

# The CommUUunicator

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## Sermon Schedule

Sunday, August 6 – 10:30 AM

### *The Terrible Costs of Hatred*

Presented by Rev. Jon Dobrer

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Sunday, August 13– 10:30 AM

### *Welcoming the Stranger*

Presented by Rev. Jon Dobrer

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Sunday, August 20– 10:30 AM

### *Is Religion Hard Wired into Our Brains?*

Presented by Rev. Jon Dobrer

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Sunday, August 27 – 10:30 AM

### *Entering the Tao – Ancient Wisdom for Modern Times*

Presented by guest speaker Neil Malley

## Labor Day– Sept. 3

### Reflections from our Congregation on Labor Day: Meaning and Thoughts

Our service will be lay led and feature our congregants doing readings about their thoughts and feelings about Labor Day. We will have wonderful music to go along with this holiday weekend. Please Contact Judi Herz to submit a reading. If from hymnal please give number. Limit your reading to 3 minutes or less.

## UUA Trustee Vacancy—Vote Sept. 10

As Ned Wight, the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) trustee representing our Pacific Southwest District, has taken a new job, his position is vacant. Four candidates are running:

- John Blue, Neighborhood Church of Pasadena
- Nancy Edmundson, Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara
- Tom Loughrey, Orange Coast UU Church
- JoAnne Smith, Valley UU Church, Chandler, AZ

PSWD is sponsoring a series of six forums at churches across the district at which all four candidates are scheduled to appear. The dates for the forums closest to us are:

- Thursday, August 24, 7 PM, Studio City
- Sunday, August 27, 3:30 PM., Vista
- Tuesday, August 29, 7:00 PM, Costa Mesa

Members, especially board members, are encouraged to attend one of these meetings, if possible. Carpooling can be arranged. We will be posting biographical campaign information on each candidate in the social hall. There is a system in place to ask questions of the candidates by email, which will be via Margee Hills; please let her know of any question you would like addressed. A special congregational meeting will be held immediately after our September 10<sup>th</sup> service in order to cast our church's total of four votes, which is based on our membership size.

Please familiarize yourself with these candidates so you can make an informed vote.

## Water Communion Service – Sept. 10

Our Fifth Annual Water Communion Service will be held Sept 10. It is always amazing to hear where our fellow congregants have traveled over the summer! Wherever YOU go this summer, collect just a tiny bit of water to pour into the communal bowl. Even if you don't leave the area, you can bring water from your pool, the park or your backyard hose. We can all journey together as the water is combined at our special ceremony.

## Guest Speaker –Aug. 27

Neil Malley will speak on the history and basic principals of Taoism and explain why it is still relevant today. Neil has been a student of the Tao for over 20 years. He has taught Tai Chi, Chi Gong and meditation. He is also a mentor of the Integral Way Society, a non-profit Taoist service organization.



## Unitarian Universalist Church in Fullerton

1600 North Acacia Avenue - Fullerton, California

*Service on Sundays at 10:30 AM*

## Out of My Mind: On Vacation (?)

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There really is no vacation from the reality of our world. One of the central ironies of modern life (and death) is that we are connected to the world as never before, through CNN, MSNBC, regular TV news and (if you insist) Fox News. We are connected by computer and Wi-Fi, by cell phone and Blackberry. There is no escape, no vacation from reality.

We are also disconnected from each other. The pictures and pixels of distant tragedies, human follies and barbarism can dull our compassion. At some point too much information without context of a sense of personal connection becomes entertainment—a terrible reality program that we wish would be simply cancelled. We turn away and surf for a comedy. Alas comedy is at bottom simply tragedy from the past or something that happens to others. You falling on a banana peel is comedy; my falling on a banana peel is tragedy.

We cannot escape the world and the fate of our brothers and sisters of all peoples, nations and religions. As John Donne observed, “Send not for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for thee.” To paraphrase another philosopher, Joe Louis, “We can run, but we cannot hide.”

Still, I have to admit that while on vacation in Hawai’i, I tried to hide. My newly retired wife and I did our best to take in the beauty of the world, the glory of nature, the magic of the crimson sunset to off-set the other reality—playing out so tragically in the Middle East and Africa (where almost no one is looking).

We did a lot of snorkeling. Our hotel had four man-made lagoons and the North Shore of Oahu also featured wonderful bays and coves filled with brightly colored fish of improbable, but beautiful, shapes. The beauty of Nature did serve to ameliorate the oppressiveness of our human and inhuman reality.

