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## July/August Sunday Services

- July 3 10:00am: "HOME"** This Sunday we reflect on the meaning of home as people pass through their lives. Home as a place from which we emerge into adulthood, a place we miss when we are away, a place we hold dear and keep safe, and a place we long to return to. Fellowship members will share their perspectives on the meaning of home, interspersed with original music by Kim Luke and Brent Haddad.  
SSA: Terra Collier-Young
- July 10 10:00am: "Thoughts on the Extermination of the European Jewry"** Much has been written and said about the Holocaust, the Nazi's extermination of the European Jewry. Yet it might still be worthwhile to compare and contrast the success of the Nazi extermination effort in various countries of Europe, and pose the question in what circumstances favored and what circumstances restrained the murders.  
A talk by Peter Kenez, Professor of History, UCSC.  
SSA: Bob Kraft
- July 17 10:00am: "Through the Eyes of UUism"** You are encouraged to attend today! We will welcome our new board this morning, as well as examine our fellowship culture in particular and the whole UU movement at large. Join us this morning as Terra Collier-Young tells of her experience at General Assembly.
- July 31 10:00am: "The New Buddhism—Is it relevant to you?"** Can eclectic, occidental UU's find solace and direction in a 2,500 year old oriental tradition? In reflections based on the book, *The New Buddhism*, by David Brazier, Dr. John Holl will present the insight of a mystic UU humanist on a Buddhist pathway.  
SSA: Karen Holl

**Aug 7 10:00am: “OPERA: Bouts with Culture, Religion and Politics”** The history of opera is tied up with social conflict, religious and cultural suppression, and even revolution. Speaker Bob Kraft explores this with examples from Mozart, Bizet, Verdi and Hindemith.  
SSA: Erin Balabanian

**Aug 14 10:00am: “60 Years after Hiroshima: the New Nuclear Danger and What You Can Do About It”** August 6 marks the 60th anniversary of the United States dropping of an atomic bomb on Hiroshima. In this service, Dr. Tom Newman will share some thoughts about why nuclear weapons pose an increasing danger, our moral and legal obligation to abolish them, and a vision of how we might work together to make this happen.  
SSA: Ed Newman

**Aug 21 10:00am: “UUs and Faith”** In what do you have faith? Do you ever call Unitarian Universalism your faith? Why yes or why no? In this life, to what do we turn? In what do we have faith? Join us this morning as Kate Kennedy, a fourth year Starr King student, leads us on this exploration.  
SSA: TBA

**Aug 28 10:00am: “Should We Try To Restore The Earth?”** For millions of years organisms have altered their environment. So why are some humans trying to reverse the massive effects they have had on the ecosystems of the planet? Karen Holl, Fellowship member and Professor of Environmental Studies at UCSC, will lead a discussion about whether humans can and should try to “restore” ecosystems.  
SSA: TBA

### September preview:

**Sept 4 “Labor Of Love”** Please join us this fine morning as we spruce up the Fellowship grounds and sanctuary in preparation for our homecoming the following Sunday.

**Sept 11 “Homecoming ~ Water Ceremony”** Come, come, who ever you are, wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving... and bring with you water from your summer experiences to share in our annual “Gathering of the Waters” celebration. SSA: Terra Collier-Young

## Interim Minster Search Committee Selected

After three well-attended town hall meetings, the Board of Trustees voted at its regular meeting June 16 to apply to the UUA for an interim minister. A committee has also been selected and approved by the board.

Included on this committee are Kären Aaker, outgoing president and acting chair, Don Hoernschemeyer, current trustee and incoming board vice president, Terra Collier-Young, incoming president, Bob Kraft, incoming chair of the committee on ministry, and Iran Mohsenin, member of the membership, budget, and finance committees.

The completed application for an interim has been submitted to the UUA Settlement Director. The first meeting of the committee was called for the last week of June. It is anticipated that a careful choice can be made in the next few weeks and that the next Unicorn will introduce our interim minister to us.

The committee thanks all of you who made your preferences for an interim minister known. Your opinions matter and will guide the work of the committee.

— KAA

### Unicorn Deadline



The deadline for **September** is **August 21st**. Please place articles in the *Unicorn* office folder or email them to the editor by that date. *Please email computer text and photos.*

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## Amazing Volunteers

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The Musical Missions of Peace afternoon on June 12th was possible because the following people gave so freely of their time and abilities.

