

The UUCF CommUUnicator

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The Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Fullerton – Web Edition
1600 North Acacia Avenue, Fullerton, CA 92831

Sunday Services

Our worship service begins at 10:30 am. School children participate in the first part of the service, then go to their Religious Education classes. Infants and preschoolers may be dropped off at 10:20 am. After service, please stay for coffee or tea and conversation in the Social Hall.

Sept. 3 – Labor Day: Meaning & Thoughts

presented by members of our congregation

Sept. 10 – Remembrance of Things Past (and Water Communion)

presented by Rev. Jon Dobrer

Sept. 17 – A Prayer for Peace

presented by Rev. Jon Dobrer

Sept. 24 – Rosh Hashanah, Ramadan & How Much

We Share presented by Rev. Jon Dobrer
(At the Fullerton Arboretum)

You need not be a member of UUCF to participate in the activities listed in this newsletter (with the exception of congregational voting). We encourage you to explore the many opportunities offered by our church.

Sunday Services - Sept. 24 “On Location”

Please join us at the Fullerton Arboretum for our regular Service and Religious Education program. *See driving directions on page 9 of this newsletter.*

UUA Trustee Vote - Sept. 10

Information on the PSWD trustee candidates is now available on the District web site. You can access it all from the main page at <http://www.pswd.uua.org>. The candidates worked hard on their statements and answers so please take the time to read what each has to say.

Youth Religious Education Teachers Needed

Our middle school and lower elementary RE classes are in need of one teacher EACH. If you would like to volunteer your time one Sunday a month, October through June, please contact our Director of Religious Education, Liz Heaton.



Sept. 9, 6pm in the Social Hall Kick Off the UUCF Social Season!! Celebrate the Start of Our 40th Year!!

This year we're planning something new--our youth (6th grade and up) will be joining us for dinner at their own table, so let's all be sure to bring generous portions. Here's what to bring (**NO pork or shellfish**).

Last names beginning with:

- G-M bring a salad
- N-S bring a main course
- A-F bring a dessert
- T-Z bring an appetizer

There will be beer, wine, and sodas for purchase. Please contact Catherine Gallaher to sign up.

UU Ad Campaign Kick-Off Event Saturday, Sept. 16, 3:30-5pm

Please join other UUs in Southern California as we celebrate our “Imagine a Religion” advertising campaign. The Rev. Bill Sinkford, President of the UUA, will be our featured Guest Speaker. **Orange Coast UU Church, 1259 Victoria St., Costa Mesa**

Water Communion – September 10

Don't forget your water on September 10th! Even if you didn't leave the area this summer, 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.



When my son Adam was little, I mean really little, his room was a mess, and we told him to clean it up. He asked with the complete innocence of the young, “Who is coming over?” We were completely busted. He’d discerned that running around and cleaning up the house was a sure sign of visitors. We laughed uproariously at his wisdom and our folly. We were proud of his logic—and the fact that this time, this one time, we were not having company, did not detract from our rueful mirth. This time we were cleaning up just because it was time to do so, and bringing order out of chaos is itself a creative act.

Well, we are going to have company, and I’m not telling you to clean up your act. Your act is both good and genuine. I am saying that to prepare for company all we have to do is be conscious and intentional in welcoming new guests. We are normally welcoming and gracious but now is a time to be particularly attentive to and appreciative of the people who walk in here. They are all looking for something. We may be the place where they find what they are looking for or create with us what we are all looking for.

This is a time to make a conscious effort not simply to talk to our usual friends but to consciously open up our conversational circles to new people. Our natural instincts are to greet our old friends with enthusiasm. Now is a time to share that enthusiasm and our knowledge of this community with the many new guests we anticipate walking through our doors.

We are a truly wonderful group of welcoming, talented and giving folks. We do a great job of working together, celebrating our great occasions and supporting each other through the inevitable tough times that we all encounter. We have a community that has many beliefs—a wider spectrum of both religious and political views than most imagine.

We are not all the same, but we do a particularly good job of seeking our common threads and weaving together a living tapestry, made richer for our differences.

We have a community worth sharing with others who seek a place to pursue their own spiritual journeys—not alone but with other friendly, bright and open fellow seekers.

We do not have a unique truth or a special saving catechism. We have a community that exists in time, nourished by our faith in life, this life, sustained by our dedication to this world and to the inherent worth and dignity of our fellow human beings.

We are not perfect in living our values, but we aim pretty high. We set out to model that we can be together and grow together without the need for pretended or coerced unanimity. We try consciously to model that, “We do not have to think alike in order to love alike.”