As a diver—both skin and SCUBA—I know that we still have an ancient mammalian reflex that evolution has not erased from our DNA. When we dive below the surface our hearts slow down, the blood stays at our core and we are functionally different from how we are normally. Sitting at my desk, I can comfortably hold my breath for about a minute. If I’m walking about, I might make it to one minute, but only with difficulty. If I try to swim on the surface for one minute, exerting real effort, I simply won’t be able to make it. But under water, the deeper I go the longer my breath lasts. On a free-dive at 10 feet, 90 seconds is not difficult. At 20 feet, I could easily swim along for over two minutes. I surface, not because I ran out of breath but only because I look at my watch and think 2 minutes are enough.

This is like living in a peaceful dream—gliding weightlessly and effortlessly through warm water and feeling at one with life’s original womb. I’m back in the sea,

whose salt is the same as in our tears and our blood. And this brings me back to our normal world.

Once on dry land, showered and cleaned of sand and salt, still tingling from the sun, we salute the sunset with a Mai Tai—and then order the fish. I remember that I dove in an artificially peaceful lagoon into which predatory behavior was barred. Yet, I know in the deeper sea sharks and barracudas are on the prowl; our distant cousins the Orcas cooperate to herd schools of fish into balls.

On vacation, I can run, I can dive, but I cannot hide from the fierce reality of life and death. Nature too is bloody in tooth and claw, and we are a part of, not apart from nature. However unlike sharks, and orcas, we have choices and moral responsibilities. We have primordial instincts and appetites deep in our “Source Code,” but we are not bound by our nature. We can, by act of thoughtful will, choose against our bloody instincts, righteous rage and futile cycles of revenge. We can dive to the depths of our souls and slow down those hormonal calls for hatred and violence. Maybe conquering them is too much to hope for, but we can, we must, manage them better than we are doing today.

### Teens in (Social) Action

Last month, five UUCF teens learned to use a sewing machine and the basics of quilting by creating beautiful quilts for children living at the Fullerton Interfaith Community Services (FIES) shelter. Rebecca Adler, Ingrid Garner, Erica Hartsough, Paige Mahaffey and Rachel Mendelson participated in this daylong project. Kudos goes to Donnette Gultinan for leading the project, lending her quilting expertise (and use of her home) to this worthy effort. Gladys Sharp and Lesley Mahaffey also assisted. For more information about the ongoing FIES quilting project, contact UUCF FIES representative Jane Livezey



## President's Message

As promised last month, I want to try to convey to you some of the experience of attending the UUA General Assembly in late June. First off, it was immediately apparent and surprising to me to see the impact of our convening in St. Louis. Lightposts all around town sported banners of our presence. Signs welcomed us UUs at the airport shuttle desk, the hotel lobbies. The 4,000+ attendees of all ages milling about and gathering in small and huge sessions at the convention center embodied a powerful energy, enthusiasm, and sense of excitement. Programs of all kinds and on a wide range of topics filled every hour from early morning to late evening. I attended a whole variety of sessions—on leadership, small-group ministry, recruiting volunteers, welcoming practices, church office basics, Dances of Universal Peace, and others, as well as some sessions held for presidents, including a reception with the UUA president, Rev. William Sinkford.

Especially impressive and moving were the whole-group events, such as the bridging ceremony honoring youth and young adults, addresses by top-notch speakers, and the opportunity hear the poet Mary Oliver read from her works. Participating in the dynamic, esthetically appealing, Sunday morning worship service gave the feeling of being part of a megachurch with lots of great music. The several plenary meetings, at which the church business is conducted, were an eye-opener into a democratic process at work. Great effort went into issues such as crafting the 2006 Statement of Conscience on Global Warming. The UUA moderator, Gini Courter, did a superb job of chairing the difficult process smoothly and sensitively. Much, much emphasis was apparent throughout the weeklong event on our denomination's strong commitment to acceptance of diversity, non-discrimination, social justice, and right relations. Frequent reference was made to our being a faith community.

Attending my first GA turned out to be a definite epiphany for me—this unique opportunity to perceive the breadth and depth of the UU denomination strongly reinforced my identity as a UU member and my pride in being one. I suspect GA may be habit-forming, as for some attendees it was their tenth, twentieth, or in one case fortieth. It would be my hope that each of you will plan to take part in at least one future General Assembly, as it is a truly awesome experience and a faith-deepening one. The next GA will be relatively close - in Portland, Oregon, June 20-24, 2007. Think about it!

