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October Sunday Services

All Sunday Morning Services Begin at 10:00a.m.

Oct 7 **"Cultivating Peace - The Green Sanctuary"**

Celebrate the ecological and the spiritual with a service featuring the talents of special guest Jim Scott. An acclaimed musician, Jim helped create the Green Sanctuary program for church sustainability. As we review our own Green Team's progress we'll learn more about this important project through music, celebration and humor.

Brian Heath, Service Associate

Oct. 14 **"Voluntary Associations:
We are Better Together?"**

Learn how the sustaining influence of James Luther Adams encourages congregational connections and growth. By participating in Association Sunday our Fellowship draws upon its resources - through a special collection - to aid our larger movement in promoting our shared values, risks, and commitment.

--Rev Deane Oliva

Oct. 21 **"To Pray or Not to Pray: That is the Question"**

First in an intermittent series on Living our Mission: Spiritual Practices. Unitarian Universalists often question the place of prayer in their theology and their daily lives. Today we will explore many facets of prayer with information, examples and reverence.

--Rev Deane Oliva

Oct. 28 **"Faith: the Final Frontier"**

When it comes right down to it, all there is, is faith. Humanists, atheists, non-theists, agnostics, theists, poly-theists have a common ground from which they live. Let us rejoice!

--Rev Deane Oliva

Please submit all Unicorn related material to unicorn@uufsc.org. The due date for the November issue is October 21.

Minister's Musings

Rev Deane Oliva

At this writing, the Unitarian Universalist Bay Area Fall Marketing Campaign rolls into full swing. Let's keep our eyes and ears posted, searching out the little ways that might make us more welcoming to visitors. I offer a couple of hints for your consideration.



Let's wear nametags to all functions, letting folks know that we expect not to recognize everyone in the room and are open to introductions. As a newcomer, I can attest to how much more comfortable I feel when I see nametags on folks and when they reintroduce themselves the second time we meet.

When speaking, let's avoid abbreviations like UUA, PCD and NVC. Even terms like "UU" come into scrutiny. Note the difference between "I'm a UU" and "I'm a Unitarian Universalist." From the inside, UU is a term of endearment, a shortcut to our beloved faith. From the outside, UU may be perceived as coy, self conscious, affected or even a secret code! Cumbersome as it is, Unitarian Universalist is likely to evoke an historical context, a respectful perspective, an attitude of pride. Comparatively, think of the difference between "JC" and "Jesus Christ."

Remember that by the time they come to the Fellowship most people have already checked us out. They probably know about our responsible search for truth and meaning. They may search for our strong social justice stance. What they may not know is where the restroom is located, how to find the coffee, who it is alright to join for conversation, and how to find out more about our faith tradition. Let's not look too busy. Let's look as open and responsive as we are. Let's let our light shine, shine, shine.

Peace and blessings, Deane

UUFSCC Office Hours

Please note that while UUFSCC hours are posted, if you have something that must be done by a certain day, it makes sense to call ahead. Meetings, sick days, pastoral calls, lobbying, and a myriad of other duties may mean that Rev Deane or Priscilla will not be in at a scheduled time on a given day; i.e., a weekly staff meeting will be Tuesdays, 1-2p.m.

Opening Words



*How rare it is, how lovely,
this fellowship of those who meet
together.*

from Psalm 133

President's Letter

Dear Friends:

This month at the Fellowship is a busy time, especially this year when we have the added excitement of beginning to answer the question: who will be our settled minister?

At the time of writing this letter in mid-September the only thing we know is that the Rev Deane Oliva will be our consulting minister until the end of August, 2008. By October 1 we will know whether or not Rev Deane will be a candidate for the settled ministry, and if so, on October 28 at a special meeting, the congregation will vote to call--or not to call-- her as our settled minister. If she is not a candidate, then the new settled ministerial search committee has its work cut out for itself and will hopefully present us with a candidate next April. Whew!!

If that isn't enough, the Unitarian Universalist Association, our national organization, has launched an advertising campaign here in the Bay Area which will likely result in an upswing in the numbers of visitors coming through our doors on Sunday. This provides a wonderful opportunity for each of us to participate in welcoming newcomers and showing our hospitality. Please take Rev Deane's comments in this issue's "Minister's Musings" to heart--and I mean, to heart. Welcoming our guests is an all-fellowship ministry.