Company is coming. Let’s welcome them with open hearts, open minds and share the good thing that we have made with some new folks.

Adult Religious Education September 10th at 9 AM

Our own resident scholar, Ed Tschabrun, will lead a class entitled: Thoreau’s Walden: A Unitarian Bible? Ed will offer the argument that Walden can serve as 21st century guide to Unitarian Universalist spirituality and effective social action. **Class will be held in the classroom off the upper parking lot, starting at 9 AM sharp.** Come and share your thoughts and ideas! If you are interested in participating in developing topics, curriculum, or leading discussions in adult religious education please contact Dennis Spiro.

President's Message

Last month I described some of the excitement and electricity that had been so apparent at the annual UUA General Assembly. I'm thrilled to be sensing some of that very same enthusiasm here in our congregation—a liveliness that is being generated in part by our anticipation of the UUA advertising campaign that's imminent in our area. Nine of us attended a preparatory meeting at the UU Church in Costa Mesa, and many more have participated in the video-viewing and discussion groups that Margee Hills has held after service on several recent Sundays. Committees and individuals are working on tasks to prepare to welcome what we hope to be considerable numbers of visitors in coming weeks as the campaign brings more and more local citizens to the awareness that there is a wonderful liberal spiritual community right here in their midst.

If you're like me, when you're expecting company, you use that as a stimulus or trigger to fix things up a bit, be sure your place is at its best, to get some projects done that you've been thinking about for a while but never quite gotten around to completing—sprucing up things for your own benefit really, but using the context of entertaining guests as a motivating target point. That's what seems to be going on among us these days.

Much effort is being focused on thinking through what would make ours a more approachable, attractive, rewarding experience for guests and seasoned attendees alike. One such minor change, for instance, is to view and refer to those coming to explore our church as "guests" rather than visitors; this small difference in terminology better expresses the warmth we want to convey. Another new intention is for us board members to refrain from conducting church business during at least the first part of social hour, so that we may be available to greet and converse with others. We're trying reconfiguring the social hall to improve traffic flow and accessibility during coffee hour. The bulletin boards are being made more informative and visible. This is a lively, productive time when we are in the process of polishing up our environment, practices, and mental outlook to become more inviting and to better convey just who we are and what we have to offer. Rather than being just a one-time effort, I hope this will be an ongoing process, not limited to getting ready for some specific date when "The guests are coming, the guests are coming!" I hope we all will retain this mindset and focus always on how we can become even better, to remain open to those "Aha" phenomena of "Hmm. What if we were to try it this way instead?" Not change for change's sake or growth for growth's sake, but a permanent commitment to making UUCF the most vibrant and satisfying faith community that we possibly can.

In peace and fellowship,
Mary Rhodes

Summary of Aug. 8 Board Meeting

Attendance: Lou Arnwine, Tim Blaine, Carolyn Champagne, Jon Dobrer, Will Nettleship, Susan Perlson, Mary Rhodes, Tom Stark, Mike Steiner.

Margee Hills, who is organizing efforts to prepare us for the **UUA ad campaign**, reported on the status of the campaign. It will start with ads in the Sept. issue of *The Blade* and the *Southern Sierran* magazines, followed by radio spots on local FM stations, and direct mail to selected homes in nearby ZIP codes. On Sept. 17 there will be a 4-page insert in the *Sunday Times*, *OC Register* and *Daily Breeze*. Ideas have been gleaned from a recent meeting in Costa Mesa and from consulting with our own church members: giving out prepared information packets to guests, having a sign or banner at the greeter table, making follow-up phone calls to guests within 72 hrs, using the term "guest" rather than "visitor", updating greeter guidelines, revising the guest registration sheet, encouraging board members to be active participants in the social hall rather than conducting business. Additional planning meetings are underway.

Calendar review: The Social Committee is planning the Sept. potluck. Tasks are being outlined for our service Sept. 24 at the Arboretum, especially providing maps and directions. Because of our loss of the sanctuary on that day, we get one additional use of the temple and will be scheduling a Sat. evening in the spring for a party to celebrate our church's 40th anniversary. Jon will check for dates for the Seder and will let the administrator know so that it can be calendared. Children's Sunday remains to be scheduled.