In peace and fellowship,  
Mary Rhodes

## Highlights of the July Board Meeting

Present at the first meeting of the new board were: Lou Arnwine, Tim Blaine, Carolyn Champagne, Will Nettleship, Susan Perlson, Mary Rhodes, Kathey Schuster, Tom Stark, and Donnette Gultinan, Administrator. Notebooks were distributed and basic ground rules concerning how the meetings will be conducted were discussed. Donnette gave out copies of the year's calendar in list form and a monthly planner format showing every church activity for the next four months. She's working toward getting this calendar onto the website and plans to take on preparation of weekly announcements. It was decided to table for three months discussion/decision of the church purchase of a computer for her use. Kathey Schuster was asked to head an ad hoc committee to review and recommend software/hardware options. Announcement was made that the PSWD District Assembly will be in nearby Riverside next April and General Assembly in Portland, Oregon, in June.

Contracts have been signed by the minister, RE director, minister of music, and administrator. The temple contract is still being reviewed.

Lou was authorized to make arrangements with the Arboretum for our September 24 service.

Tim reported on a meeting with Valerie Holton of UUA regarding the UUA marketing campaign to be implemented in September, which will involve radio spots, newspaper inserts, and direct mail. Valerie emphasized the need for individual congregants to be part of the outreach by inviting family/friends/neighbors to church during that time. It is vital that all visitors be made to feel welcome. After our July 30<sup>th</sup> service, a DVD will be shown to help interested congregants understand their part in "How to Repel Fewer Visitors." Margee Hills, who is coordinating UUCF preparations for the campaign, will be invited to our August board meeting. On Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> UUA President Bill Sinkford will be conducting a kickoff meeting at the Costa Mesa church; we hope many from our church will attend.

Board officers were elected: Tim Blaine as Vice President, Will Nettleship as Treasurer, and Lou Arnwine continuing as Secretary/Recorder. Board member liaison responsibilities for this year were assigned; they appear in a separate listing for readers' ready reference.

Susan relayed a report from Liz Heaton that during the summer drama activities with Lexi Hennington, the youth will report downstairs right at 10:30 to give them enough time for the activity. The RE retreat will be July 29. Liz will be creating a flyer to give to families new to RE, as well as a special gift box to make children feel welcome. Lauren and Terry, who have been our childcare providers, will be leaving next month. Alex Sylvester was approved to be hired to overlap her predecessors for three weeks before she begins doing childcare on her own, in order to provide continuity for the children. A second childcare worker is being sought.

(Full board minutes are available by request.)

## General Assembly by Margee Hills

I attended my second General Assembly (GA) this year, and it won't be my last. I went because I remembered how much I enjoyed GA in Long Beach in 2004 – the inspiring workshops and the rousing Sunday worship. In 2004, our church in Fullerton was part of the larger host community and many members, myself included, served as Sunday morning greeters. It felt good to be part of a community of like minded souls.

So I went to the 2006 GA in St. Louis with Mary Rhodes, our new UUCF President, with some modest hopes and came back with much more enthusiasm for building the beloved community, a community with places for all. I was inspired by listening to some of the voices of our movement. I heard some great sermons and through them I got more connected with our faith.

The 2006 Stewardship Sermon Award Winner was Cecilia Kingman Miller for her sermon entitled "The Land of Enough". She spoke of how our culture is constantly telling us that we don't have enough. We get catalogs in the mail and see advertisements on TV telling us about all the things we don't have. We live in the "Land of Not Enough." She points out that in such a competitive world with a scarcity mentality, tithing is a subversive act. It is powerful spiritual act that connects us to the larger community as we give the fruits of our labors, our money, to help grow and shape our world. I felt compelled to get out my check book and make a contribution.

An audience of 300 people welcomed Rev. Robert Hardies for the 20th annual John Murray Distinguished Lecture. Rev. Hardies is the Senior Minister of All Souls in Washington, DC. He spoke about Thomas Potter welcoming a despondent John Murray. Murray's wife and son had died, his possessions had been taken, he had barely escaped debtors' prison, and the boat that brought him to America had been cast upon the shore; he arrived in utter despair. But then, he was welcomed by Thomas Potter, with arms wide open and a smile on his face. "Come, my friend," said Potter, "I have been expecting you for a long time." Murray's despair was met by Potter's faith, a faith and love stronger than despair. Each of us carries in our hearts John Murray's despair and Thomas Potter's faith. It was radical hospitality that lifted John Murray out of despair. In Universalism's generous economy of grace, the basic unit of currency is a single act of hospitality. Rev. Hardies challenges us to spread the Universalist message of hope for all souls and to recommit ourselves to the currency and saving grace of radical hospitality.