Finally, we have two special events this month: First, "The Sky's the Limit" auction on Saturday, October 20, which Bobbi Jo Palmer and Terra Collier-Young have been organizing, and second, Association Sunday on October 14. This is an UUA nationwide event as part of the "Now's The Time" UUA campaign which asks us to participate in supporting the growth of our faith. As Bill Sinkford, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, has said, "The growth of our liberal religion matters not only for our own sake, but also for the world's sake. A stronger and more robust Unitarian Universalism would be good news for the values we represent and the people who share those values."

See you around the Fellowship!!

Faithfully, Marsha Hudson



Board Highlights

The Board has had an active summer, which included a retreat with all committee chairpersons or representatives. Information of interest to members and friends follows:

*Updated member contact information is kept on the Administrator's database.

*A Cell Phone Tower ad hoc committee is being formed and led by Vice President Bruce Fihe.

July Board Meeting:

***Committee Clusters:** Each trustee has been assigned a cluster of committees to oversee.

***An ad hoc committee on communication flow** will be established. Helen Oxley is the trustee member who will get the committee formed.

***A clay art project** initiated by the Art Committee was approved, and a \$200 budget funded. Workshop participants will make hand-built "totem" sculptures that may be chosen to decorate the patio area.

***Bookkeeper hired:** The hiring of Mary Hanley was approved for 6 hrs/wk. for three months; her hours of employment will then be reevaluated.

August Board Meeting:

***A Settled Minister Search Committee:** see article

***The number of split collection Sundays** per year was increased from six to eight. This Social Action Committee recommendation was approved based on the previous year's data that showed that "split-collection Sundays" benefited both the fellowship's treasury and the social justice causes for which donations were generated.

***The Board voted** to provide 100% of the Association Sunday collection to the UUA. Association Sunday will be held on October 14.

***Coordinating Council:** Vice President Bruce Fihe is committed to making the Coordinating Council a meaningful and valuable forum for committee chairs. It will meet four times a year, on the second Thursday of September, December, March, and June.

***Trustee Liaison Assignments** were affirmed. They

are as follows:

*Administration & Building Cluster: Trustee Mel Cole, comprised of Communications, Facilities, and Personnel Committees, and liaison to Caretaker
*Education Cluster: Trustee Marylou Lamb, comprised of Religious Education, RE teachers and childcare workers, YRUU, Adult RE, and special groups such as the Book Group.

*Finance Cluster: Trustee Donna Senko, comprised of Finance, Budget, Canvass, and Endowment Committees, Bookkeeper

*Hospitality Cluster: Trustee Helen Oxley, comprised of Hospitality, Art, Events Planning Committees, Caring Connection, and Social Clubs

*Outreach Cluster: Trustee Jenny Woods, comprised of Denominational Affairs and COPA representatives, Social Action, Membership, and Welcoming Congregations committees

*Worship Cluster: Trustee Randy James, comprised of Sunday Services, Music, Chant and Meditations Circle, CUUPS, Music Coordinator and Accompanist.

Respectfully submitted, Marcia Heath, Secretary

Settled Minister Search

The month of October is a crucial time in our search for a settled minister. The Reverend Deane F. Oliva is a "consulting" minister for one year; however, she could become our regularly "settled" minister if we decide we would like to invite her to stay, and if she decides she would like to stay.

Here is how that decision will be made: First the Board of Trustees asked the '06-'07 search committee, whose job was complete in April when we did not call a settled minister, to act as an advisory panel to the Board. The Advisory Panel will observe and consult with Rev Deane and take note of the congregation's reception of Rev Deane through the month of September. By October 1 (after this issue has gone to press) the Advisory Panel will recommend to the President of the board whether or not to go forward with Rev Deane as candidate for settled minister. If the recommendation is "yes" then the Advisory Panel will schedule a series of meetings during the week of October 21 through October 28 for members to get to know Rev Deane better. The congregation will then meet on October 28 and vote to call Rev Deane as our minister.