Mary Brooks  
Lee Cavanaugh & Lorraine Sandoval/Vigel  
Erica Crawford  
Shannon Edwards & Ken Chambers  
Don Foster  
Sylvia Forsyth  
Carol & Ed Newman  
Randy James  
Jane Boone  
Jan Shirchild  
Cindy & Mark Rogers  
Ben & Katherine LeMaster  
John Thieman  
Sally Real & Bill Taggart  
Jo Sprague  
Ti Lamb  
Dorothy Shaw  
Devi Tong  
Fred Seamon  
Helen & Ed Ratcliffe  
Stephen Morairty  
Sue & Rick Meyer  
Dave Wood

This was our first large scale outreach event in the greater Santa Cruz community. The performance by Cameron Powers and Kristina Sofia was enlightening and entertaining. Between 80 & 90 people attended. I was so pleased to see that the 6-8 children present seemed to enjoy it as much as the adults. The delicious finger food and wine made the afternoon complete.

The FEP committee especially thanks the Endowment Committee for the initial grant that made this Musical Missions of Peace performance possible.

Thank you all for your donations, co-operation and hard work.

Marylou Lamb  
Fellowship Event Planning Committee

## President's Letter

*What is this church? A place of love and gladness  
Where all may meet to seek the common good.  
A source of strength to face each doubt and sadness,  
Where every dream is known and understood.  
What is this church? Ask those who came before  
And found themselves by walking thru' its door.*

My first visit to the UUF was Winter Solstice, 1991. We had moved into our current home in Soquel and as I watched the winter sun disappear behind the north-facing mountain I felt a great kinship with the ancient ones praying for the sun's return. This was a turning point in my life, both my introduction to Unitarian Universalism and recognition of my Pagan spirit. A few months later I attended a summer program and listened to Huston Smith speak about the world's religions and make the bold statement that we are collectively "humankind", not "mankind". This was revolutionary to my mind and it was then that I aligned myself as a UU and began to attend the fellowship regularly. My life changed by walking thru' a door!

Since then I have not looked back. My volunteer work has been both challenging and rewarding: the Committee on Ministry with Rev. Anna, the Membership Committee, the Hospitality Committee, a Board Trustee, coordinator of CUUPS, Sunday Services Committee, and now I write to you as the Board President. It is a natural progression and one I will continue by being a seminary student in 2006. I humbly accept the confidence of the UUF membership to lead, and will do my very best to confirm this trust.

*Here in this church we raise our joyous voices  
To praise the spirit that lives within each heart.  
The way is long, but every soul rejoices  
When we press on, together, not apart.  
Here in this church we join the growing throng  
That seek the right and fight against all wrong.*

Though the post I agreed to take on changed greatly with Rev. Paul's resignation, I feel the call to leadership all the stronger. By the time you read this I will have attended GA with a special focus on workshops and lectures that will teach me about being the president and about working with an interim minister. At the end of July I will attend PCD's Leadership School where I will further my education about congregational life. This is all very exciting to me and I can see my personal growth curve rise accordingly. In his fantastic book *Seven Spiritual Laws of Success* Deepak Chopra advises that I view change like standing at the edge of all possibilities knowing that there is great support behind me and at my sides. This support

is my family, the board of trustees and all committees, the members and friends of the UUF, the PCD and UUA. I would also like to add that the “Desired Future State Goals” we forged together in the last year will be a working document and reference tool.

On July 17th I will lead a Sunday morning service called “Through the Eyes of UUism” and I would like to encourage all who are in town to attend. At this service I will outline what I learned at GA and how this knowledge will apply to my presidency and to our actions in the coming year. And what a year it will be!!

*What is the church? A place of perfect freedom  
To follow truth where ever it may lead.  
To celebrate the best there is within us,  
And find the best in every faith and creed.  
What is this church? A place to see the light  
That shines forever thru' the darkest night.*

[E. Sander/ J. Sibelius, “Finlandia”]

Yours Sincerely,  
Terra Collier-Young



*Above: UU's at the Gay Pride Parade*

*Also: Erica Crawford is pleased to announce: <http://homepage.mac.com/ericacrawford/PhotoAlbum1.html>*

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## TGIF

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“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.

