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June Sunday Services

June 5 10:00am: Death And Dying - If we can't have Heaven and Hell, what can we have? Leaving the planet the U-U way. End of life issues discussed by John Thiemann and Ed Newman. Music by a surprise vocalist and Louis Armstrong on tape.

Service Associate: Ed Newman

11:30am: Congregational Town Hall Meeting

June 12 10:0am: We Are Star Dust - This morning we will be visited by Connie Barlow and Michael Dowd, traveling ministers who have shared their Great Story about science and religion with UU congregations all over the country. A special "Great Story" workshop will be held on Tuesday, June 14th at 7:00pm in the sanctuary to further explore this fascinating subject.

All ages welcome to both the service and workshop. Please join us for this long awaited visit!

3:00pm: Musical Missions of Peace

June 19 10:00am: Dreams: Chalice Of Social Change - As a sane and just future for humanity continues to challenge us both locally and globally, and at times appears to recede from view, it becomes increasingly important that we find ways to shift our global emphasis away from fear and war and toward acceptance and peace. Dreams bear within them guidance for collective humanity as well as for the individual. Marsha Hudson will explain how the very human ability to dream may provide the transformation necessary for this shift.

Service Associate: Yael Yachman

June 26 10:00am: The Paradox of Choice - Choice is equated with freedom, and our own UU heritage emerges from the very notion of religious choice. Unfortunately, modern life can smother us with too many choices and we can easily be distracted from life's greater purpose. Join us as we share solutions that utilize both practical steps and the power of the unconscious mind to help us hold on to our spiritual center.

Service Associate: Andy Kreyche

Myth

Long afterward, Oedipus, old and blinded, walked the roads. He smelled a familiar smell. It was the Sphinx. Oedipus said, "I want to ask one question. Why didn't I recognize my mother?" "You gave the wrong answer," said the Sphinx. "But that was what made everything possible," said Oedipus. "No," she said. "When I asked, What walks on four legs in the morning, two at noon, and three in the evening, you answered, Man. You didn't say anything about woman." "When you say Man," said Oedipus, "you include women too. Everyone knows that." She said, "That's what you think."

-- Muriel Rukeyser

Office Volunteers Needed - ASAP!

As many of you may be aware, Fran Gertler has decided to leave her position as Office Manager, effective June 14th.

We need volunteers from the membership to staff the office for a few hours each week through mid July. Needless to say, this position is crucial to the health of the Fellowship in many ways. Fran has graciously offered to help folks get up to speed in the office.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lora Lee Chapman at loraleechapman@yahoo.com.

On behalf of the Personnel Committee, I would like to thank Fran for her many hours of diligent service in her capacity and wish her well in her endeavors for the future.

Rich Fallis

UUFSCC Finance Committee and Treasurer's Report

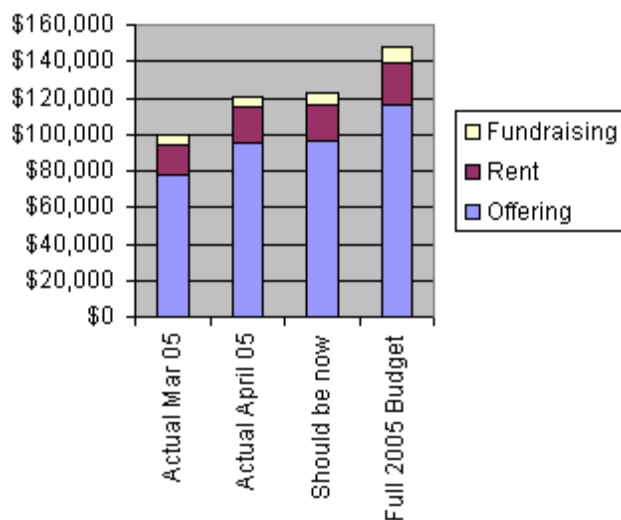
May 1, 2005

There is great news on the financial front! We have had a significant increase in our pledge income since our last report. This fact, combined with the car donation (thanks Ed and Carol!) and the generosity of an "angel" pledging unit who has given considerably more than their pledge, makes us hopeful that we will be very close to meeting budget. Hurray! Thanks to all of you for your continuing efforts to help us make our budget. It is very encouraging to us to see so many members stepping up to the plate during this time of transition.