If the recommendation is "no" then the congregation will meet on October 28 to ratify the new ministerial search committee. If we do not call Rev Deane, she will still serve as our full time consulting minister through August 31, 2008.

Philosopher's Stone

"The congregation that primarily looks inward or the discovery of meaning, wholeness, service, and spirituality (and does not move out beyond its walls to visibly live its religion in the wider community) will not experience growth and depth."



- Scott W. Alexander in Salted With Fire.

COPA Update

COPA, Communities Organized for Relational Power in Action, over the past months has been active primarily around immigration and fair housing. Most recently COPA participants from our congregation participated in the fall Regional Assembly at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Salinas to celebrate and to continue developing our public relations. With the theme of "Reclaiming the Common Good," this meeting served to launch the Public Life Campaign, an institutional development project for the Santa Cruz and Monterey County COPA institutions.

As part of that project, we hope to reach out to new members of our congregation as well as gather more of the Fellowship members into the core leadership team. This group includes Cindy and Mark Rogers, Thomas Witz, Sylvia Forsyth, Art Anton and Kären Aaker. With Rev Deane on board and supporting our work we will be bringing new energy to this effort. In the September meeting of our Social Action Committee we discussed how their work and that of COPA should be synergistically coordinated to be more effective.

Please contact any of the core leadership team to be a part of the conversation around how we can recognize and respond to the challenge and opportunities for growing COPA.



UUF attendees of General Assembly and Rev Deane

Kara Bowman to be Board Treasurer

Kara Bowman has agreed to fill the position of Treasurer of the Board left open by the resignation of Lora Lee Chapman from that position. Because of pressures from a change in her family circumstances, Lora Lee regrettably resigned from the office of treasurer effective September 15, 2007. She will stay on the board as the past president.

Important Congregational Meetings: Save the Dates

October 28

The Board of Trustees has scheduled a special congregational meeting on October 28 after service for the purpose of either:

- *Voting to Call the Reverend Claudene "Deane" F. Oliva as our settled minister or,
- *Ratifying the (new) Settled Minister Search Committee.

The meeting will start at 11:30a.m.

November 18

Please plan to attend the congregational meeting to elect the 2007-2008 Nominating Committee on November 18 at 11:30a.m. We will be electing four new members, rather than the usual three, because one member, Meg Lehr, had to resign (for family reasons) while in the first of her two-year term.

The nominating committee consists of a total of five members, none of whom are serving on the board for the coming year. Its members are elected for two years with their terms staggered and cannot serve two consecutive terms. The committee nominates a slate of officers and trustees to be voted on at the next April congregational meeting.

The committee also nominates the candidates to be presented at the November congregational meeting. Additional nominations for the nominating committee may be made from the floor.

The '06-'07 Nominating Committee consisted of Karen Aaker, Lee Cavanaugh, Brent Haddad, Marsha Hudson, and Meg Lehr. Brent Haddad and Lee Cavanaugh completed their term this year; Marsha Hudson resigned in April when she became the President-elect. We will also ratify by vote the Board selection of Kara Bowman as Treasurer to replace Lora Lee Chapman effective September 15, 2007.

--Marsha Hudson

The Larger UU Picture



Association Sunday: Association Sundays are a request by the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) for all congregations to recognize and support, both in spirit and financially, the national work of the Association. We envision a day during which thousands of UU's across the nation are simultaneously celebrating our shared commitment to Unitarian Universalism, and is scheduled for October 14, 2007.

Funds raised this year will support national marketing and growth outreach projects. Fifty percent will go to the national marketing campaign in Time magazine and their website; twenty five percent will go to support the congregations and the ministers of color they call; twenty five percent will go to congregations as grants for their growth outreach projects. These grants will be allocated according to how much the district raised, and they will be distributed by district boards (perhaps through their Chalice Lighters programs.)

UUA President Bill Sinkford believes strongly that "now is the time" to share our faith message with a national marketing campaign. An awareness campaign will help seekers looking for a liberal religious home to find us. This is an opportunity for us to support the work that individuals, congregations, and the UUA are currently doing to share the "good news" of Unitarian Universalism in the larger communities we serve.



