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## Sermon Schedule



**Rev. Jon Dobrer is away for the month of July.**

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Barbecue and Clowns***

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***How We Express UU Values in Our Lives: Personal social action stories and some of YOUR reflections***

*Presented by our Social Action Committee*

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***Everything I Needed to Know about Church I learned from the CIA***

Presented by guest speaker

Rev. Robert Jordan Ross

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Sunday, July 23 – 10:30 AM

***Violence in America:  
Will It Ever End?***

Presented by guest speaker Rabbi

Kenneth Millhander

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Sunday, July 30 – 10:30 AM

***Lost in Translation***

Presented by guest speaker

Rev. Stephen J. Mather

## **July 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jennifer Dempsey & the Scarlet Sisters— Barbecue and Clowns!**

Our guest speaker, Jennifer Dempsey, will be accompanied by her student circus clowns and acrobats to entertain us during and after the service. After the service we will have the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Independence Day barbecue with hot dogs, hamburgers, soda pop, ice cream and all the trimmings. Tickets are \$4 for children under 12 and \$6 for adults. Beer is \$1, soda pop and ice cream are free.

## **My Spring Vacation by Randi Hetrick**

The International Association for Religious Freedom (IARF) is an NGO affiliated with the United Nations with the mission of promoting religious freedom or freedom from religion as a basic human right. A conference is held every four years in geographically diverse sites to encourage participation. Four years ago I attended the conference in Hungary where I met Ferencz David. This conference was held in Taiwan at the Fo Guang Shan monastery. Ironically, it is of the same Buddhist sect that has a temple in Hacienda Heights, just two miles from my home.

The monastery is an incredible complex including a college, high school, numerous temples, even a small zoo. There is an atmosphere of piety that is very good for me (in limited doses). Curfew is at 10:00 pm and you are strongly warned not to come back to the monastery drunk. Actually I was more obsessed with the incredible variety of textured soy products all of an unappealing tan, served with slightly bitter greens and steamed rice three times per day. The monks and nuns practice celibacy and the ratio of nuns to monks is about 2 to 1, a nun explained to me she felt this was because nuns are treated equally here, which is not true in many sects of Buddhism. This sect began in the 1950's and calls itself Humanist Buddhism. The services of monks and nuns chanting were particularly centering. Workshops either were opportunities to learn more about religions common in Asia or how to address issues of lack of religious freedom worldwide. Most of the attendees were representing different sects of Buddhism with some Unitarians, Christians, Hindus, Zoroastrians, Jews, and one Muslim for a wider representation of liberal religious views. Upon my arrival at 12:30 am after 27 hours of travel, my roommate asked me if I could be a circle leader starting at 9:00 the following morning. They were short one leader and my background was acceptable. This turned out to be one of the most interesting activities in three languages. Interest in religion is declining among young people in both Japan and Taiwan; in fact, my two young Japanese circle **(continued on page 2)**



**Unitarian Universalist Church in Fullerton**

1600 North Acacia Avenue - Fullerton, California

*Service on Sundays at 10:30 AM*

(Vacation cont. from page 1) members felt they were chastised by their peers for being active Buddhists. In my circle group we had a Unitarian minister, two Buddhist priests, a Shinto priest and a woman who might be described as a lay Buddhist priest. In Taiwan it is common to practice both Taoism and Buddhism and in Japan both Shintoism and Buddhism. These were described sometimes as more of philosophies of life than “religions”.

Bill Sinkford, UUA president gave an incredible service, giving the most erudite explanation of Unitarian Universalists I have ever heard, both informative and inspiring. Unitarians were very instrumental in establishing IARF and have worked particularly closely with Buddhist groups in Japan to expand IARF membership in Asia.

My perception of this conference was that attendees were more concerned with lack of interest in religion than freedom of religion and believe to attract young people “religion” will need to fill newly identified needs – more emphasis on building community and counseling. The Lotus Sutra in Buddhism has been studied for new understanding on how to address these needs as well as changing formats of “worship” and ancillary services such as group “counseling”.

Following the conference I joined a group of East coast North Americans and German UU’s and tour organizer, retired UU minister, Richard Kellaway, on a shrine/temple tour of Japan. We visited prominent religious leaders of different temples and shrines almost every day, missing some of the more common tourist sites but learning much more about Japanese religious culture, 1/3 of Japan is secular and the public does not know the prime minister’s faith, it is a private matter.