The Rev. Joshua Pawelek, Parish Minister at Unitarian Universalist Society: East, <http://www.uuse.org/> Manchester, Conn. delivered a thought provoking sermon based on 1 Kings 19: 11-14 where the still, small voice of God asks Elijah, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" Rev. Pawelek motivates us to ask that question of ourselves in a powerful way so we have authentic, fearless, and impactful lives.

The Ware Lecture was given by poet Mary Oliver who is published by Beacon Press. I especially enjoyed hearing her read "Wild Geese" a favorite of mine as well as her poems about her dog Percy. Her love for Percy came out in the readings and made me remember my dog Spike. Apparently the lecture was a good experience for the poet as well according to the following from Helene Atwan, Director of Beacon Press, on [uua.org](http://uua.org): "In St. Louis last Friday, she felt the audience following her every word, applauding after each poem. It was an exhilarating experience for the poet."

The Sunday morning worship service is one of the high lights of GA with a congregation of over three thousand people singing and being together. The Reverend Gail Geisenhainer, minister of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Vero Beach, Florida, delivered the Sunday morning sermon entitled *We Who Believe in Freedom Cannot Rest* (<http://uua.org/ga/ga06/5002b.html>). From her opening sentence, she held the congregation rapt. She talked about her introduction to Unitarian Universalism at a church in Maine where she wasn't sure she would be accepted as a lesbian. "I stayed for coffee. I stayed for Unitarian Universalism." Geisenhainer became a part of that congregation, but the way was not always smooth. One Sunday, during the congregational sharing of joys and concerns, one woman in the congregation stood and spoke about how she thought all homosexuals should be segregated from the rest of society, and how they were not fully human. As she fled the church immediately at the conclusion of the service, a man held the door open for her as she left, and said, "See you next week. It was at once a question and an invitation" that made her feel included once again. She called for Unitarian Universalists to build a culture of inclusion and compassion. "Invite someone to your church. It's time to get the salvific message of Unitarian Universalism out from our congregations, out from our isolated hearts, out past our limitations and frustrations. We need to challenge and comfort a bruised and wounded world."

My words are a poor substitute for the power of these sermons delivered in person, but hopefully my descriptions have inspired you to want to hear more so I invite you to listen to these speakers with the audio and video available on [uua.org](http://uua.org). I brought back CDs and DVDs of some of my favorites which I will be sharing as well.

If you believe as I do that our Unitarian Universalist faith offers hope for this world then I invite you to join me at GA next year in Portland. Come add your voice and help us build the beloved community.

## Spreading the Good News of Unitarian Universalism!

The seven UU congregations in the Orange County, Long Beach and South Bay areas are planning an exciting marketing campaign in Fall 2006 to create awareness about Unitarian Universalism and to help grow membership in our churches.

The campaign will include radio, direct mail, and tabloid flyers inserted in the major newspapers; as well as outreach to the GLBT community and other special interest groups, and grassroots marketing techniques such as website ads and small ads in specialty publications. It will start on **September 17** and run for ~ 45-60 days. Samples of the direct mail and newspaper inserts, along with a more detailed description of the campaign, will be on our church bulletin board when available.

The campaign is funded by the generosity of many local donors who feel the urgency of sharing our values in the "South Coast". We met the goal of \$100,000! Congratulations and thanks to all!

**Upcoming Events** - The marketing campaign is a two-part process. It involves both the advertising campaign, which invites folks to visit, *and churches ready to receive and welcome guests with deep hospitality.*

**A preparation workshop will be held Saturday, August 5, 9:00 AM – 3 PM at Orange Coast Church, Costa Mesa.**

We have two great presenters joining us: Chloe Mason Seagrove, Director of Membership of All Souls Church in Kansas City and Rev. Matt Tittle, Minister of the Bay Area Church in Houston. All Souls in KC has added over 100 members since their advertising campaign ended in 2003! Rev. Tittle's congregation is also growing rapidly and he'll share the lessons learned from the 2005 Houston advertising campaign.

Together they will co-facilitate a workshop on church preparedness and the membership journey – transitioning visitors to members. This will be a great day! All lay-leaders and interested members are invited to attend. For further information please contact Margee Hills, our UUCF marketing campaign coordinator, or RSVP directly to Sarah.

**Campaign Kick-off Party Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>!** Join UUs from around the area to celebrate the

campaign. Bill Sinkford, President of the UUA will be our featured guest. We'll see the advertising materials and have fun being together! Orange Coast will again be our hosts. Details to follow.

This campaign is a great gift. Only a few UU marketing campaigns have been launched in the United States. We're leading the way. But what's most important is that we all celebrate together, invite folks to know more about this great faith, welcome kindred spirits, and HAVE FUN!