Sincerely,

Finance Committee and Treasurer

UUFSCC FY2005 Income at end of March



Protest in Support of Gays in Tracy

The Reverend Sofia Craethnenn (along with many others who have already received her message) is encouraging congregations throughout the PCD to join in this peaceful protest, scheduled for June 11, in Tracey, CA. Please help us spread the word, letting others know that they can contact Sofia to help organize support for this action.

We found strong support for her action at UU Church Berkeley. If we have sufficient interest the PCD Social Justice committee could fund buses for UUs on that date. We anticipate one UU bus leaving from the Peninsula early Sat morning on June 11, and another UU bus leaving from the East Bay. Please contact Sofia re your support.

- Cilla Raughley

District Executive, Pacific Central District
cilla@pcd-uua.org craughley@uua.org

This is the message from Rev. Sofia Craethnenn at UU Stockton:

I was very unhappy to receive a phone call today from one of our members informing me that the infamous Westboro Baptist Church from Topeka, Kansas is planning to come out to Tracy, CA on June 11th to protest at both high school graduations. The reason for their protest is the existence of a Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) in both schools.

I am writing to ask you help in creating a loving, faith-based counter protest in support of these youth on their important day. I have listed a link below to today's press release which will give you an idea of how hate-filled this message and protest could be (warning, this is a very disturbing flyer). If you are interested in joining us, or can identify an organizer from your congregations who would be willing to coordinate a group coming down to participate please contact me by phone (209/464-1810) or by email (sofia16@comcast.net). http://www.godhatesfags.com/fliers/may2005/20050501_tracy-high-schools.pdf

May we continue our efforts by Standing on the Side of Love.



President's Letter

It's been a rewarding and eventful ride ...

In my first letter to you back in the summer of 2003, I reflected on the Chinese curse, "May you live in interesting times". At that time I was thinking of the alarming state of the economy, an increasingly partisan political scene, how we could compassionately deal with V's illness, and a building expansion that was just getting underway. Little did I suspect that there would be many other "interesting" times ahead, ones I had not contemplated.

As I reflect on the last two years, I am filled with gratitude for the support and kindness you have consistently shown me in dealing with all of the issues that have developed and the many changes the congregation continues to experience. Your letters, words, and gifts have sustained me when I had doubts and given me the courage to do the job as I promised to do it. I have been privileged to have two caring and competent boards to work with. I can't thank them enough for their thoughtfulness, their patience with me, and their willingness to work together.

Together we have accomplished a lot in these years. As we go forward with defining our changing ministry, refining our actions to meet our goals for the future, and participating with our interfaith friends in social action, we can grow both in numbers and in dedication to being a truly just society.

Though I admit to being weary and a bit sad to be saying goodbye, I also remain joyful and eager to continue working for this fellowship that has grown to be such an important part of my life. I welcome the new officers with my best wishes for this year of opportunities.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the Fellowship and our Unitarian Universalist movement.

I call that mind free which is not passively framed by outward circumstances, and is not the creature of accidental impulse:

Which discovers everywhere the radiant signatures of the infinite spirit, and in them finds help to its own spiritual enlargement...

I call that mind free which has cast off all fear but that of wrongdoing, and which no menace or peril can enthral:

Which is calm in the midst of tumults, and possesses itself, though all else be lost.

William Ellery Channing

In faith,
Kären

Town Hall Meeting - June 5th

There will be a town hall meeting from 11:30am til 1:00pm on June 5th following the service. We will be discussing whether to have an interim minister and whether to have a new minister later.

We will try to keep from running late so all who wish can go and join the march and/or join the crowd at San Lorenzo Park for the Gay Pride Parade.

UUs Marching in Gay Pride Parade in Santa Cruz

On Sunday June 5th, please attend this year's Gay Pride Parade either marching behind our UU banner or cheering those of us marching from alongside Pacific Avenue. We gather at or nearby Cathcart and Pacific no later than 10:45 a.m. (We don't know until we get there exactly where we are going to start off, but it's usually on Cathcart). Kick off is at 11:00. The parade route is along Pacific into San Lorenzo Park where there are festivities, music, speeches, food and fun until 5:00 p.m.