The religious “adventure” (the only time I could use the word adventure in a religious context) was our visit to a major Shinto shrine, the Tsubaki shrine in Kaikan; it is over 2009 years old. We were extremely honored to be the special guests of the chief priest and had a private Shinto ceremony with sacred music and dance, a tea ceremony in a tea house donated by the founder of Panasonic, presided over by a priestess who appeared to be much admired by everyone for her many intellectual accomplishments (priestesses in Shinto are a new development).

The piece de resistance was the Water Purification ceremony or Misogi. In this ceremony you disrobe completely, not even glasses and put on a thin white robe. There are ritual exercises and chants. The priests bless the waterfall with salt and sake. The men are dressed (barely) in loincloths. There had been a huge thunder/rain storm (thunder is venerated, there are paper thunderbolts all over the complex tied to this and that and it was felt to be auspicious). You slowly descend down rough stone steps into a crystal pool of water that would be good for keeping beer cold. The priests stay in the water during the entire ceremony and looked a little blue by the time I

was purified being the last in the procession (alright I was a little intimidated by the water temperature but kept reminding my self there are people who swim the English channel for goodness sake.) My entire tour group except me was from cold climes; let’s see how they would all do in Mexico in August when I would barely have dampness under my armpits.

The priest guides you to the waterfall, very forceful because of the heavy rainfall an hour before and you step up onto a rock directly under the waterfall so it can really plummet down on your head and cleanse you. You are supposed to chant very loudly but I think my lips froze shut. After a bit of that you turn around and bow and clap and do some other hand gestures to thank the waterfall. The strange thing is when you are done and remove yourself gingerly from the icy pool you are not cold and you feel wonderful. Everyone was laughing and liking each other and the priests looked pleased albeit covered in goose bumps. You do notice that the loincloths and robes hide almost nothing at this point and if you are a woman you have a couple of points sticking out of your chest. Shaking yourself like a dog is a tempting prospect but since it was a group experience, a little sake was the provided worthy alternative.

The next wonderful thing was the 8 course meal with lots of Kirin beer and more sake and about 45 toasts in 3 languages and general agreement life can be very good. All the priests who joined us have been to the United States, two lived in Stockton, CA so we compared and contrasted and sought to understand one another and this “religion” that isn’t like a Western religion at all in many ways. Yet always there is some common ground, the three tenets being have good words, good deeds and good thoughts. We all seem to overflow with all three at this dinner and, at least at my end of the table, we all agree the monastic life remains a mystery that won’t receive too much further investigation. Shintoist is a simple (no written text) belief system that venerates nature, kamis or spirits that inhabit animate and inanimate objects and offerings are made to facilitate wish fulfillment for health, wealth, strong children, safe travel and such. I am definitely more of a Shinto than Buddhist kind of gal when not a devout UU.

The graciousness and immaculate grooming of our many Japanese hosts was so appealing to a casual Californian. UU’s can look rather scruffy, a bit of an embarrassment to me, as we were ushered into private rooms, sans shoes, with green tea and sweets to ask questions of these religious leaders who were so willing to share time with us and try to help us grasp some of the challenges and joys of how religion is practiced (or not practiced) in Japan today. Sometimes it reminded me of a congressional planning meeting, how to attract more participants, funding problems, maintenance problems but overriding this was a commitment to honoring religious traditions while adapting to changing Japanese sensibilities.

## Out of My Mind: For A Good Time....

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The academic church year ends, for me—and I take a month off. "Off" means celebrating my wife's 60th birthday, traveling to Hawaii for a week and then prepping for a lecture on the Rehabilitation of Judas at the University of Judaism and later that week a public dialogue with an Imam—also at the UJ. Then, as I begin to prepare for August back at church, I'll be prepping for our UU Conference in DeBennville Pines, sponsored by PSWIRL.

Note: This is an unabashed commercial meant to entice your attendance and participation. Be Warned! You could have fun, what with good food, swimming, hiking, singing, dancing, astronomy and the hot tub!

From Sunday August 20 through Friday the 25th, I'll be the keynote and theme speaker on the subject: Islam, Judaism & Christianity Intertwined: What Does it Mean to You?