## PSWIRL Week at de Benneville Pines

The UU-oriented nonprofit Pacific SouthWest Institute of Religious Liberals welcomes you to their annual adult event at beautiful Camp de Benneville Pines in Angelus Oaks, California. Relax, swim, or take part in a wide variety of workshops and activities -- it's up to you! PSWIRL Week is from **Sunday, August 20 through Friday, August 25.**

In addition, the theme speaker, Rev. Jon Dobrer, will give a series of talks about "Islam, Judaism and Christianity Intertwined: What Does It Mean For You?" Jon is Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fullerton, as well as teacher at the University of Judaism and a syndicated columnist. He studied at USC, the University of Vienna, the Peace Corps in Tunisia and Starr King. Jon tells how Judaism birthed Christianity through the mid wife of Hellenic cults and how both combined in forming Islam. Recent tragic violence in the Middle East makes this topic even more relevant.

Per person costs range from \$325 to \$440 depending on the type of accommodation you select, and includes all meals and workshops for the week. Please ask the registrar about scholarships!

The rich program / list of workshops and their facilitators is available at <http://www.pswirl.org> with an associated registration form. Information about Camp de Benneville Pines is available at <http://www.debenneville.org>. Alternatively, for registration information, contact Registrar Marcia Taylor.

For program information contact Richard Booth.

## Fall Splendor Weekend – Sept. 15-17

The leaves will be changing color; the days will be warm and the nights cool. Come to the Wisconsin Northwoods, the land of beautiful woods and water; come see the loons and the eagles! The Northwoods UU Fellowship in Woodruff Wisconsin, <http://www.nuuf.com>, invites you to join us the weekend of **September 15-17, 2006** to experience the most glorious time of year. You will stay with a UU family for two nights; enjoy breakfasts with your hosts, share a potluck dinner Friday night, and feast on a Creole dinner with Dixieland band Saturday night. On Saturday, you can participate in any of our planned activities, such as hiking, fishing, birding, antiquing and more, or you can go exploring on your own. On Sunday, join us for our worship service and light lunch before you head home. The cost of \$300 per couple (singles and families are welcome, as well) helps support the new expansion of our building. For more information or to make reservations, contact Joan Hauer.



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From the Simpsons:

Bart is playing Billy Graham's "Bible Busters", in which you zap people and convert them to Christianity. Bart is really getting into the game and after zapping a guy, he exclaims "Alright, I got him". Ned Flanders' boy replies, "No, you just winged him. Now he's a Unitarian."

### 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.

## Board Member Liaison Responsibilities for 2006-7

Board members serve as communication conduits between their assigned committees or program areas and the board.

<b>LOU ARNWINE</b>	<b>de Benneville Pines Member- ship/Connections/ Visitor Records UUSC</b>
<b>TIM BLAINE</b>	<b>Pledge Drive Scrip Social Action</b>
<b>CAROLYN CHAMPAGNE</b>	<b>Music/Choir Social Committee Sunshine Committee</b>
<b>WILL NETLESHIP</b>	<b>Budget/Finance/Inv Committees Ministerial Relations Treasury</b>
<b>SUSAN PERLSON</b>	<b>Adult Religious Educ. Nominating Committee Religious Education</b>
<b>MARY RHODES</b>	<b>Circle Suppers Volunteer Coordinator Worship/Program Comm.</b>
<b>KATHEY SCHUSTER</b>	<b>Compensation Com- mittee Newsletter Publicity/Outreach</b>
<b>TOM STARK</b>	<b>Library Planned Giving Web Page Committee</b>
<b>MIKE STEINER</b>	<b>Historian Long-term Facility Planning Service Auction</b>