The Pacific Central District

(PCD) is one of twenty regional bodies of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Our thirty-eight member congregations are in northern Nevada, Northern California, and Hawaii, giving us a membership of ~ 7,000 Unitarian Universalists.

Having been elected to the PCD Board of Trustees last April at the District Assembly, I would like to share with you, my "home" congregation, some of the many workings of our district and its board. There is more than I can include here, but I hope to expand on both PCD and UUA news and information on a regular basis this next year.

First of all, it was an honor to our Fellowship to have been nominated. It is not usual for a congregation of our size to be selected, and I am pleased at the inclusion. We are a board of thirteen elected trustees who were first selected by the dis-

trict nominating committee and then presented at the District Assembly where open elections took place. With the exception of the YRUU representative, all trustees represent different congregations or are a minister sponsored by PCD and serve alternating two-year terms. Many serve more than one term. Ex-officio members include our District UUA Trustee, Linda Laskowski, our District Executive, Cilla Raughley, and our District Executive, Chuck Rosene.

Our mission is "to provide services and resources that will grow the District in terms of membership, the deepening of our faith, the effectiveness of our structures, and the power of our service to the wider world." Our primary work is now with the regional growth campaign and the October 14, Association Sunday. As individual trustees, we also expect to spend time visiting other congregations throughout the year.

We meet every two months for a Saturday all-day board meeting at different host congregations. We (UUFSCC) hosted the board meeting in July 2008. All trustees serve on a minimum of 2 committees as well, and I have been appointed as a delegate to the following: Growth committee (in addition to continuing on its Chalice Lighters subcommittee.), Anti-Racism/anti-oppression committee, PCD District Assembly Awards committee.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns. In peace, Kären Aaker

The UUA's New Campaign to Grow Our Faith

What will it take to grow our faith? Over the past three years the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) Administration has conducted extensive research on the growth and development challenges before us. We sought to understand what outcomes our members and congregations want to achieve, what they will support and how much money we need in order to accomplish these goals. In focus groups, surveys and roundtable discussions, we asked Unitarian Universalists (UUs) how our Association could most help our congregations. Thousands of UUs responded: "Help us grow!" Some see this as a moment of opportunity, others as a crucial turning point. Almost all agree that now is the time to raise funds and spend them strategically to strengthen our movement. In response, the UUA has launched a five-year comprehensive fundraising campaign to generate \$20 million in immediate resources and \$30 million in legacy covenants. Starting now, we will commit ourselves to this effort.



From www.uua.org

Compassionate Communication (NVC) Practice Group

If you completed the NVC Training at the Fellowship and would like to meet regularly with a group to practice and refine your newly learned skills, contact Linda Neher (471-2109.) The current practice group will continue to meet at 7:00p.m. on the first and third Mondays. A second group may be added if there is enough interest.

Social Action Committee News

Drumbeat for Darfur:

It's the genocide of our time. In the Darfur region of Sudan, hundreds of thousands of innocent civilians have been killed and millions have been displaced by the Sudanese government on a rampage of ethnic cleansing.

So many of us have heard about this tragedy but haven't known how to take the next step to move into action. At the same time, there are countless ways we can help. Our fellowship's Social Action Committee has formed a Drumbeat for Darfur subcommittee to do what we can, individually and as a congregation, to raise awareness and end the genocide.

Please come to our first meeting at the fellowship on October 21st at 11:30 in the Gallery. We will be talking about actions we can take, large and small. If you have any questions, or would like to participate and can't come to the meeting, please contact Deborah Pembrook at 831-464-1110 or pembrookspot@yahoo.com.

Double Feature at the Fellowship:

The Social Action Committee will be showing both Heroes of the Spirit and Drumbeat for Darfur on October 14th at 11:30a.m. after services. These two documentaries, created by the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) are inspiring tributes to what individuals can do to better the world. Heroes of the Spirit is a documentary about the origins and current works of UUSC, from helping Jewish children escape from the holocaust, to working to end the genocide in Darfur. Drumbeat for Darfur is a documentary that goes in depth into the situation in Darfur and shows Charlie Clements, president of UUSC, visit a Darfurian refugee camp. Both are short films (24 and 8 minutes) and there will be time for discussion afterwards.