I'll be exploring how Judaism birthed Christianity through the midwife of Hellenistic mystery cults and how both combined to form to Islam. I'll show how our (Yes UU) religious DNA continues to be exchanged and how these exchanges continue to nourish and enrich us today.

My topic is, in fact, my academic specialty and I am very enthusiastic about presenting it to our greater district. Come on along and join me and other religious liberals at our wonderful camp in our beautiful mountains.

Jon

## Social Justice

Two Joined Groups:  
Interfaith Peace Min-  
istry (IPM) and the  
OC Interfaith Coal-  
ition for Social Justice



On Sat., June 3, almost 200 Orange County residents gathered in Tustin to hear an address by George Regas, minister emeritus of the Pasadena Episcopal Church. The occasion was the effort of a Southern California group, Progressive Christians Uniting, to extend its operations into Orange County. The speech and Q & A session were followed by attendees gathering 9 or 10 at many tables to hammer out local goals for the PCU. At the IPM meeting on June 19, convener Joyce Georgieff and others indicated uncertainty about the PCU and its aims, noting that the organization's name unfortunately excluded Jews, Muslims, and persons of other faiths. [Note: While Unitarianism and Universalism have roots in Christianity and the views expressed by Rev. Regas were certainly much like those of our congregation, I felt some uncertainty about identifying myself (or us) as Christians.]

Guest speaker at the IPM meeting was Elizabeth Sholes, director of public policy for the CA Council of Churches in Sacramento. She made several interesting points. Among them, briefly: 1. Lobbyists for faith communities, because they represent others than themselves, have a higher degree of success than many lobbyists. (It was these groups in Washington who were able to convince Pres. Bush to act on the horrors in Darfur) 2. Many liberal groups have had reduced effectiveness lately as so many of them are seeking broad participation via email. It's perfectly all right to write a two- or three-line letter to express your views but a) be sure to state your view succinctly including, possibly the "why" of the matter, and b) Send it by fax as it will be received timely. Postal letters are often detained for weeks at both state and federal levels for chemical analysis.

Finally, Ms Sholes spoke about a 1975 book, "Crisis of Democracy," by three authors, which criticized efforts by powerful interests to reduce the ability of ordinary people to sustain their families.

June was Torture Awareness Month. It has become systemic in US government operations. Let your representatives know you oppose all forms of it ASAP. Further info: <http://www.tassc.org> or <http://www.fdnf.org> .

Bill Pryor

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## Farewell to the Ivens and the Guys

This month sees the departure of some special people who have been very involved with the Social Action Committee. Dan Guy and his wife, Vicki, are moving to Oregon due to Vicki's job change. Jim and Nadene Ivens are moving to Los Angeles to be nearer to their children and grandchildren. We wish them all the best!

## President's Message

As I write this first message, I haven't officially begun office yet but am definitely energized and excited by the prospect of taking on the many responsibilities ahead. Right now I'm busy getting ready to go to St. Louis for General Assembly. Margee Hills and I will be among 4,500 anticipated attendees at this national UUA conference June 21-25. There should be a wealth of important information and new ideas to bring back and share. For the first time this year they are offering a two-day pre-conference "UU University" especially for presidents, incoming presidents, and other congregational leaders. This should be especially valuable in helping me to get up to speed. Look for highlights from GA to appear in future newsletters.

Serving on the board the past two years has given me some exposure to the innards of the church but there is so much more to learn. The prospect of following in Marlies' footsteps is daunting indeed. As stated on the plaque the board presented her with at the June 18th service, we most gratefully appreciate her outstanding dedication and exemplary leadership as President of the Board of Trustees for the last two years, as well as her four years of service on the board prior to that. I especially am thankful for how helpful and gracious she has been during this transition period in sharing her knowledge, resources, and advice. I look forward very much to working with the new members of the board--Susan Perlson, Kathey Schuster, and Mike Steiner--all very capable and talented people I will miss the unique input, energy, wit, and wisdom of our two departing board members--Lorraine Rothman and Dennis Spiro. It was especially rewarding to work along with them on the recent ad hoc committee to get the new administrator position designed and filled. A very exciting piece of news is that has been accomplished! See Highlights below.