## UUCF POSITIONS AND COMMITTEES 2006

Administrator	Donnette Gultinan
Administration Committee	Judi McEvers, Jim Garner
Adult RE Committee	Dennis Spiro-Chair, Judy Sterling
Board of Trustees	Mary Rhodes--President; Lou Arnwine, Tim Blaine, Carolyn Champagne, Will Nettleship, Susan Perlson, Kathey Schuster, Tom Stark, Mike Steiner
Circle Dinners	Marcia Taylor, Barbara Burns (family circle dinners)
Church Calendar	Donnette Gultinan
Compensation Committee	Mike Mahaffey, Christina Garner, Kathey Schuster,
Connections Committee	Margee Hills, Hilary Key, Lorraine Rothman
De Benneville Pines Rep	Susan Tschabrun
Director of Religious Education	Liz Heaton
Budget Committee	Claude Coppel, Mike Mahaffey, Doug Schneider
Financial Task Committee	Frank Thomas (Co-treasurer/bookkeeper), Bruce Johnson, Claude Coppel (pledge secretary), Lorraine Rothman (service auction secretary)
ADR / General Assembly	Margee Hills (acting)
Historian	Mary Rhodes
Investment Committee	Claude Coppel - Chair, Mike Mahaffey, Doug Schneider, Frank Thomas
Librarians	Ed Tschabrun, Aaron Stark
Long term facility planning	Judy Sterling
Membership Committee	Jim Fyke & Judy Sterling - Co-Chairs, Dennis & Paula Spiro, Debbie Langenbacher, Margee Hills, Tom Cooney, Gerri McNenny
Minister of Music	Judi Herz
Ministerial Relations Committee	Jim Gallaher-Chair, Barbara Keller, Will Nettleship
Newsletter Staff	Lesley Mahaffey Editor, Charlie Everett, Lynn & Claude Coppel distribution, Judi McEvers labels
Nominating Committee	Gwen Fyke, Lesley Mahaffey, Jim Gallaher
Outreach	open
Planned Giving	Bill Pumphrey
Pledge Committee	Open till next year
Publicity	open
Religious Education Committee	Susan Perlson; chair, Lesley Mahaffey, Christina Garner, Liz Heaton, Karen McDaniel, Colleen Weighorst, Celeste Mendelson, Barbara Burns, Trish Hocking
RE Teachers – Youth	Christina Garner, Lois Nettleship, Susan Perlson, Karen McDaniel, Celeste Mendelson, Gerri McNenny, Chris Heaton, Jim Gallaher, Ed Tschabrun, Dale Botts
RE Teachers – Adult RE	Rev. Jon Dobrer, Dennis Spiro, Judy Sterling, Ed Tschabrun,
Scrip Sales	Ethel Sapico, Fran & Walt Doble
Secretary of Board	Lou Arnwine
Service Auction Committee	Open
Social Action Committee	Bill Bryant– Chair; Rose Bale, Litz Barker, Jim Cruess, Debbie Langenbacher, Jane Livezey, Hilda Mederos, Glad Sharp, Brad Woodhull, Tim Blaine
Social Committee	Carolyn Champagne-Chair; Lou Arnvine, Gwen Fyke, Catherine Gallaher, Debbie Langenbacher, Mary Rhodes, Paula Spiro
Sunshine Committee	Gwen Fyke-Chair, Carolyn Champagne, Christina Garner, Donnette Gultinan, Kathey Schuster, Carin Mason, Marcia Taylor
Teen Advisor	open
Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer	Will Nettleship/ Frank Thomas
Tributes	Gwen Fyke
UU Service Committee Representative	Brad Woodhull.
Visitor Records	Jim Fyke
Volunteer Coordinator	Fran Doble
Web page Committee	Harry Langenbacher, Claude Coppel, Tom Stark
Worship / Program Committee	Marlies Worley; Chair (announcements for order of service, email announcements) Al Danzig-- (coffee supplies, chalice candles); Jim Garner, Dana Bianco & Barbara Keller (worship task list); Juana Ventura, Dean Fischman

# Youth Religious Education NEWS

## Goodbye and Good Luck!

This month we say goodbye to Terry and Lauren Orr. Terry and Lauren have been our child-care providers for the last three years. Both graduated from Fullerton High School this past June and will be starting college in the fall. Terry and Lauren will be off to Mount Holyoke an all-girls private college near Boston, Massachusetts. We will miss their smiling faces and wish them the best of luck.

## Tide Pool Trip

A beautiful day was spent visiting the tide pools at Crystal Cove Beach. The waves were perfect for the brave boogie-boarders and even the chilly 64-degree Pacific Ocean didn't keep our surfers away.



Even the youngest beach-goers, Katie Mason, Diego Rangel, and Sam Key ventured out to the shores.



## Water Day

Our R.E. summer program would not be complete without our annual water day. Children attending church on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> should be prepared to get wet. Please make sure you are in your bathing suit and have a towel. And don't forget the sunscreen!

## Upcoming Events in R.E.

- August 6<sup>th</sup>: Theater Workshop  
Lauren & Terry's Last Day
- August 13<sup>th</sup>: Theater Workshop
- August 20<sup>th</sup>: Arts and Crafts
- August 27<sup>th</sup>: Water Day

## Summer Solstice Parade

The mighty choir sang and the children paraded to welcome the summer solstice.