Just as despair can come to one only from other human beings, hope, too, can be given to one only by other human beings. -Elie Weisel

Green Sanctuary Committee

A "Green Sanctuary" is a congregation that lives out a commitment to the Earth by creating a sustainable life style for its members' as individuals and as a faith community. Sustainable living as defined by the UU Ministry for Earth is about choosing to live in a way that nurtures life, builds relationships, and rejects material consumption as the sole determinant of happiness.

Two local Green programs worth knowing about, sponsored by Monterey Bay Area coalitions with business and governments are:

The Monterey Bay Area Green Business Program, which assists and promotes businesses and non-profits that volunteer to operate in an environmentally responsible way. To become certified as a green business or to support and shop at certified green businesses see www.ambag.org/greenbiz or call Jo Fleming at (831) 465-7439.

For personal in home advice and some free compact fluorescent bulbs (CFBs) call Energy Watch at 888-324-0903. They are able to answer some questions regarding water heaters and insulation and can give you a general audit of your home with suggestions. Remember you can save up to 75% on lighting costs by converting to low-wattage lamps and fixtures.



On the global scene from Co-op America Quarterly, Winter 2007, "Corporate Accountability" learn where your coffee, chocolate, jewelry, and tires come from, and then use what you learn to help change how these industries affect African communities." Be careful about the chocolate you buy. Major US chocolate companies including Hershey's and M&M/Mars purchase from Nestle, Cargill, and Archer-Daniels Midland, the largest three corporations in Africa that export cocoa that has been farmed by slave labor. These corporations have been targeted because they pay below-subsistence wages for farmers, child labor, and environmental degradation: 10,000 children toil on cocoa farms. You can help effect change in the chocolate industry in Africa and elsewhere by choosing Fair Trade Certified.

Submitted by Patt Taylor

Sunday Services Committee

Your Talents Can Enhance our Sunday Services:

Did you know that the Sunday Services Committee (SSC) is responsible for one third to one half of the Fellowship's Sunday Services each year? To create and consistently provide quality services, a broad spectrum of contributions from Fellowship members is required. The more members who contribute their skills and talents, the richer the experience on a Sunday morning is likely to be. There are many elements that combine to make high quality services. The various roles and ways that you can participate are described below. Please consider choosing at least one that suits your talents, time and interests. Then let SSC Chair, Andy Kreyche (akreyche@baymoon.com), know how you would like to participate.

***Propose a Service topic**, guest speaker, or organize a service: If you have ideas for services – the what, who, or how – ask Andy to email you a Service Proposal Form.

***Serve as a Sunday Services Associate (SSA):** SSA Training will be held in the winter to expand the pool of SSA's that are available to do this important job. Details will be in future newsletters.

***Act as Sound Technician** on a number of Sundays a year: More people are needed to do this job. Please consider being trained as a Sound Technician.

***Enhance our musical offerings:** If you play a musical instrument and/or sing, please let Gail Swain, our Music Coordinator, know about what you'd like to perform.

***Be a reader or children's storyteller:** the SSC and minister will keep a list of potential readers and storytellers.



***Act as a Sunday Services House Manager:** Provide support by taking responsibility for some of the details that need to be attended to before and during a service. Add your name to the pool of people who will provide this valuable support.

***Serve as a member of the Sunday Services Committee (SSC):** Are you interested in learning more about the work of this committee and when it meets? Speak with or email one of the members of the SSC: Ed Newman, Randy James, Brian Heath, Deborah Pembroke, Marcia Heath and Chairperson, Andy Kreyche (akreyche@baymoon.com).

--Marcia Heath

John D Isherwood

John D Isherwood, beloved member and friend of UUFSCC, died on September 4. He was 84 and had been seriously ill for some time. His wife Helen would like all to know that he passed peacefully.



Raised in England, John trained as an engineer, was a World War II veteran, a noted activist, a man with a worldview of life and its struggles. He felt strongly that the way to peace was for people of different cultures to get to know each other. So, it is no surprise that he both worked and volunteered around the globe. At age 40, he entered medical school. Then, after 15 years as an Emergency Room physician, when in his sixties, returned to school and became a psychiatrist, the profession in which he worked until his mid seventies.