We UUs are all exquisitely aware that openness of communication and dialogue is a very high priority in our church community. Please know that I intend to be fully accessible to you all, to get to know you better, and to listen to your concerns and suggestions. Feel free to email or phone or see me in church; I hope likewise to be free to approach you. Your help and support as I take on this major new responsibility are most welcome, needed, and appreciated.

In peace and fellowship,

Mary Rhodes



## Highlights of the June Board Meeting\*

- Donnette Gultinan will be serving as our new part-time administrator. She brings a wealth of experience in interpersonal and organizational skills, as is evident by her chairing of our past two highly successful Service Auction events.
- Bill Pryor has become active in the OC Inter-faith Peace Ministry and its allied group Progressive Christians United. He will bring information from these groups to the congregation and encourage other members' involvement.
- Bill Bryant is the new chair of the Social Action Committee, due to Dan Guy's imminent move to Oregon.
- Marcia Taylor has generously volunteered to coordinate the Circle Supper adult dinners.
- Donnette Gultinan will be heading the Sunshine Committee during Gwen Fyke's vacation.
- The compensation committee has conducted a review of the contracts, which will be ready to sign shortly.
- Alternate options are still being considered for our September 24 service, when the Temple will be meeting in the sanctuary in the morning for Rosh Hashanah.
- Further review by interested congregants of the pledge campaign questionnaire results will take place on the evening of June 20.
- Teens are meeting on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Garner home until summer break. Teens and families will be asked to serve as greeters during the fall UUA marketing campaign.

\*Full board minutes are available by request.

## UU Service Committee Urges Congressional Oversight of Gulf Coast Rebuilding

UUSC is committed to protecting workers' rights in the reconstruction of the Gulf Coast, and to secure jobs for local residents with fair wages and safe working conditions. In order to rebuild their lives and livelihoods, survivors in the Gulf Coast region need good jobs with fair wages and safe working conditions.

The attempt to reconstruct the Gulf Coast provides a vantage point on the struggles that have faced the working poor in the United States for generations. The issues of racism and poverty became part of public awareness when the nation saw who was struggling to escape their flooded homes.

Legislation has been introduced that would provide congressional oversight of the Gulf Coast reconstruction in a way that will help ensure that residents, including those who have been displaced by the hurricanes, can return to their homes with an opportunity to work and rebuild their lives.

### Background

In order to rebuild their lives and livelihoods, survivors in the Gulf Coast region need good jobs with fair wages and safe working conditions. Under current federal law, state unemployment programs must absorb most of the costs of layoffs caused by a major disaster. Subcontractors hire low-wage workers, mostly immigrants, and fail to pay them, citing lack of identification. Out-of-state companies and contractors take advantage of lucrative contracts while state residents suffer unemployment, and local contractors sit idle without contracts.

Immediate action is needed to address crucial issues. Billions of dollars are at stake in the Gulf Coast reconstruction process. This process offers a critical opportunity to define and shape reconstruction standards and priorities. Will reconstruction respond to a people's agenda, or a big-business agenda? This bill provides a way to hold contractors accountable for worker abuses, promotes fair competition, and reduces the opportunity for cronyism. Let's allow local and minority contractors a fair chance to work and create jobs within Gulf Coast communities.

### Take Action Now

Contact your representative in the House and urge him or her to support H.R. 3838, the Hurricane Katrina Accountability and Contracting and Reform Act, to establish the Independent Commission to Prevent Fraud and Abuse in the Response to Hurricane Katrina. The bill introduced by Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Calif.) needs grassroots support to continue moving through Congress.

Call your House member today by using UUSC's special toll-free number, (800) 862-5530, that will connect you directly to the Capitol switchboard where you can ask for your representative's offices. You can also send an immediate message by email through our online Legislative Action Center at <http://capwiz.com/uusc/home/>.



### Social Action Committee (SAC)

Don't miss the July 9<sup>th</sup> service presented by your Social Action Committee. SAC members and others will share their personal involvement in social action.

Since chair person Dan Guy is moving to Oregon, Bill Bryant will now lead the committee. Bill has been active as a volunteer at the Fullerton Armory and for the latest Rebuild--Orange County project.