## Summer Theater Workshop

The theater workshop is a big hit with our R.E. thespians. Lexi Henigman brings energy and enthusiasm to each lesson. Be sure to ask your child about the first session's game. Tangled arms led way to communication and teamwork as groups battled to untangle one another's arms without breaking their circle. During the theater workshop's second session, Lexi engaged the children in developing skits to tell the story of our UU symbol, the flaming chalice.



## Treasurer's Corner

We are happy to report UUCF ended the 05/06 fiscal year with a \$13,045 surplus. Of the 05/06 fiscal year surplus, \$4,615 was approved by the congregation to go towards the 06/07 fiscal year

budgeted income in order to balance this year's budget. The primary reason UUCF had a surplus during the 05/06 fiscal year was primarily due to total expenses being \$7,747 below budget and the service auction income \$4,424 more than budgeted. Great job to everyone controlling the church expenses and being so generous at last year's service auction! Thank you for everyone's charity contributions to the church, as without them we could not continue the programs of UUCF!

During the congregation meeting in the month of May when the 06/07 budget was presented to the congregation, there was a question pertaining to how much contributions were being allocated to UUSC. At that time there was some concern that UUCF budget did not allocate enough towards this organization. Since then we have obtained a more detailed breakdown of the contributions being donated to UUSC from both UUCF and our congregants. Although we can always consider increasing the church's yearly budget allocation to UUSC, in the mean time please read below for a "total" picture of our contributions to UUSC.

**During the 05/06 fiscal year UUCF and its congregants directly donated to UUSC a total of \$4,002.41!** This amount is substantially more than the \$260 that the UUCF 05/06 fiscal year budget reflects because only a small portion of the total to UUSC from UUCF is donated through the church yearly budget.

**The breakdown of the \$4,002.41 contributions from UUCF is as follows:**

**\$1,028.41** – From "Guest at your Table" special collection from UUCF Congregants collected around Christmas.

**\$1,330.00** – From UUCF congregants who donate directly to UUSC.

**\$ 654.00** – From pledges from UUCF congregants who pledged and donated directly to UUSC.

**\$ 530.00** – From a special collection from UUCF congregants collected for Hurricane Katrina.

**\$ 200.00** – From UUCF congregants who donated directly to UUSC for the benefit of the South Asia Earthquake.

**\$ 260.00** – From UUCF 05/06 fiscal year budget.

The prior 04/05 fiscal year was even more, as during the 04/05 year UUCF congregation donated to

UUSC almost \$4,000 just for Tsunami relief, plus the other categories mentioned above! In total the 04/05 yearly contributions to UUSC is estimated at over \$7,000 from UUCF and its congregants! **That means during the last two years UUCF and its congregants have donated over \$11,000 directly to UUSC!**

Also, there are currently 72 registered members with UUSC from the UUCF congregation, which represents 52% of our congregation members. During the prior year UUCF had 59 registered members with UUSC, which means UUCF increased our membership with UUSC last year by a total of 13 new members! By the way in case you aren't already a member of UUSC, general membership is only \$40 per year and for seniors it is only \$20 per year. Gifts of \$75 or more are matched dollar for dollar by the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock in New York. Memberships run for 12 months from the month the gift was received, so it is never too late to join. . If you aren't already a member of UUSC and wish to do so, please visit their website at <http://www.uusc.org> for more information.

These numbers clearly show the UUCF congregation strongly supports UUSC! If anyone should have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Frank Thomas  
UUCF Co-Treasurer/Bookkeeper