John his survived by his wife Helen, four children and their families. A memorial service will take place on October 13 at 1p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the John D. Isherwood Educational and Cultural Fund, which will be managed through the Fellowship.

“Teaching Peace in a Sea of Conflict”

Our Fellowship is co sponsoring, along with WiLPF, Temple Beth El, Buddhist Peace Fellowship, UNA, Baha'i Faith, Center for Non-Violent Communication, and Chadeish Yameinu, a presentation entitled "Teaching Peace in a Sea of Conflict," by Ibaihim Issa, Co-Director of the Hope Flowers School in Bethlehem offered on October 8 at the Center for Conscious Living in Santa Cruz.

Hope Flowers is a unique Montessori-based school for Muslim and Christian children which teaches non-violent communication, compassionate listening, respect for diverse peoples and faith traditions, and provides trauma counseling for children and parents. Issa is a member of Jerusalem Peacemakers, a coalition of Muslim, Jewish and Christian Peace leaders in the Holy land.

Doors open at 7:00p.m. and all proceeds will go to benefit the Hope Flowers School.



For further information call Juliet at 662 0186 or email shiningjoy@cs.com

OCTOBER 2007

the calendar is always available online at www.uufsc.org click on "ca

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
9:45 Religious Education - B 10:00 am Service 10:20 am RE - G 11:30 am IMC group - FH 11:30 Green Sanctuary mtg - B 5pm ISSP FHK	10am At Committee - G 1:30 pm Caring Connection - OS 7pm NMC Group - OS 8:00 pm AA Stag 11 - FHK	7:00pm YRUU - G 7pm Sunday Services - OS	7pm Choir Practice - FH	7pm Social Action meeting - G 7pm Sufi Dancing - FH	7:30 pm Book Club - OS	9am Stewardship Day 10am Clay Workshop - OS
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9:45 am Religious Ed - B 10:00 am Service - Voluntary Associations: We are Better Together 10:20 Religious Education - G 11:30 am Pottluck FHK 11:30 am SAC meeting - FH 5pm ISSP - FHK	10am-12pm Hospitality - G 7pm NMC Group - OS 8:00 pm AA Stag 11 - FHK	7pm YRUU - FH 7:15pm Membership Cmt - G	7pm Choir - G 7pm Huntington Disease Group - FH	All day/all grounds prep for Silent Auction 7pm Board Meeting	All day/all grounds Prep for Silent Auction	10-6pm Prep for Silent Auction 6pm Silent Auction, UUF Fundraiser - all grounds
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Youth Religious Education Review



Children's Religious Education is off to a great start. We are so happy to have four of our five teachers returning to work with our amazing UU youth. A goal of the RE committee is to increase the communication between parents and RE. To help with that effort we are going to continue with our teacher/committee member liaisons:

Devi Tong is working with Juliet Goldstein and also coordinating childcare. Beth McKinnon is paired with Liesa Lietzke and the 1st - 3rd graders. Karen Holl and Jenean Watrous are working with our new 4th - 6th grade teacher. (Hopefully we've hired one by press time!) Laurie Simpkinson's bi-monthly YRUU group will be paired with Thomas Witz, while Ted Merrill and Brent Haddad are working with our Sunday teen teacher, Lee Maranto. If you have any concerns, ideas or positive feedback regarding the classes, please see the appropriate liaison.

Our RE teachers will be emailing parents a few times a month to let parents know what exciting things are going on in class. We are hoping that this will encourage communication between parents and children about what the kids are learning and exploring in their classes. It is our hope that this will increase consistent attendance, which is fundamental to our children's positive learning experience in RE.

We received an endowment grant and are using it to work with a teacher mentor. Our mentor, Carol Glenn, will be meeting individually with teachers to explore effective methods of communication between students, as well as with students and their teacher. As you can see, communication is the focus of our work together this year. We are looking forward to a rewarding and positive experience for us all!