Liaison reports in a nutshell: Social Action is looking to support global as well as local efforts. Members need to be encouraged to sign up for Scrip, which is free money for the church from our everyday purchases. Sunshine Committee has new members, and is no longer just women. Judi has returned from a music conference with many ideas. New choir stoles are being made. The RE teacher retreat was well attended; enthusiasm for new activities and plans is high. There will be a whole new sign-up system for Circle Supper participants, beginning Aug. 27 in the social hall. Library Committee will post a list of overdue books. Mike has agreed to be penciled in as Historian, the major focus this year being data-organizing to help us celebrate our 40th anniversary.

UUA Trustee election: Each UU church is to vote to fill the PSWD representative position on the UUA board. The ballot must be in by Sept. 20. Under PSWD guidelines, the board can cast votes in the name of the organization. At our Sept. 10 congregational meeting the congregation will be asked to authorize the board to cast our four votes. Those who wish to speak with the board on this matter are invited to do so at the Sept. 12 board meeting.

Mary Rhodes
(Full board minutes are available by request.)

Author Jim Wallis at UU Church Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 7pm

Jim Wallace, founder of Sojourners and author of *God's Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It*, will be speaking and signing books in the sanctuary at Neighborhood Unitarian Universalist Church, 301 N. Orange Grove Blvd., Pasadena. This is a FREE event! (Onsite book sales courtesy of Vroman's).

Social Action Committee (SAC)

On Saturday, August 5th, a group from UUCF joined about 100 other people from Rebuilding Together to help rehabilitate the WTLC in Fullerton. Some of the projects we worked on included installing handicapped grab bars in the rest rooms, installing hand held shower heads, installing fire extinguishers, building a fence in the play yard, and painting in the children's play room. The support we get for projects such as this make me proud to be a part of UUCF. **If you want to be a part of the Social Action Committee, join us at our meeting after the service on September 10th.**

Bill Bryant



Tribute

To Pat and Brad Woodhull
for sharing
their many

talents with us so generously.

Thanks for the entertainment!.... *The Mahaffey's and Hetricks*



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.

Fullerton Interfaith Emergency Service (FIES) Fundraising Dinner

Sunday, Oct. 8 at Angelo's & Vinci's Ristorante

550 N. Harbor Blvd, Fullerton

Social Hour – 4:30 PM

Welcome & Dinner – 5:45 PM

Live Auction – 7:00 PM

Reservation Deadline – September 30

Seating is Limited - \$45 Per Person

For information call Kim Galea, Chairperson, or Janet McGarvey, Reservations



Circulo de Amigas

Pat McCully, the founder and long time director of Circulo de Amigas in Jinotega, Nicaragua, whom we support with the donations and grocery bags we collect and ship for their teen-aged girls to crochet into handbags, has reached the age where she must consider retiring from her position. She is looking for someone fluent in Spanish with the interest and motivation in this charity to replace her. A retired Spanish teacher, as Pat is, would be a good candidate. If you have any suggestions, please contact Pat.

Fullerton Interfaith Ministerial Association (FIMA)

“September 11, 2001”

An interfaith service featuring local clergy presenting readings and reflections on that tragic day in American history. **Reverend Jon Dobrer will be participating.**

Sunday, September 10, 2006, 5:00 PM

St. Jude Medical Center Chapel

101 E. Valencia Mesa Drive, Fullerton

Open and Free to the Public

For questions or information, contact Rabbi Kenneth Milhandler, FIMA President, or Marlies Worley.

Circle Suppers

A long-standing tradition of our church and many other Unitarian Universalist congregations is the "Circle Supper". These potluck evenings, during which we have 8-10 parties going on simultaneously, are a great way to join together members and friends to share good food and to get better acquainted. The Circle Supper is also a wonderful way for newcomers to "connect" with people from our congregation on a one-on-one basis.

We offer two types of supper groups--those for adults only and those for families with children. Typically, each household takes a turn hosting a supper during the year. Volunteer hosts are assigned a list of guests, from whom they invite as many as can be comfortably accommodated at their table. Guests volunteer for (or are assigned) a dish to bring.

The supper dates for this coming year are: the following Saturday evenings*:

October 14,
November 18
January 13
March 10
May 12

(*If someone wants to host a supper but is unable to hold it on one of these scheduled Saturday evenings, he or she may choose to hold the supper on the Friday or Sunday nearest to one of the above dates.)

This year we are starting fresh, creating a new list of people interested in taking part in the Circle Supper program. **There will be a sign-up table during coffee hour from August 27 through September 3.** If you aren't able to sign up after services, contact Marcia Taylor (Adult Dinner Chair) or Barbara Burns (Family Dinner Chairperson).