## Sunday Task Volunteers

## August 2006

<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Set-up Sanctuary</i>	<i>Set-up Social Hall</i>	<i>Take-Down Sanctuary</i>	<i>Take-Down Social Hall</i>	<i>Flowers</i>	<i>Refreshments</i>
<b>August 6 Service Associate: Judy Sterling</b>						
<i>Margee Hills &amp; Eleanor Nichols</i>	<i>Michael &amp; Chris Mahaffey</i>	<i>Michael &amp; Chris Mahaffey</i>	<i>Tim Blaine &amp; Terry Selby &amp; Bonne Roncayolo</i>	<i>Tim Blaine &amp; Terry Selby &amp; Bonne Roncayolo</i>	<i>Dorothy Barrett</i>	<i>Randi &amp; Howard Hetrick</i>
<b>August 13 Service Associate: Patrick Barbush</b>						
<i>Marcia Taylor &amp; Linda Summers</i>	<i>Doug Schneider</i>	<i>Doug Schneider</i>	<i>Tom &amp; Aaron Stark &amp; Bill Bryant</i>	<i>Tom &amp; Aaron Stark &amp; Bill Bryant</i>	<i>Catherine Gallaher</i>	<i>Dana Bianco &amp; Lorraine Rothman</i>
<b>August 20 Service Associate: Barbara Cutts</b>						
<i>Del Blanchard &amp; Glad Sharp</i>	<i>Dean Fishchman</i>	<i>Dean Fischman</i>	<i>Charlie Everett &amp; Mike Steiner &amp; Gordon Lillibridge</i>	<i>Charlie Everett &amp; Mike Steiner &amp; Gordon Lillibridge</i>	<i>Katie Hettinger</i>	<i>Litzi Barker &amp; Jim &amp; Gwen Fyke</i>
<b>August 27 Service Associate: Mike Mendelson</b>						
<i>Gerry McNenny &amp; Jack Theibert</i>	<i>Claude Coppel</i>	<i>Gayle &amp; Dennis Huffington</i>	<i>Deborah &amp; Harry Langenbacher</i>	<i>Els &amp; Bruce Johnson</i>	<i>Dennis &amp; Paula Spiro</i>	<i>Jan Lillibridge &amp; Trish Hocking</i>

**Thank you for volunteering. If you are unable to do the task, please---**

1. Ask someone in the same task group to trade places with you.
2. Let Judi Herz know that you are swapping with someone so she can put this in the Program.
3. Lorraine Rothman and Dana Bianco can help you with Directions, if you are unsure.

# UUCF Calendar, August

# 2006

Aug 1	Tue	1st Tuesday Film & Dinner. <i>An Inconvenient Truth</i>	With <b>Rev. Jon Dobrer</b> . Contact Marlies Worley.
Aug 2	Wed	11:45a Men's Lunch Group	Meet at Carrows in Fullerton, every 4th Wednesday.
Aug 5	Sat	9:00a Preparedness Workshop for Membership Drive	At <b>Costa Mesa Church</b>
		Rebuilding Together Orange County	At WTLC in Fullerton . Contact Bill Bryant for details.
Aug 6	Sun	10:30a -11:45a Service <b>The Terrible Costs of Hatred</b>	Sermon by <b>Rev. Jon Dobrer</b>
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At Marie Callender's, Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull.
Aug 7	Mon	9:30a Fuddy Duddies	Conversation & libations at a home, then breakfast at a restaurant. Contact Jan Lillibridge.
		7:00p Women's Wisdom Circle	At Donnette Gultinan's. Bill Moyers interview with author Anne Provoost. "Noah's Ark from the point of view of those left behind".
Aug 8	Tue	7:00p Board of Trustees Meet	Held at Temple Beth Tikvah
Aug 10	Thu	7:00p Choir Practice	
Aug 13	Sun	10:30a -11:45a Service <b>Welcoming the Stranger</b>	Sermon by <b>Rev. Jon Dobrer</b>
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At Marie Callender's, Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull.
Aug 15	Tue	7:00p Discussion Group	With <b>Rev. Jon Dobrer</b>
Aug 17	Thu	11:45a Men's Lunch Group	Meet at Carrows in Fullerton, every 4th Thursday.
		7:00p Reading Circle	Contact Eva Van Ginneken.
		7:00p Choir Practice	
Aug 18	Fri	7:00p Bridge Night	Contact Claude Coppel
		10:30a -11:45a Service. <b>Is Religion Hard Wired Into Our Brains?</b>	Sermon by <b>Rev. Jon Dobrer</b>
		12:00p Social Action Mtg	
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At Marie Callender's, Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull.
Aug 21	Mon	7:00p Investment Club	Contact Gwen Fyke or Brad Woodhull
		7:00p Women's Circle	Call Barbara Keller for topic and location.
Aug 24	Thu	7:00p Choir Practice	
Aug 27	Sun	10:30a -11:45a Service. <b>Entering the Tao-Ancient Wisdom for Modern Times</b>	Presented by guest speaker <b>Neil Malley</b>
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At Marie Callender's, Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull.
Aug 30	Wed	11:45a Men's Lunch Group	Meet at Carrows in Fullerton, every 4th Wednesday.
Aug 31	Thu	7:00p Choir Practice	

## **UUCF People**

The **Reverend Jon Dobrer** is away for the month of July. Come August, he will welcome your calls and is available for appointments on Tuesdays from 10:30am-6pm and before or after church on Sundays.

President: Mary Rhodes

Board Members: Lou Arnwine, Carolyn Champagne, Susan Perlson, Tim Blaine, Will Nettleship, Mike Steiner, Tom Stark and Kathey Schuster

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