RE Committee (Cindy Rogers, Devi Tong, Thomas Witz, Ted Merrill, Brent Haddad, Karen Holl, Beth McKinnon, Jenean Watrous)

Schedule for October:

Oct. 2—YRUU 7-9pm
Oct. 7—RE Classes, Thomas coordinator
Oct. 14—RE Classes, Devi coordinator
Oct. 16—YRUU 7-9pm
Oct. 21—RE Classes, Karen coordinator
Oct. 28—RE Classes, coordinator TBD

Class Updates:

Preschool/Kindergarten:

Our first sessions of the year will be about welcoming back old-timers and new children, sharing our summer adventures, creating crafts around upcoming Muslim and Jewish holidays and the Fall season, planting bulbs, and making a dish for the homeless we'll each get to taste! —Juliet Goldstein

1-3 Grade Class & 4-6 Grade Class:

The 1st-3rd and 4th-6th grade combined class will begin the year with a creative and playful dialogue about how our choices affect each other, and out of this we will define what our agreements are for creating a fun and productive class. We will begin to engage the themes for the year, which include awe and wonder of the natural world, the green sanctuary process, self-knowledge and self-reflection, creativity, and community-building within our group, the fellowship and the larger community. —Liesa Lietzke

Sunday Morning Teen Group

The teens will be building upon their success from the Fall Teen Retreat this month. We plan to discuss ideas from other religions and plan our service project for the quarter. We look forward to having everyone there! --Lee Maranto YRUU

It was GREAT to see so many old and new faces at the Fall Kickoff! We had 29 adults and youth share a potluck dinner, and about a dozen youth adventure through a great weekend! We're meeting the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 7-9pm. Email me with any questions, laurieinprint@gmail.com.

--Laurie Simpkinson



Youth Retreat at UUF, 2007

Poet's Corner



On Turning

Now is the time for turning. The leaves are beginning to turn from green to red and orange. The birds are beginning to turn and are heading once more toward the South. The animals are beginning to turn to storing their food for the winter.

For leaves, birds, and animals turning comes instinctively. But for us turning does not come so easily. It takes an act of will for us to make a turn. It means breaking with old habits. It means admitting that we have been wrong; and this is never easy. It means losing face; it means starting all over again; and this is always painful.

It means saying: I am sorry.

It means recognizing that we have the ability to change. These things are hard to do. But unless we turn, we will be trapped forever in yesterday's ways. God, help us to turn—from callousness to sensitivity, from hostility to love, from pettiness to purpose, from envy to contentment, from carelessness to discipline, from fear to faith. Turn us around, O God, and bring us back toward you. And turn us toward each other; God, for in isolation there is no life.

--Jack Riemer

**In Honor of the High Holy days of
Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur**

First Friday Book Group



When a member of our group mentioned to one of the library staff that our October choice was *Women in Love* by D.H. Lawrence, with a raised eyebrow she said it would probably be a racy discussion. Well, we'll see, and if you want to be part of this "racy" discussion you can join us on October 5, at 7:30p.m. at Joan Roberts' home.

For November we've chosen Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

We are still looking for a paperback biography of Mahatma Gandhi so any suggestions will be welcome.

If you need more information about the group or how to get to the meeting please call 688-7598.



Request for Art!

The Art Committee welcomes you to submit your artwork for a show in the Fellowship hall in October. This "All Members" exhibit is scheduled for viewing from October 21 until November 18. Artists must pick up all works exhibited on November 18 after the service. The goal of this committee is to have an integrated presentation of art works reflecting the talents of Fellowship artists. Works will be selected with visual cohesiveness of the total in mind. Because of space limitations size will also be a consideration.



by Mel Cole

Criteria for Judging: Each member 18 and over is invited to submit 3 pieces of artworks for exhibition. Entries must be original, appropriate for the setting, of high quality and ready to hang. Submissions are to be brought to the Fellowship Hall, Sunday October 21. While normal precautions will be in effect at the Fellowship we do not provide insurance for art works. If you would like to submit a bio and analysis of your work we will display it appropriately.

Art Committee: Judy Anton, Mary Brooks, Lee Cavanaugh, Joan Roberts, Marylou Lamb, Mel Cole

Hospitality Committee Reports

Thank you all for helping in the month of September: V Kingsley & Dani Hope, Sally Real & Bill Taggart, Mel & Lois Cole, Cindy & Mark Rogers, Ashley Davies, Bobbi Jo Palmer and Terra Collier-Young & Scott Young.