You do not need to be a member of our congregation to enjoy these potlucks! Individuals and families who have attended our church even a few times and **are interested in getting to know us better** are invited to participate!



Workshop - Embracing Our Theological Diversity

Saturday, October 7, 9am-1pm at the UU Fellowship of San Dieguito, Solana Beach (Del Mar)

The Pacific Southwest District Leadership (PSWD) Resources Team is hosting this exciting workshop with the Rev. Dr. Tom Owen-Towle, Interim Minister, Summit UU Fellowship and member of the UUA Commission on Appraisal, as Keynote Speaker. Besides the keynote talk, there will be opportunity for participants to interact. Registration forms are available at UUCF and also on at <http://www.pswd.uua.org>. **There is no charge for individuals to attend.** Please contact Mary Rhodes if you would like to attend. We can get an early start, carpool down, and be back in time for Bunco Night!

22nd Annual UU Service Committee Encuentro – Sat. Oct. 14, 9:30am-4pm

Save the date! This year's theme is "Immigration, Globalization and Economic Justice".

Distinguished speakers include Blase Bonpane of Office of the Americas and KPFK, Professor Raul Molina, and many others.

Hector Aristizabal, a popular dramatic artist, will provide entertainment. The event will be held at the UU Church of Long Beach. The cost is \$20.00, but no one will be turned away. Registration information will be available soon. Contact Ruth Shapin for more information.

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A Unitarian Universalist was worried, and confided to another UU, "I want to invite a friend to the Sunday service, but our minister uses that J-word so much I'm afraid it will make my friend feel uncomfortable."

"When has our minister ever mentioned Jesus?" asked the other.

"I meant *Justice*."

POSITIONS AND COMMITTEES 2006

Revised 8-06

Administrator	Donnette Guiltinan
Administration Committee	Judy McEvers, Jim Garner
Adult RE Committee	Dennis Spiro-Chair, Judy Sterling
Board of Trustees	Mary Rhodes—President, Tim Blaine—Vice President, Lou Arnwine, Carolyn Champagne, Will Nettleship, Susan Perlson, Kathey Schuster, Tom Stark, Mike Steiner
Circle Suppers	Marcia Taylor, Barbara Burns (family circle suppers)
Church Calendar	Donnette Guiltinan
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)
Historian	Mike Steiner
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	<i>Open</i>
Planned Giving	Bill Pumphrey
Pledge Committee	<i>Open until next year</i>
PSWD Assoc. Dist. Rep/Gen. Assembly	Margee Hills
Publicity	<i>Open</i>
Religious Education Committee	Susan Perlson--chair, Lesley Mahaffey, Christina Garner, Liz Heaton, Karen McDaniel, 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 Program	Rev. Jon Dobrer, Dennis Spiro, Judy Sterling, Ed Tschabrun
Scrip Sales	Ethel Sapico, Fran & Walt Doble
Secretary of Board	Lou Arnwine
Service Auction Committee	<i>Open</i>
Social Action Committee	Bill Bryant– Chair, Rose Bale, Litzi Barker, Jim Cruess, Debbie Langenbacher, Hilda Mederos, Glad Sharp, Brad Woodhull, Tim Blaine, Jeanne Preble
Social Committee	Carolyn Champagne-Chair; Lou Arnwine, Gwen Fyke, Catherine Gallaher, Debbie Langenbacher, Mary Rhodes, Paula Spiro
Sunshine Committee	Gwen Fyke-Chair, Carolyn Champagne, Christina Garner, Donnette Guiltinan, Kathey Schuster, Carin Mason, Marcia Taylor, Patrick Barbush
Teen Advisors	Sopia Alper, Christina Garner
Temple Liaison	Donnette Guiltinan
Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer	Will Nettleship, Frank Thomas
Tributes	Gwen Fyke
UU Service Committee Representatives	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 in order of service/email), Al Danzig, Jim Garner, Lorraine Rothman (worship task list), Barbara Keller, Dana Bianco, Juana Ventura, Dean Fischman, Patrick Barbush

Contact **Fran Doble** for changes, addition or updates

What Is “Radical Hospitality”?

by Rev. Ned Wight, adapted by Linda Sonnonstine

(Editor’s Note: This article has been adapted from a sermon by UU Reverend Ned Wight at Orange Coast UU Church in Costa Mesa on May 28, 2006. Before moving to Long Island, New York, this summer to begin his new job as Executive Director of the UU Veatch Program at Shelter Rock, he served as UUA Trustee for five years representing the Pacific Southwest District and also served as minister at Summit UU Fellowship in East San Diego County. We thank Ned for sharing his dynamic message with us as we begin our fall marketing campaign.)