TGIF

“Thank God(dess), It’s Friday” from 5 to 7pm is an opportunity for members and friends of the fellowship to get together in an intimate setting for an end-of-the-week social gathering. Snacks and drinks are provided.

June 3	Rick & Sue Meyer
662-0507	407 Seacliff Dr, Aptos
June 10	open
June 17	Dave & Jane Boone
684-0410	58 Arbolado, La Selva Bch
June 24	Judy & Art Anton
684-9608	335 Loyola Rd, Aptos
July 1	M.Hudson / G.Shackelford
425-8167	114 Los Altos Ct, SC

EVENT -JUNE 12, SUNDAY 3PM

Just two plus weeks until the big day. Our **Musical Missions of Peace** performance tickets are available and you can buy yours after the service on Sunday. Gateway Books and Gifts will also be selling tickets so tell you friends that they can get tickets at the Gateway store, by calling 426 - 9600 or they can buy at the door.

We will be having a shuttle service from the Aptos Christian Fellowship which is at 7200 Freedom Blvd. Please use the shuttle so that we can let our guests use our parking lot. It would also be helpful if you would car pool.

If you have not yet volunteered to help with this event, I hope you will sign up for the final week of preparations.

This is a great opportunity for all of us to welcome visitors and make new friends for ourselves and the Fellowship.

The Fellowship Event Planning Committee.

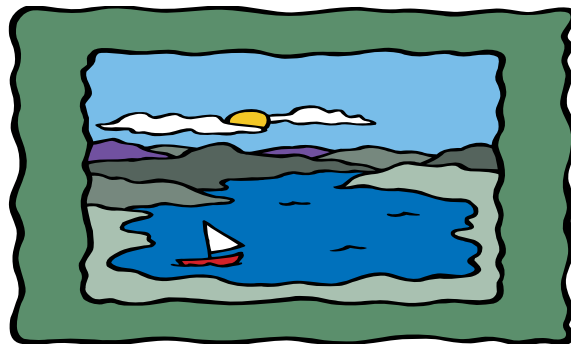
CALLING ALL NATURELOVING UUF MEMBERS AND FRIENDS LETS GO CAMPING!!

We have reserved the cool youth campsite at Lake San Antonio
for
the week of July 5th to July 10th

The weekend of July 8, 9, 10 will be the main event with shared meals, fun and games, and water sports.

We'll have the infamous Amphicar and a ski boat.
Signups will begin June 5th.

Contact Terra Collier-Young for further information.
terracollieryoung@yahoo.com or 462-4995



Yoga Comes to the UU Fellowship Hall

Greetings, UU Fellowship. My name is Delana Thompson. Beginning this month, I will be holding yoga classes in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday* nights at 6 pm. My classes blend hatha, vinyasa, Ashtanga, and Iyengar approaches to the yoga practice. Students learn to connect with their own inner teacher and to honor the natural wisdom of the body. Posture sequencing follows the breath, unlocking the body's natural flow of energy, and students are taught to use the muscles of the body in intelligent cooperation so that proper alignments are well supported. Students leave class feeling refreshed, relaxed, and more sound in mind and body.

Every class is open to all levels of student. Variations and resting poses are taught to accommodate every student's ability and intention.

The classes are being offered on a donation basis. I suggest a sliding scale donation of \$5 to \$8, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

For more information, please visit my website, www.yogawithdelana.com, or give me a call: 688-4473. I look forward to meeting you and sharing my love of yoga with the UU Fellowship. Thank you for providing a place for me to teach.

*For the week of June 12th, class will be *rescheduled*. Please come to class on *Thursday*, June 16th for a special event, "Sacred Posture, Sacred Song" (see article following).

Sacred Posture, Sacred Song

Thursday, June 16th
Yoga at 6:00 pm, Devotional Singing at 8:00 pm
UU Fellowship Hall

Sliding Scale donation: \$10 - \$15, no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

This week, yoga will be held on Thursday night (instead of Tuesday) as part of a cooperative event with musicians Kristin Ray and Todd Boston.