**July 8:** John Thiemann  
195 Raptor Rd., Watsonville  
728-9309

**July 15:** Carol & Ed Newman  
106 Moore Creek Rd., Santa Cruz  
423-7542

**July 22:** Kären Aaker & Bruce Fihe  
441 Rachitos Del Sol, Aptos  
662-9585

**July 29:** Iran and Nuri Mohsenin  
390 6th Ave., Santa Cruz  
479-0105

**August 5:** Pat McVeigh & Don  
Hoernschemeyer  
6107 Sheraton Rd., Aptos  
475-9357

**August 12:** Helen Oxley & Don  
Newfarmer  
100 N. Rodeo Gulch Rd., Space 126  
Soquel 477-0998

**August 19:** OPEN

**August 26:** Terra & Scott Collier-Young  
4440 Prescott Rd., Soquel  
462-4995

**September 2:** Eve and Fred Seamon  
2211 Chanticleer, Santa Cruz  
464-8323

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## Membership Table

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July 3 Fran Gertler

July 10 Karen Aaker

July 17 Marsha Hudson

July 24 TBA

July 31 Iran Mohsenin

Aug. 7 Judy Anton

Aug. 14 TBA

Aug 21 TBA

Aug. 28 Iran Mohsenin

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## First Friday Book Group

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Just as the best laid plans of mice and men (?) go awry so do the best laid plans of book groups.

Rather taking, as planned, a month in the country in July we will be focusing on Edith Wharton's *Age of Innocence*. But in August we will be able to take our postponed vacation with J.L. Carr's *A Month in the Country*. We are planning to read *The Strangeness of Beauty* by Lydia Minatoya in September. The schedule for the rest of the year is open, although we do have some ideas.

Please feel free to join us the first Friday of each month at Joan Roberts' home (688-7598) and bring to the meeting any ideas for what we might read. P.S. We always have refreshments. Does that entice you?



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## Open Mike

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Date: Saturday, July 16

Time: 8 pm

Place: At the Fellowship!

For Information Phone: 831-477-7588

Open mike provides a comfortable venue for musicians, poets, magicians, and other artists to perform before a live audience. Refreshments are provided. Donations accepted.

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## Yard Sale in September

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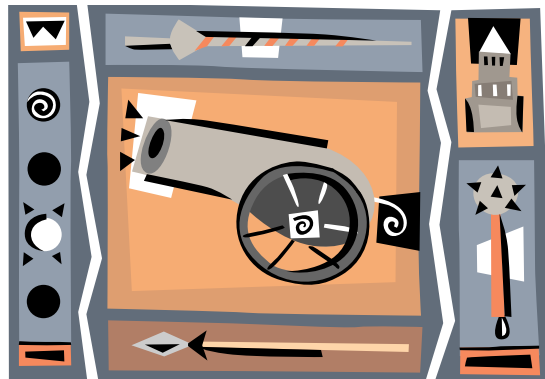
The Fellowship's annual yard sale will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Fellowship. For information contact John Thiemann, 728-9309, or Rosalie Kraft, 475-5660.

## The Second Coming

Turning and turning in the widening gyre  
The falcon cannot hear the falconer;  
Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold;  
Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world,  
The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere  
The ceremony of innocence is drowned;  
The best lack all convictions, while the worst  
Are full of passionate intensity.

Surely some revelation is at hand;  
Surely the Second Coming is at hand.  
The Second Coming! Hardly are those words out  
When a vast image out of Spiritus Mundi  
Troubles my sight: somewhere in sands of the desert  
A shape with lion body and the head of a man,  
A gaze blank and pitiless as the sun,  
Is moving its slow thighs, while all about it  
Reel shadows of the indignant desert birds.  
The darkness drops again; but now I know  
That twenty centuries of stony sleep  
Were vexed to nightmare by a rocking cradle,  
And what rough beast, its hour come round at last,  
Slouches towards Bethlehem to be born?

- W.B. Yeats



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## Ministerial Search Committee

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A Search Committee will be formed this fall to consider ministerial candidates for a settled minister for our congregation.

The Nominating Committee is now accepting names of members who wish to be considered for membership on the Search Committee. Eventual decisions about Search Committee membership will be made by the congregation in the fall. Service on the Search Committee is a demanding task, and the process will probably last about a year.

The congregation needs to get a Search Committee appointed in order to be prepared to proceed without delay if the members decide in the months ahead to call a settled minister.

Members who wish to be considered for the Search Committee should notify Helen Oxley at 477-0998 or hao3@aol.com

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### Author in the Congregation!

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One of our members, Don Hoernschemeyer, has recently written an article on health & disease and chemical pollutants, titled *INSIDIOUS POISONS: How toxic substances in the environment threaten the health of people and all living things.*

The article discusses the kinds of toxic pollutants that are everywhere in our lives; how they cause diseases, such as cancer, and damage our body's natural health maintenance systems; where the toxic substances come from; how they enter our bodies; and what each of us can do to prevent or minimize their effects.

Don is making it available to everyone in our congregation, at a cost of \$10. To review a copy, see him during the coffee hour after any service.

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## Unitarian-Universalist Beds & Breakfast

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Do you dream of inexpensive vacation travel to interesting destinations where you can stay in the homes of friendly people who share your ideals and are happy to provide directions and advice for their area?