All of us have been strangers, visitors and guests at places both near and far. And all of us have stories—good and bad—that we could share with one another about hospitality we’ve experienced.

But what’s this “radical hospitality” that everyone is talking about so much now that we’re getting ready to embark upon a marketing campaign this fall to spread the word about Unitarian Universalism in Southern California?

I first heard the term “radical hospitality” at a Unitarian Universalist Association board meeting that I was attending in Boston as the trustee representing the Pacific Southwest District and was immediately intrigued. It was being widely discussed as a leverage point for growth within our congregations.

Where did the term come from? Upon further research I found out that it comes from the Benedictine monks. It was part of the order of St. Benedict, patriarch of western monks, who lived in the 6th century. St. Benedict wrote down how he believed monastic communities should function—including relations with one another and with “the outside world.”

In a book entitled *Radical Hospitality* written by Father Daniel Homan, a monk from a Benedictine monastery in Michigan, and Lonni Collins Pratt, a laywoman closely associated with that community (*Radical Hospitality*, Brewster, MA: Paraclete Press, 2002), the authors contend that we live in an age where “hospitality” has been trivialized—and commodified—made into yet another way to sell merchandise. Hospitality is actually about establishing relationships. What I worry about with all this talk about “hospitality” as a leverage point for growth is that “hospitality” is being considered some sort of gimmick or technique a congregation can master to lure people in and glom onto them when, in fact that is exactly the antithesis of what “radical hospitality” truly is.

The key here is the word “radical.” It comes from the word for “root”—hospitality at the root, fundamental or from the core/heart. Hospitare is “to receive as a guest” and to receive as a guest about whom we actually give a damn, about whom we care.

That raises two important questions. How do you teach people to care about others? Can you teach people to care about others? St. Benedict thought that you could.

Radical hospitality is a fully-embodied stance of openness and affirmation toward “the other”—that is, anyone who’s not me: people we think we know well—but never know completely—spouses, children, close friends as well as casual acquaintances. And here’s where it really gets “radical” in the sense of championing “extreme” counter-cultural views: toward strangers—people we don’t know, people we have no experiential basis for trusting. And most radical of all, it’s toward “enemies”—people we may have experiential basis for mistrusting.

Five essential things that are important to remember about radical hospitality are as follows:

Radical hospitality comes from deep inside of us.

It begins with self-affirmation. It involves both your own capacity to be lovable and loved, but just as surely your capacity to love. Hospitality is about the comfort of being accepted and the challenge of accepting others. “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Radical hospitality is about “inclusion and exclusion,” to use the words of *Radical Hospitality* (RH 2).

Each encounter with another person is a chance for us to act out of inclusive or exclusive motives. Radical hospitality always sides with inclusion and always errs on the side of seeing in the other—the stranger, the so-called enemy even—a person of inherent worth and dignity, a child of God, just like yourself.

Radical hospitality is about staying open.

It’s not about controlling, manipulating or changing people to conform to our preconceived idea of what’s good for them, but rather granting them the freedom to be who they are. In the process, we’re more likely to learn something significant from them. As the authors of *Radical Hospitality* state, “The stranger helps us locate our favorite lies. The stranger helps us see the absurd in our culture and ourselves. The stranger opens our eyes.” (RH 74)

Radical hospitality is about giving another person your full attention and treating them with kindness. It is about active listening from the heart.

It is about switching the focus from yourself to the other, we are reminded in *Radical Hospitality* (RH 216).

Radical hospitality is about understanding, acceptance and intimacy. Acceptance helps us all “discover [our] true selves,” according to Father Holman (RH 158). He asserts that “intimacy is the goal of hospitality. (RH 129) Hospitality is a call to revere what is sacred in every person ever born.” (RH 139)

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Building a culture of radical hospitality isn't easy. Why?

- We have a hard time holding onto healthy self-affirmation.
- We have a hard time risking trust—as often as our trust has been betrayed and we have been hurt—sometimes deeply hurt.
- We get too busy to take the time to pay attention and to listen from the heart.
- We sometimes don't like other people very much—and it's hard to be hospitable to people who irritate us.
- We're afraid of other people.
- We're afraid of ourselves

So why is it so important?