Join us at 6 pm for a healing asana practice, followed by an evening of devotional song. We will take the spirit of our yoga practice into a focused singing meditation, uniting our voices in prayerful community. This special evening will bring forward our spiritual connection with one another and with the divine. Won't you join us?

For more information: www.yogawithdelana.com, www.toddboston.com, www.toddboston.com/kristin_ray.html, or call Delana at 688-4473.

Greeters for June

June 5 Fran Gertler

June 12 Judy Anton

June 19 Jane Boone

June 26 Iran Mohsenin

Feast of the Magdalene

Experience the spiritual and historical intrigue of the so-called "Grail Heresy," the theory that Mary Magdalene was the wife of Jesus and the mother of his child. Discover the mythology of the goddess/priestess as consort of the dying and resurrected god through the New Testament figure of Mary Magdalene.

Janus Blume, member of the Fellowship Board of Trustees and A.H.P. (Also High Priestess, her actual title) of Greenheart Grove, a local wiccan coven, will present a one-day workshop on Saturday, July 23. July 22 is the Feast of the Magdalene in the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. There is a requested \$50 donation to Greenheart Grove. No one will be turned away for lack of funds.

Workshop participants will learn the historical basis for the so-called "Grail Heresy" and design and enact a ritual to invoke the presence of this archetypal goddess energy. For more information, contact Janus Blume at 427-9864.

Unicorn Deadline



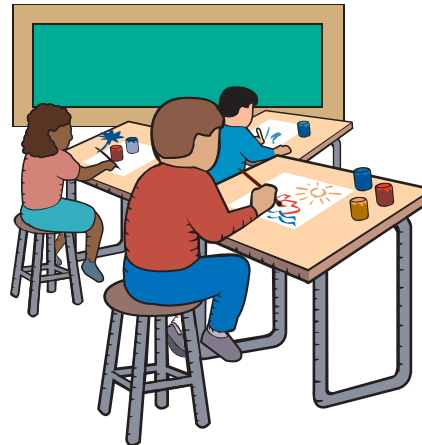
The deadline for **combined July/August** is **June 19th**. Please place articles in the Unicorn office folder or email them to the editor by that date. *Please email computer text and photos.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Past: We would like to extend our thanks to all the people who have helped with the RE program over the past year.

*Judy Anton
 Mary Brooks
 Rich Fallis
 Sylvia Forsyth
 Brent Haddad
 Jodi Holden
 Karen Holl
 V Langston-Kingsley
 Meichi Lee
 Ted Merrill
 Sue Meyer*

*Stephen Morairty
 Kathy Norton
 Cindy Rogers
 Suse Shane
 Marley Smith-Merrill
 Gene Stevens
 Patt Taylor
 Devi Tong
 Diana Wilson
 Thomas Witz*



Present: We would like to thank those people who have already volunteered to lead an activity for summer and solicit help for the open positions. You can choose any theme to teach – hands-on activities are great. If you don't feel comfortable leading a theme, then please consider assisting. Please contact Devi Tong to volunteer (deviram@yahoo.com, 685-4744).

RE SUNDAY SCHEDULE

DATE	TEACHER	ASSISTANT
May 29, 2005	Don H	Katherine LeMaster
June 5, 2005	Andy Kreyche	Andy will choose
June 12, 2005	Yael	_____
June 19, 2005	Liesa Lietzke (new teacher)	Devi
June 26, 2005	Moyara Ruehsen	Brent Haddad
July 3, 2005	_____	_____
July 10, 2005	No RE	No RE
July 17, 2005	Mary Brooks	Eve Seamon
July 24, 2005	Liesa Lietzke (new teacher)	
July 31, 2005	John Thiemann	Jane Boone
August 7, 2005	Amy Carlson	
August 14, 2005	Judy Anton	Jo Sprague
August 21, 2005	_____	_____
August 28, 2005	Woody Wood	Michael Loik

Future: We are excited to announce that we have hired teachers for the K-3 and 4-6 grade classes. Both have considerable teaching experience and enthusiasm, and hold UU values. We are in the process of interviewing a couple of teachers to work with the teens. We hope to hire a preschool teacher early in the fall. We have been working on a behavioral covenant to provide a safe environment for our children. You will be receiving a mailing from the RE committee this summer about our plans for the coming year, but please note that the all-fellowship RE meeting will be Sept. 18th after the service. All fellowship members are invited and parents are required to come.