## UUCF Social and Educational Opportunities – 2006

Interest Group/Activity	Schedule *	Contact Person	Location
Adult Religious Education	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun. of month 9AM	Dennis Spiro	Temple
Lunch Bunch:	Every Sunday 12:30PM	Pat Woodhull	Marie Callender's, Placentia
Fuddy Duddies	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday 9:30AM	Jan Lillibridge	Rotating
Women's Wisdom Circle	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday 7PM	Barbara Keller	Rotating
Investment Club	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday 7PM	Gwen Fyke Brad Woodhull	Contact Gwen
Movie and Dinner with Rev. Jon Dobrer	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	Marlies Worley (Jon Dobrer)	See Sunday Announcements
Board of Trustees meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 7PM	Mary Rhodes	Temple
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday discussion group with Jon Dobrer	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 7PM	Jon Dobrer	Temple
All Soul's Potluck & Salon Discussion group	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday Potluck 5:30PM Salon 6:30PM	Judy Sterling (Jon Dobrer)	Temple Social Hall
Men's Lunch Group	Alternating Wed/Thu 1145AM	Brad Woodhull	Carrows in Fullerton
Choir Practice	Every Thursday 7PM Every Sunday 9 AM	Judi Herz	Temple
Reading Circle	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 7PM	Eva Van Ginneken	Rotating
Red Hat Society	Once a month	Fran Doble	See Sunday Announcements
Bridge Night	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday 7PM	Claude Coppel	Contact Claude for location
Circle Suppers	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. (times vary) (Oct., Nov., Jan., Mar., May)	Marcia Taylor Barbara Burns	Rotating (in a circle!)

**Always check monthly church calendar (newsletter AND website) and announcements in the Order Of Service for exact time and location of events--there are occasional changes. Announcements will usually give you more details about the groups or you can ask the individuals listed above. If any of this information is incorrect please contact Marlies Worley**

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## Treasurer's Corner

In the future the Treasurer's Corner will attempt to cover additional financial topics of the church in the hopes of providing more information to our congregants. If you have an area wishing to be addressed in the future in the Treasurer Corner please let me know.

During early July you should receive a current 05/06 pledge statement reflecting all of your 05/06 pledge contribution(s), as well as indicate if you have any remaining pledge balance outstanding for your 05/06 fiscal year pledge that ended 6/30/06. Please keep in mind that your current pledge statement does not include any advance pledge contributions that you may have already contributed towards your 06/07 fiscal year pledge. Any advance pledge contribution(s) received prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> for your 06/07 fiscal year pledge will be included in the next quarterly pledge statement sent out after the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter has ended (09/30/06).

If you notice any of your pledge contribution(s) applied to your 05/06 fiscal year pledge that should have been applied to your 06/07 fiscal year pledge, please let me know. If you have a remaining 05/06 pledge balance indicated at the bottom of your pledge statement, any prior balance will automatically carry forward to the next year. If you prefer to not carry forward any of your remaining 05/06 pledge balance, please let me know, so I can clear your 05/06 pledge balance from the church bookkeeping records.

Whenever possible, please help us by indicating on your check which fiscal year any pledge contribution(s) should be applied to. Also, if you did not receive your pledge statement, or there were error(s) found on your statement, please let me know and I will be happy to research the matter for you.

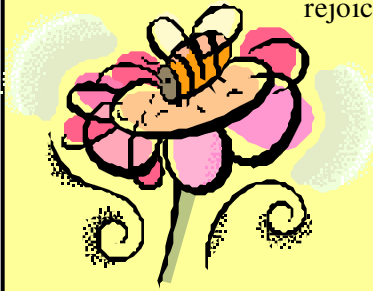
If anyone should have any receipts for the 05/06 fiscal year that need reimbursement from the church, please provide them to me as soon as possible, so I can finalize the 05/06 fiscal year budget. You can also mail any receipts for reimbursement to me at my home address in the church directory.

If anyone has questions, please feel free to contact Frank Thomas

## Tributes

### To the Congregation:

"Some complain that roses have thorns. – Others rejoice that thorns have roses."



Thank you for being the roses among my thorns through these trying weeks and months.

With Love and  
Gratitude,

**Eva Van Ginneken**

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Thank you, **Lesley Mahaffey**, newsletter editor extraordinaire, for four wonderful years. We appreciate your efforts on our behalf.....**Anonymous**

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### Tributes?