The UU bed and breakfast directory *UU're Home* (formerly Homecomings) can fulfill your dream. For 25 years, we've provided a network of hosts in the United States (and a few abroad) who enjoy meeting new friends and who are happy to open their home to like-minded people.

You can also become a host and be listed in the directory. Contact us at 828-281-3253 or at [info@uurehome.com](mailto:info@uurehome.com), and we will gladly send you information about listing your accommodations.

*UU're Home* has recently launched a new website at [www.UUreHome.com](http://www.UUreHome.com), where entries are updated whenever changes are made or new hosts are added. The paper edition, which is published every year in April, is still available (and has many more listings than the website). For a copy of the 2005 directory, please send a check for \$18 to *UU're Home*, 43 Vermont Court, Asheville, NC 28806.

CALLING ALL NATURE LOVING  
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.

To signup contact Terra

Collier-Young 462-4995, [terracollieryoung@yahoo.com](mailto:terracollieryoung@yahoo.com),

Ken Chambers 408-353-2710, [kenneth3@concentric.net](mailto:kenneth3@concentric.net) or

Marjike Mejeir 477-7588

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## Member of the Month: Lee Cavanaugh

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I think of life as a journey. Some people plan their trips out and stick with their itinerary, but I have just picked a direction and started traveling, making decision about which fork in the road to take as I got there. I began this journey as the product of a "mixed marriage"; my father a Catholic, my mother a Presbyterian. I grew up in Southern California with both my parents, a younger brother and sister. We enjoyed many family activities. I have wonderful memories of our many camping trips and the great times we spent at my grandmother's place at the beach.

Initially I was neutral about school, but I liked mathematics, science and art.

College was a lengthy portion of this journey with a few side roads. Shortly after graduating from Marymont College, I began teaching because I needed a job and the local Catholic school needed a second grade teacher. This led to 29 years of teaching many different grade levels and subjects.

In the late '60s, I migrated to the San Francisco Bay area where I worked for the Richmond School District. I taught elementary school and served as a math resource teacher for a couple of years.

Through mutual friends I met my partner, Lorraine Sandoval, who lived in Watsonville. This led me to make some major changes. In 1988 I moved to Watsonville to live with Lorraine and I joined UUFSCC. I continued teaching, accepting an assignment as a head teacher and a release time physical education teacher in the Pajaro Valley School District.

I ended my teaching career teaching math at the middle school in 1995. I am enjoying structuring my time with the things I love most: hiking, jogging, biking, kayaking, backpacking and camping. I also decided to indulge my interest in art and took several art classes at Cabrillo College. I enjoy sculpture. It is challenge to attempt to create a piece of art out of chunk of alabaster or hunk of wood. I also spend a lot of time in the garden, growing herbs, vegetables, berries and fruit trees.

My spiritual journey has also taken me places I would not have anticipated as a Catholic youth. Being part of an accepting religious community that honors an individual's search for meaning and truth is of paramount importance to me. I became active in the UUFCC since moving to Watsonville. I have served as board Vice President, and several committees including, Commit-

tee on Ministry and on one of the search committees to hire a settled minister. My partner Lorraine and I rejoined UUFCC after being members of the First Unitarian Church of San Jose, where we decided to support the first Unitarian church in the country to have a Spanish Ministry. It became increasingly apparent that the time to travel to San Jose and back impacted our ability to participate in activities at the San Jose church. We decided to return to UUFSCC. I am happy to be back.



*Lee  
at the  
Gay  
Pride  
Parade*

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## Caring Connection

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Please check out the Caring Connection board. Notice the requests and offers which are posted on it (and be sure to post your own!).

Below is a copy of an e-mail message that was sent out in May by the Caring Connection. I [Your Publisher] have included it since the method seems really interesting and because it is such good news!

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Very good news from V Kingsley: She is finished with her visit to the Boston Foundation for Sight (BFS) and will be able to come home next weekend with much more vision. She will be able to drive (thank you to all who helped drive her and Parker!!) and looks forward to being able to read the hymns again!

The amazing team of doctors at BFS fit her with wonderful new lens devices that fit over her individual eye-balls. They are like little cups that hold liquid over her entire cornea and most of the white part too (the size of a quarter roughly.) They are like liquid bandaids that she must wear whenever she is awake. They will save her cornea until technology advances enough to get her out of pain and, in the meantime, she'll be able to see very well while the lenses are inserted. Cool, huh?

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**Don't forget to collect  
some water for the Fall  
Water Ceremony**

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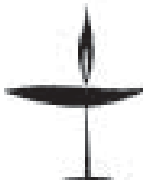
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