime ago the UU Board approved of starting a new committee with the goals of :

1. Being better known in Santa Cruz County;
2. Making our principles more widely known;
3. Increasing our membership.

We formed the Fellowship Event Planning Committee (FEP) and are now planning the first annual event to do this.

Since there are currently no plans at this time for our usual fund raising auction, this will be an event that brings us together to work for the Fellowship and peace this spring. Dave Wood will be donating fine wine, Mary Brooks and Erica Crawford are already busy designing the printed material. We need the help of all of you. A sign up sheet will be tabled at the entrance for each service with a list of jobs that we need to do in order to make this happen. Show your commitment to peace and our principles by signing up.

Marylou Lamb and the FEP Comm.

First Friday Book Group

It's very hard to be original month after month when the information is pretty much the same each time. So I'll do a Joe Friday presentation -- "Just the facts, ma'am."

April: "To the Lighthouse" by Virginia Woolf.

May: "A Bend In the River" by V.S. Naipal

Meeting 1st Friday of each month at 7:30 at Joan Roberts's home (688-7598)

Candidates Named for All Remaining Positions on the Fellowship's Board of Directors

The Nominating Committee is very pleased to report three additional nominations for the Fellowship's Board of Directors for 2005-06. The slate of nominees for the new Board is now complete:

- 1) Rich Fallis has agreed to serve as a candidate for Secretary. He replaces Kamala Franseth, who is stepping down while she and Mitch become parents.
- 2) Bill Sampson has agreed to serve as a candidate for Treasurer.
- 3) Sue Meyer has agreed to replace Rich Fallis as a candidate for Trustee.

The full slate of candidates will be submitted for a vote at the April 3 Congregational Meeting:

Terra Collier-Young,	President
Don Hoernschemeyer,	Vice President
Rich Fallis,	Secretary
Bill Sampson,	Treasurer
Judy Anton,	Trustee
Sylvia Forsyth,	Trustee
Sue Meyer,	Trustee

The new Board will also include Kären Aaker, who will serve as Past President, and three trustees who will be starting the second year of their two-year terms: Janus Blume, Andrea Webster, and Lora Lee Chapman.

Helen A. Oxley, Chair
Thomas Witz
Gerry Bailey
Kathy Norton
Dave/Woody Wood

PLEASE HELP US FIND ENTHUSIASTIC, QUALIFIED CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS

As most of you know, beginning on September 2005, we will be paying children's RE teachers for preschool/kindergarten, 1-3 grade, 4-6 grade, teen (Sun. morning), and YRUU (Wed. night twice monthly) classes. We need your help in finding enthusiastic teachers, who have prior teacher training and are philosophically in agreement with Unitarian Universalist principles. A job advertisement is posted at <http://www.uufsc.org/REC.htm>. We appreciate your sharing this opportunity with any qualified people who you think may be interested in teaching our children.

Teachers are expected to teach a 1-hr class most Sunday mornings between September 2005 and mid-June 2006 and attend a 2-hr RE meeting one evening monthly. Pay rate is \$60 per class (including preparation, set up and clean up time) plus \$40 to attend the RE meeting. One teacher is sought to work an additional 6 hr per month @ \$20/hr doing administrative tasks related to the RE program.

Applicants should send a cover letter, including a description of teaching philosophy, a resume, and contact information for three references to UUFSCC RE Committee by e-mail to dre@uufsc.org. Attachments should be in PDF or MSWord format. Review of applications will begin April 20, 2005. Questions should be sent to dre@uufsc.org; no drop-ins please.

The UUFSCC is an equal opportunity employer. Qualified UUFSCC members are encouraged to apply recognizing that they will be evaluated using the same criteria as all applicants.



"Starry Night" Vicent Van Gogh (1889)

PEACE WAVE

A Ritual to Foster Peaceful Relations

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed it is the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead

...Especially when they are spiritually committed people!