**Is there a special person you would like to recognize?** If you would like to place a tribute (or an announcement or ad), please submit your request to Gwen Fyke by the **SECOND TUESDAY** of the month

## hUUmor

Seems there is a guy who saves for twenty years to buy his dream car. He finally shells out a fortune for a brand-new, high-horsepower Lamborghini. Recognizing the deeply felt significance of realizing his lifelong dream, he drives over to a nearby Catholic Church and knocks on the parsonage door. "Father, I was wondering whether you'd be willing to say a blessing on my Lamborghini." "Certainly, my son", replies the priest, "but what's a Lamborghini?" "Sorry to have troubled you father - I just have a feeling you're not the right man for the job."

Next the man drives to a nearby synagogue and repeats the question: "Rabbi, I was wondering whether you'd be willing to say a blessing on my Lamborghini." "Certainly," replies the rabbi, "but what's a Lamborghini." "Gosh, rabbi, I guess maybe you're not the right person for this job either."

Then he drives to his local UU meeting house and finds the minister. "I was wondering whether you would be willing to say a blessing on my Lamborghini." "Certainly," replies the UU minister, "I'd love to have one myself, but what's a 'blessing'?"



# Sunday Task Volunteers

## July 2006

Greeters	Set Up Sanctuary	Set Up Soc Hall		TakeDown Sanctuary	Take Down Social Hall	Flowers	Refreshments
<b>2<sup>st</sup> Service Associate Christina Garner</b>							
Margee Hills & Eleanor Nichols	Michael & Chris Mahaffey	Michael & Chris Mahaffey		Tim Blaine & Terry Selby	Tim Blaine & Terry Selby	Dana Bianco	BBQ
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Service Associate Marlies Worley</b>							
Marcia Taylor & Linda Summers	Doug Schneider	Doug Scneider		Tom/Aaron Stark & Bill Bryant	Tom/Aaron Stark & Bill Bryant	Catherine Gallaher	Fran Doble & Alice Dyer
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Service Associate Jim Gallaher</b>							
Del Blanchard & Glad Sharp	Dean Fischman	Dean Fischman		Charles Everett, Mike Steiner & Gordon Lillibridge	Charles Everett, Mike Steiner & Gordon Lillibridge	Katie Hettinger	Marcella Keller, Helena Malek & Judy Sterling
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Service Associate Mary Rhodes</b>							
Gerry McNenny & Lois & Will Nettleship	Claude Coppel	Gayle & Dennis Huffington		Debbie and Harry Langenbacher	Els & Bruce Johnson	Dennis & Paula Spiro	The Swendons, B.Thomas & the Yaddows
<b>30<sup>th</sup> Service Associate Margee Hills</b>							
Tim Blaine & Dick Cole	McDaniels & Ed Tschabrun	Brad Woodhull		Patrick Barbush	Catherine & Jim Gallaher	Pem Candelaria	Gloria /Randal May & Lorraine Rothman

*Thank you for volunteering!* If you are unable to do the task, please—ask someone to trade and contact Judy Herz to tell her if you do a switch.

## Children's R.E. Program

July 2006

<i>Pre-School - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade</i>	<i>Grades 2-4</i>	<i>Grades 5-6</i>	<i>Teens</i>	<i>Room Helper &amp; Snacks</i>	<i>Chalice Lighting</i>
<b>JULY 2<sup>nd</sup></b>					
Arts and Crafts	Arts and Crafts	Scarlet Sisters Circus Sanctuary	Scarlet Sisters Circus Sanctuary	TBD	TBD
<b>JULY 9<sup>TH</sup></b>					
Arts and Crafts	Theatre Workshop 1	Theatre Workshop 1	Theatre Workshop 1	TBD	TBD
<b>JULY 16<sup>TH</sup></b>					
Arts and Crafts	Theatre Workshop 2	Theatre Workshop 2	Theatre Workshop 2	TBD	TBD
<b>JULY 23<sup>rd</sup></b>					
Arts and Crafts	Theatre Workshop 3	Theatre Workshop 3	Theatre Workshop 3	TBD	TBD
<b>JULY 30<sup>th</sup></b>					
Arts and Crafts	Theatre Workshop 4	Theatre Workshop 4	Theatre Workshop 4	TBD	TBD

**Please Note: New "Chalice Lighting" column.  
Families will be invited to light the chalice during regular church service.**

# Religious Education NEWS

## Backpacks wanted – new or used



Getting a new backpack this fall? Donate your old, but gently used backpack, or pick up an extra one. R.E. will be collecting backpacks again this year for Share Our Selves, a Costa Mesa organization that distributes backpacks to low income families.