- Radical hospitality fosters wonderful connections.
- Radical hospitality enriches our lives as nothing else can.
- Radical hospitality works miracles.
- Radical hospitality can transform our world.
- It is not a gimmick but rather an act of faith, of commitment to practice positive regard, caring, from the heart, a discipline we practice, over and over and over and over again.

What are implications for the future of our congregations as we seek to build radical hospitality into the culture of our community as we welcome visitors and strangers into our services and activities? Radical hospitality is about paying attention to the little things. It's about how clean the steps are, how clear the signs are, making sure that everyone has the words to the songs we're singing. It's about using gender-inclusive language, having enough toilet paper and paper towels in the bathroom and hosting a greeters table that looks inviting.

And even more, radical hospitality is about paying attention to the big things: approaching one another with inner openness and positive regard, practicing compassion, patience and active listening, and, last but not least, striving to accept others where they are—as we ourselves long to be accepted.

Who needs our hospitality? Each and every one of us . . . and hundreds of strangers who will come through our doors in the months and years ahead. May we cultivate our own deepest impulses to show these strangers the kind of radical hospitality that will invite them to consider staying around, becoming friends, and making our congregation their spiritual home.

Treasurer's Corner



In the last month's treasurer's article, we provided a detailed breakdown of the \$4,002 in charity contribution to the UU Service Committee from UUCF and/or its congregants during the 05/06 fiscal year. Hopefully everyone found this information informative and helpful in understanding our congregation's contributions to the UUCF. This month, we thought it would be helpful to provide information about **ALL** the charity organizations that UUCF and its congregants donated to during the 05/06 fiscal year.

According to the church records during the 05/06 fiscal year, **UUCF and its congregants donated \$16,611 to charity organizations!** The breakdown is as follows:

\$4,002 - UU Service Committee (UUCF)
\$6,324 - Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA)
(church membership dues)
\$2,232 - Pacific South West District of UUA (church membership dues)
\$ 500 - Scholarship to CSUF student
\$ 353 - Fullerton Interfaith Emergency Services (FIES)
\$ 317 - UNICEF for Hurricane Katrina victims
\$ 752 - FIES for New Vista project
\$2,131 - various charity organizations, which included:

\$663 to Circulo de Amigas
\$150 to Fullerton Armory
\$100 to Lance Armstrong Foundation
\$200 to Habitat for Humanity
\$186 for uniforms to school children in need
\$200 to RESULTS
\$200 towards a computer for UU Church in Africa
\$432 to Women's Transitional Living Center

Below is a breakdown of where the \$16,611 charitable funds listed above came from:

\$11,406 (69%) from UUCF 05/06 Fiscal Year Budget
\$ 2,521 (15%) from UUCF special collections
\$ 2,184 (13%) donated directly to the charity from UUCF congregants
\$ 500 (3%) from UUCF Scholarship fund

Looking at these numbers together really shows how much UUCF does for the community in trying to make this world a better place, and these numbers just represent one year of giving! We hope you find this information helpful. If anyone should have any questions, please feel free to contact Frank Thomas or Will Nettleship.

Frank Thomas
UUCF Co-Treasurer/Bookkeeper

UUCF SERVICE, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

HOW TO FIND US!!

Directions from Freeway –

The Fullerton Arboretum is located at 1900 Associated Road at Yorba Linda Boulevard in Fullerton. Exit the Orange (57) Freeway at Yorba Linda Blvd going west. Turn south into CSUF at Associated Road and continue to the end. Turn left into the Arboretum parking lot. Parking is free. See

<http://www.arboretum.fullerton.edu/info/map.asp>

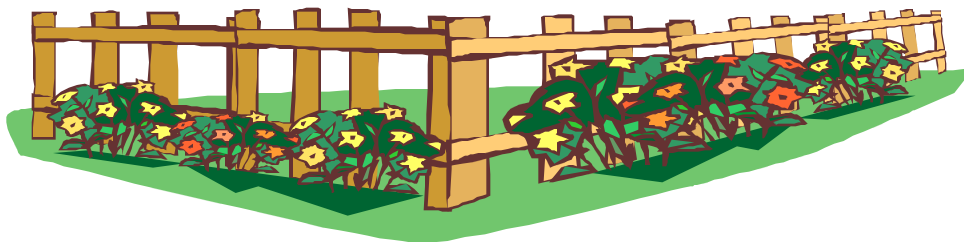
Coming from Church (Temple Beth Tikvah) –

Go south on Acacia and turn left on Melody Lane (in front of the Catholic church). Follow that winding road alongside the greenbelt to the first stop sign. Turn right onto Yorba Linda Blvd. Cross State College. Turn right at the next light, Associated Rd, into CSUF. Keep going a short ways to the end; turn left into the Arboretum lot.