October is here and we need help with the coffee hour and clean up. Please sign up.

"Pumpkins On the Vine"

- A-D Salads or Side Dish
- E-N Bread & Butter or Drinks
- O-R Dessert
- S-Z Main Dish



For new members, the Hospitality Committee is a friendly, sharing, and easy committee to join. Please come and visit our next committee meeting on October 15, 10a.m. -12noon, always on the third Monday of the month.

Art In The Sanctuary

Mixed Media Montages by T. Mike Walker:

Delightful montages will be in the sanctuary from September 10 until October 21. His works show imagination and careful planning of themes, color and spacing. He uses sharp cutting tools and a vast collection of magazines and other printed photos.

In 1967 Walker created his first mixed media montage art pieces and sold them from the Psychedelic Shop on Haight Street in San Francisco. He has taught Creative Writing at San Francisco State and Cabrillo College, and his art is currently showing in the Santa Cruz County Building.

Musical Ministries

Choir Calendar Listings for October:

- 3, Choir Practice/Potluck at Brian Heath's House, 7pm.
- 10, Choir Practice, Gallery, 7p.m.
- 14, Choir Practice and Performance for service, 9a.m.
- 17, Choir Practice, Gallery, 7p.m.
- 28, Choir Practice and Performance for service, 9a.m.

Chant and Meditation Circle:

"Come, come, who ever you are, wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving. Ours is no caravan of despair. Come, yet again, come!" Rumi

Please join us for an hour of calm and joy on the fourth Wednesday of the month, October 24. Terra Collier-Young will lead us in chant and meditation.

Come, yet again, come!

Open Microphone at the UUF:

Open mic is primarily for fellowship members, but is open to all. We provide a comfortable venue for musicians, poets, magicians, and other artists of all ages to perform before a live audience. Refreshments are provided.

October 10; sign-up at 7:00p.m., start time at 7:30p.m., in the sanctuary at the Fellowship.

For more information call Barry Seidler 831-689-0670.

Family Music Fest, November 2

The Music Committee is sponsoring an evening of musical sharing and inspiration for families of the fellowship. Arrive early for some food, a chance to connect with other families, and then sing along to some favorite, feel-good tunes. Pizza served at 6:00p.m. Bring an instrument to play along, if you wish! More info? Contact Jenean, 477-7668 or jenean@fenderrhodes.org



2007 UUF Auction

"The Sky's the Limit"

On Saturday October 20 it will be declared that The Sky's the Limit on what we can raise to support our annual budget. Mark your calendar and prepare to have a good time bidding for holiday gifts, vacations, and art items while you financially support our beloved community.



The Executive Board and Finance Committee approved a fundraiser within our fundraiser! To further our desire to support our community charities and organizations, we will be taking 10% of our total income and donating it to four charitable organizations: Jacob's Heart, dedicated to providing comfort and care to families with children who have cancer, COPA (Communities Organized for relational Power in Action) which works with religious and secular organizations to effect positive social change, the ISSP (Interfaith Satellite Shelter Program) which provides overflow sleeping space and food for the homeless, and WomanCARE, which offers free services to women with cancer in Santa Cruz County.

Bobbi Jo and I are excited to produce this fundraiser and we are ready for help from you. We are going to need volunteers to help in the set up, support during the event, and clean up. Please have a look at your calendar and carve out a few hours to support the auction effort. Contact us at terracoyo@yahoo.com or ptspalmer@prodigy.net or call the office and let Priscilla know, 684-0506.

Yours in Service, Terra Collier-Young

Let's raise the roof and reach for the stars because the sky's the limit on our success!!

UUF FYI's

***Dinner Club:** Because of a time crunch, Dinner Club will meet for the first time on the second Saturday of November. Sign-up for Dinner Club will be available after services through early October. If interested, please contact Iran Mohsenin at imohsenin@comcast.net.

***Directory up date:**

Chea Berra, email address, cheaberra@hotmail.com

*** Leadership Development Day:** November 10 in Palo Alto.



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