If you have an extra minute, take the time to fill that backpack with markers, pencils, a notepad, and maybe a stuffed animal or book. Every child deserves something special as they start the new school year.

## THURSDAY NIGHT TEEN GROUP

The Tuesday / Thursday Night Teen Group will be **on hiatus for the summer.**

## Father's Day Sermon

David Ferencz led a very animated Father's Day sermon. David shared the story of the Prodigal Son. Children were then asked to contribute what each letter in the word F-A-T-H-E-R meant to them. David used the parable to emphasize a father's unconditional love for his children.

## Upcoming Events in R.E.

**July 2<sup>nd</sup>: Scarlet Sisters Circus**

(Children who wish to participate in the acrobatics after service are requested to wear comfortable clothing.)

**July 9<sup>th</sup>: Summer Theatre Workshop**  
(see details below)

**July 16<sup>th</sup>: Summer Theatre Workshop**

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>: Summer Theatre Workshop**

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## Summer Theatre Workshop

UUCF Religious Education is proud to announce its first ever Theatre Workshop. For six weeks this summer, children and youth will participate in a series of hands-on, one of a kind skits and short plays focusing on our UU heritage, symbols, and beliefs. Each week will bring something new.

Lexi Henigman will lead the theatre workshop. Lexi is a recent graduate of Fullerton High School and its Academy of the Arts. Lexi received the highest achievement in this year's annual Macy Awards for her lead role in "A Little Night Music". Lexi will be attending the Tisch School of the Arts at NYU in the fall. We are very excited to have Lexi join us!

# UUCF Calendar for July 2006

Jul 2	Sun	10:30a -11:45a <b>Sunday Service</b>	<b>Guest Speaker Jennifer Dempsey &amp; the Scarlet Sisters</b>
		11:30a R.E. Committee Meeting	First Sunday of each month, after services.
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At <b>Marie Callender's</b> , Placentia. Contact <b>Pat Woodhull</b> .
		ANNUAL HOLIDAY BARBECUE	Right after our Sunday morning service.
Jul 3	Mon	9:30a Fuddy Duddies	Conversation & libations at a home, then breakfast at a restaurant. Contact <b>Jan Lillibridge</b> .
Jul 6	Thu	11:45a Men's Lunch Group	Meet at Carrows in Fullerton.
		7:00p Choir Practice.	
Jul 9	Sun	10:30a -11:45a <b>Sunday Service</b>	<b>How We Express UU Values in Our Lives: Personal social action stories and some of YOUR reflections</b> presented by Social Action Committee
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At <b>Marie Callender's</b> , Placentia. Contact <b>Pat Woodhull</b> .
Jul 11	Tue	7:00p Board Meeting.	Held at <b>Temple Beth Tikvah</b> .
Jul 13	Thu	7:00p Choir Practice.	
Jul 16	Sun	10:30a -11:45a <b>Sunday Service</b>	<b>Everything I Needed to Know about Church I learned from the CIA</b> presented by guest speaker Rev. Robert Jordan Ross
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Jul 19	Wed	11:45a Men's Lunch Group	Meet at Carrows in Fullerton.
Jul 20	Thu	7:00p Choir Practice.	
		7:00p Reading Circle.	Contact Eva Van Ginneken
Jul 21	Fri	7:00p Bridge Night	Contact Claude Coppel
Jul 23	Sun	10:30a -11:45a <b>Sunday Service</b>	<b>Violence in America: Will It Ever End?</b> presented by guest speaker Rabbi Kenneth Millhander of Temple Beth Tikvah
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At <b>Marie Callender's</b> , Placentia. Contact <b>Pat Woodhull</b> .
Jul 27	Thu	7:00p Choir Practice.	
Jul 30	Sun	10:30a -11:45a <b>Sunday Service</b>	<b>Lost in Translation</b> presented by guest speaker Rev. Stephen J. Mather
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At <b>Marie Callender's</b> , Placentia. Contact <b>Pat Woodhull</b> .

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