- We will enter our own gate from the parking lot to the area where we'll be meeting, which is the covered patio on the far side of the tall green building. Look for our signs and greeters!
- In order to be sure there's sufficient close parking for newcomers and late-comers, those willing and able may want to park in the nearby university lot, right across Associated Rd. No permit is required on the weekend.

To view a map showing the location of Fullerton Arboretum, you can click on the following link or cut and paste this link into your browser's location bar:

<http://maps.google.com/maps?q=1900+Associated+Rd,+Fullerton,+CA>.



Youth Religious Education NEWS - September

Upcoming Events in R.E.

Sept. 3rd: Arts & Crafts - Collage Making

Sept. 10th: Arts & Crafts - School Stuff

Kid's Choir Performs!

Teacher Training Workshop

Sept. 17th: New School Year Program Begins

Parent Meeting

Sept. 24th: Church at the Arboretum

Sept. 26th, 7:00pm

Talk with Teens (location TBD)

Goodbye and Good Luck

A huge thank you goes out to Lexi Henigman our Theatre Workshop instructor. Lexi is leaving for the Big Apple later this month to study film making at NYU. Good luck, Lexi, we wish you the best!

Welcome to UUCF

We would like to welcome Alex Sylvester to our church. Many of you have already met Alex or have seen her around the church assisting the children. Alex has joined us to help with R.E.'s childcare program. Alex attended Golden Hill Elementary where her mom, Amy, also teaches third grade. After junior high at Ladera Vista, Alex moved to Fullerton High School. Alex will be a sophomore in the fall. We're excited to have Alex join the R.E. team and hope you can all stop by and say hello.

Parent Meeting

Parents and interested congregants are invited to attend a special parent meeting on Sunday, September 17th at 12:15 pm. Parents will learn more about this school year's curriculum and have an opportunity to register their children for the R.E. program.



Church at the Arboretum

Sunday, Sept. 24th promises to be a fun and exciting day for all at Cal State Fullerton's Arboretum. While the adults are attending

service, children will take a short tour of the arboretum. An activity in the children's garden is also planned. Please be sure to wear comfortable close-toed walking shoes.

"Talk With Teens"

Teen Group

Formerly known as the Tuesday (or Thursday) Night Teen Group, "Talk With Teens" is open to all teens in grades 9-12. The group will begin meeting again on September 26th. Christina Garner and Sofiya Alper are now the group's deans. UUCF teens are encouraged to invite their friends. Look for more details soon!



Teacher Training Workshop

Thank you both to new and returning teachers. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, September 10th at 12:15 pm. We will meet in the children's chapel to review the upcoming year's program. You'll also have a chance to coordinate your Sunday schedule with your teaching team. A light lunch will be provided.

Teachers Needed!

One teacher each is needed for Middle School and Lower Elementary classes. Please contact Liz Heaton if you would like to volunteer one Sunday each month from October through June. The curriculum is established and classroom materials are provided for you, but your creativity is always welcomed!

Youth R.E. Program

September 2006

Pre-School - Kindergarten	Lower Elementary Grades 1-2	Upper Elementary Grades 3-5	Middle School Grades 6-8	High School Grades 9-12
<i>SEPTEMBER 3RD</i>				
<i>Arts & Crafts Collage</i>	<i>Arts & Crafts Collage</i>	<i>Arts & Crafts Collage</i>	<i>Arts & Crafts Collage</i>	<i>Arts & Crafts Collage</i>
<i>SEPTEMBER 10TH</i>				
<i>Arts & Crafts School Stuff Scrap Box</i>	<i>Arts & Crafts School Stuff Scrap Box</i>	<i>Arts & Crafts School Stuff Scrap Box</i>	<i>Arts & Crafts School Stuff Scrap Box</i>	<i>Arts & Crafts School Stuff Scrap Box</i>
<i>SEPTEMBER 17TH</i>				
<i>New School Year Program Begins</i>	<i>New School Year Program Begins</i>	<i>New School Year Program Begins</i>	<i>New School Year Program Begins</i>	<i>New School Year Program Begins</i>
<i>SEPTEMBER 24TH</i>				
<i>Church at the Arboretum</i>	<i>Church at the Arboretum</i>	<i>Church at the Arboretum</i>	<i>Church at the Arboretum</i>	<i>Church at the Arboretum</i>

Youth Religious Education Committee meetings are held the 1st Sunday of each month in the Children's Chapel (downstairs) at 12 noon. All are welcome! Childcare is available. Contact Susan Perlson (committee chairperson) for information, agenda items, etc.