Summer Dance

We had so much fun dancing at Beltane that we decided to plan another dance. Please join us for a

**Summer Dance
Friday, June 24th
7:30 p.m. (after TGIF)
at the Fellowship**

All members and friends are most welcome. There will be a \$5 suggested donation to cover expenses and raise funds for the Hospitality Committee, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

Do you have dance music you'd like us to play? If so, bring your CD's to Fran or Yael by Sunday, June 12th, and we'll do our very best to get your favorite tunes into the UUFSCC Summer Dance CD set. Yes, of course, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every musical preference, and we're looking forward to compiling a hilariously eclectic musical mix. Unfortunately, we are not able to record from vinyl at this time. However, if you have some oldies on vinyl that you can't dance without, email Yael (ylachman@redshift.com) and we'll try to find your favorites on CD (or download them) and include them in the mix. (PLEASE remember to put your name on any CD's you bring, and to mark any particular tracks you want us to use.)

First Friday Book Group

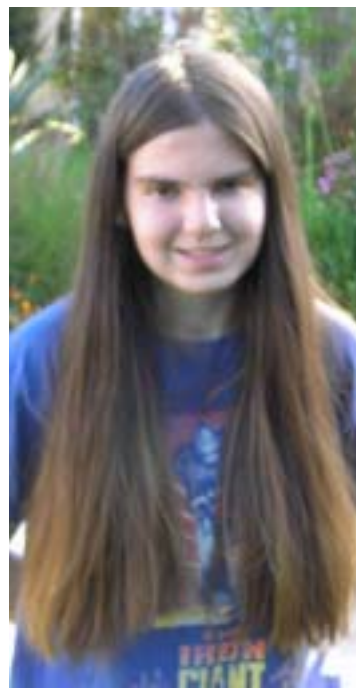
Summer plans are being made for the First Friday Book Group. We are going to take a whole month in the country! Before we do that, however, we'll be spending June in New England through reading and discussing Henry James' "The Turn of the Screw" (Remember that from high school?)

Then in July we begin "A Month in the Country", J.R. Carr's book by that title. Unfortunately our vacation is being taken vicariously. Wrapping up the summer's reading fare will be Edith Wharton's "Age of Innocence."

The door is open for you to join us on the first Friday of each month. We meet at 7:30 at Joasn Robert's house (688-7598).

Member of the Month: Robynne Blume

I was born in Agoura in March of 1989. My parents took me to the UU fellowship in, I think, Conejo Valley. I'm not entirely sure if that's where it was, but Conejo Valley sounds right. I don't remember very much of that time, but I vaguely remember the building itself. I liked its shape. When I was five, we moved to Santa Cruz. I don't remember a period of searching for a fellowship here, but then again it would hardly have interested me at the time. I remember R.E. here, particularly the day we were asked to draw what we thought god looked like. I had a specific image in my head, but I was disappointed by my artistic shortcomings. In addition to UUism, my mother introduced me to Wicca. My first recalled strong magical experience was one Imbolc, the wiccan holiday that heralds the beginning of spring. I felt a presence among the plants, and ran out front to tell my parents that the spirits were coming back to the garden. My mom had been sad that she didn't have a coven, and this apparently cheered her up. Again, I don't remember that part. I went through a Coming of Age process at this Fellowship, and Susie Leechman was my



mentor. During that, I learned an important lesson about standing up for principles. I made a point of going to my friend's Coming of Age ceremony, even though it conflicted with the mini vision quest that was an important part my own Coming of Age. I went to my friend's ceremony with the knowledge that I was giving up my own. That night, the minister called me and explained that we could work something out. My vision

quest could be rescheduled. I have since attended YRUU on Wednesday nights.

Interim Minister? Minister? We need to decide

Town Hall Meeting

June 5th
after the service

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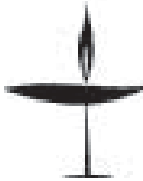
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3pm
(get your tickets now!)

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