Our community is full of likeminded individuals with a vision –a quest!- for a peaceful world. Let us join together and combine our energies; that the whole may be greater than the sum of its parts!

You are invited and encouraged to come to the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Santa Cruz County 6401 Freedom Blvd in Aptos #684-0506 on Saturday, April 2, 2005 at 7:30pm, wherein we will have a chance to put our thoughts and intentions, prayers and aspirations into metaphysical action.

Children more than welcome; it is their future we are working for.

Diplomacy: the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations; Skillfully handling affairs without arousing hostility : TACT

Bring with you a word, and its dictionary and/or encyclopedic definition, that succinctly defines what local-to-world wide events need to happen to bring about positive change. Let us gather these words and definitions together to create a cone of power and send it out into the Universal space surrounding our precious Earth.

In the simplest prayer of pure potentiality for all sentient beings...

WELCOME, Terra Collier-Young

Canvass Launch Potluck

Mark your calendars for an important Fellowship community events

On April 17, we will mark the launch of our 2005 canvass with a potluck luncheon at the Fellowship after the Sunday service. Please bring a dish to share with fellow members and friends as we join together to honor and appreciate our Fellowship community.

When the pledge drive ends in early May we will wrap up our efforts with a Celebration Dinner at the Fellowship. See the May Unicorn for more information.

CUUPS: the 6th source & 7th Principle

Glorious, Glorious Spring! What a fantastic time of year; good for cleaning, gardening and loving!!

Beltane, on Sunday May 1st has to be one of our favorite holidays. This year CUUPS will invite a Contra Dance caller and violin player to lead us in a round of good old-fashioned folk dancing. We have done this in the past and always had a blast. Please call or e-mail me to participate in the planning or with any ideas.

Blessed Be, Terra Collier-Young



Judy and Art Anton

Member of the Month: Judy Anton

Even as a child of The Depression, it was possible to grow up in New York City with little money but surrounded by cultural and intellectual stimulus that was nothing if not vibrant. My mother, Betty, who was only allowed to finish high school, worked first as a linotypist, and then as a proof-reader for The NY Times. Her greatest heritage may have been the appetites she handed down: a love of art, classical music, dance, drama, and surely not least of all, NPR. (Is THAT why I listen to KAZU all day long?).

(One of last year's highpoints was the sale of my donated painting to KUSP for \$1,150. Supporting NPR that way felt terrific!).

My family of five arrived in The South Bay in 1970. California felt absolutely fresh and exotic, with redwoods and palm trees even. It was then that I first discovered that not all oceans are warm; in my naiveté I'd assumed they were all like The Atlantic. Surprise! Finding ourselves 3,000 miles from our roots was unique: we felt cut loose from family expectations and freer to explore our own natures. "Sensitivity" and growth groups were flourishing here then, and we took full advantage of learning new ways to communicate. It was indeed life-changing.

My former husband, a research chemist, and I, separated in 1976. (He and his wife live in Los Gatos). What followed was a long period of equal panic and exhilaration. I learned a lot, some of it, the hard way. Art and I met in 1983 and married in 1989, dreaming someday of leaving Silicon Valley and living closer to nature. That dream was realized in 1998 when, at 65, I retired after 18 years teaching art in a private school over the hill.

My three daughters, Brooke, Drew and Alisa, are my greatest treasures. I don't have words for what they mean to me. They've also brought four delightful grandchildren into our lives, all of them affectionate, hard-workers with integrity.

A range of nourishing groups here has made my life unexpectedly full. Hospice, a film group, a book group, a women's group, a spirituality group, movement groups and more. And of course there is our own cherished UU Community. Santa Cruz County is so blessedly abundant!

Nearly seven years after moving here I still find myself astonished by the beauty of the ocean. Having grown up on the sometimes mean streets of Brooklyn, I don't take any of this for granted. Despite a few challenges, so much of what is mine seems remarkable.

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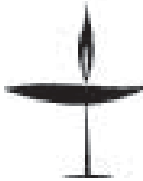
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Bring a dish.***

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