UUCF Sunday Task Volunteers

September 2006

Greeters	Set up Sanctuary	Set up Social Hall		Take Down Sanctuary	Take Down Social Hall	Flowers	Refreshments
September 3rd Service Associate: Marlies Worley							
Margee Hills & Eleanor Nichols	Michael & Chris Mahaffey	Michael & Chris Mahaffey		Tim Blaine & Terry Selby & Bonnie Roncayolo	Tim Blaine & Terry Selby & Bonnie Roncayolo	Marlies Worley	Lynne Spencer & Dawn & Bill Pumphrey
September 10th Service Associate: Tim Blaine							
Patrick Bar- bush & Tim Blaine	Doug Schneider	Doug Schneider		Tom & Aaron Stark & Bill Bryant	Tom & Aaron Stark & Bill Bryant	Catherine Gallaher	Frances Salans & Gordon Scholle
September 17th Service Associate: Carolyn Champagne							
Del Blanchard & Glad Sharp	Dean Fishchman	Dean Fischman		Charlie Everett & Mike Steiner & Gordon Lillibridge	Charlie Everett & Mike Steiner & Gordon Lillibridge	Katie Hettinger	Rose Bale & Thelma & Walt Whisman
September 24th							
<i>We'll all be at Cal State Fullerton's Arboretum!</i>							

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING. If you are unable to do a task, please—

- Ask someone in the same task group to trade places with you, and let Judi Herz know that you are swapping Sundays with someone so that she can put this in the program.
- Lorraine Rothman and Dana Bianco can help with instructions, if you need them.

UUCF Calendar for September, 2006

Sep 3	Sun	10:30a -11:45a Reflections on Labor Day: Meaning and Thoughts	Lay Led Service
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At Marie Callender's , Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull .
Sep 4	Mon	9:30a Fuddy Duddies	Conversation and Libations at a home, breakfast at a restaurant. Contact Jan Lillibridge .
		7:00p Women's Circle.	Call Barbara Keller for topic and location.
Sep 5	Tue	1st Tuesday Film & Dinner.	With Rev. Jon Dobrer . Contact Marlies Worley .
Sep 7	Thu	7:00p Choir Practice	
Sep 9	Sat	6:00p Potluck / Circle Supper Kickoff	Don't miss this!!
Sep 10	Sun	9:00a Adult RE Class	Thoreau's Walden: A Unitarian Bible? Led by Ed Tschabrun. Contact Dennis Spiro for more information.
		10:30a -11:45a Remembrance of Things Past	Sermon by Rev. Jon Dobrer
		11:45a Congregational Meeting 12:00p Social Action Committee Meeting 12:30p Lunch Bunch 12:15p RE Teacher Training	UUA/PSWD vote immediately following the Service At Marie Callender's , Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull Following the Service in the Social Hall
Sep 12	Tue	7:00p Board Meeting	
Sep 14	Thu	11:45a Men's Lunch Group	Meet at Carrows in Fullerton, every 4th Thursday.
		7:00p Choir Practice	
Sep 15	Fri	7:00p Bridge Night	Contact Claude Coppel
Sep 16	Sat	3:30p Membership Drive Kickoff Event	In Costa Mesa
Sep 17	Sun	10:30a -11:45a A Prayer For Peace	Sermon by Rev. Jon Dobrer
		12:00p RE Parent Meeting and Registration	
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At Marie Callender's , Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull .
Sep 18	Mon	7:00p Investment Club	Contact Gwen Fyke or Brad Woodhull
		7:00p Women's Wisdom Circle	Call Barbara Keller for topic and location
Sep 21	Thu	7:00p Reading Circle	Contact Eva Van Ginneken
		7:00p Choir Practice	
Sep 24	Sun	10:30a -11:45a Rosh Hashanah, Ramadan, & How Much We Share	Sermon by Rev. Jon Dobrer . The service will be held at the Fullerton Arboretum
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At Marie Callender's , Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull .
Sep 26	Tue	5:30p All Souls Potluck 6:30p Salon Discussion Group	Topic: How We Understand The Bible
Sep 27	Wed	11:45a Men's Lunch Group	Meet at Carrows in Fullerton, every 4th Wednesday.
Sep 28	Thu	7:00p Choir Practice	

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