

# The UUCF CommUUnicator

October 2006 – Web Edition



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

## Sunday Services

Visitors are requested to come at 10:15 am so that we can welcome you. Worship Service begins at 10:30 am. School children participate in the first 10-15 minutes 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.

### **Oct. 1 – Promises, Vows and Intentions**

Presented by Rev. Jon Dobrer

### **Oct. 8 – And Service is Our Prayer**

Presented by Rev. Jon Dobrer

### **Oct. 15 – Speaking Truth to Power**

Presented by Rev. Jon Dobrer

### **Oct. 22 – What Dreams May Come**

Presented by Rev. Jon Dobrer

### **Oct. 29 – Shadows of the Ancestors**

Panel led by congregant Christina Garner

*You don't need be a member* of UUCF to participate any of the activities listed in this newsletter. We encourage you to explore and enjoy the many opportunities for involvement offered by our church.

## **UUCF Mission Statement**

We come together as a loving spiritual community to support each other in life's journey. We reach out with active caring to the larger community. We are bound together by common threads and are enriched by their many colors.

## **Save These Dates!**

- Oct. 7 Bunko Night**
- Nov. 10-12 de Benneville Pines**
- Dec. 9 Holiday Dinner**
- Dec. 17 Hanukkah Breakfast**

## *Lucky 7* Bunco Night

**Saturday, Oct 7 at 7 PM**

**Have Fun in a Good Cause!**

**Ages 7 to 97 Invited to Play!**

Help raise funds for the **Social Action Committee's** projects benefiting our wider community.

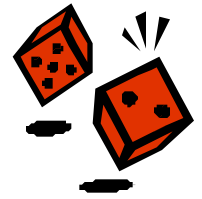
**Kids 7 & up: \$4 Adults \$7 Families \$15**

Tickets sold in advance in the Social Hall and at the door. Beer, Wine & Soda available for purchase. Light snacks provided. Prizes, too!!!

Baby-sitting provided upon request.

Please let Patrick Barbush know by Oct.

1st if you need childcare for this event.



**Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, clean-up, check-in table, etc. Please contact Bill Bryant to volunteer.**

## **Newsletter Editor Needed**

Your CommUUnicator editor is looking for a volunteer to take over her job. Are you looking for a way to volunteer some time to this church? *Newsletter editor* might be the perfect position for the person who wants to develop (or keep up) desk-top publishing skills AND likes to know what's going on in the church!

Information for the newsletter is gathered 99.9% via email, so a good computer and printer, along with competent emailing skills, are necessary. A scanner is helpful but not required. You may work on your own schedule, but the newsletter (paper and email versions) must go out the last week of every month. Please contact Lesley Mahaffey for more details.

## **UUCF October Calendar**

The church calendar is not included in the newsletter this month. Please visit <http://www.uufullerton.org/calendar.html>, or <http://tinyurl.com/h27qr>. Paper copies will be available at the Greeters Table.

As some of you know, I have been a part of a controversy surrounding the selection of Dr. Maher Hathout for an award from the L.A. County Human Relations Commission. I had the opportunity of testifying before the commission. People were passionately divided over the appropriateness of giving such an award to a man who had used very heated rhetoric—words and images not meant to heal but that hurt. While passions were high and the room divided, what was encouraging is that it was not divided strictly along religious/ethnic lines. While no Muslims spoke against Dr. Hathout, many Jews—including three rabbis spoke for him.

One of the central questions was whether or not Dr. Hathout's 30 year record of interfaith dialogue and good relations with the Jewish community should be erased by his labeling of Israelis as "butchers" or asserting that Israel controls the United States. The question was not his freedom to either believe these assertions or make them, but if they warrant a Human Relations award. The 14-member commission voted four to zero to give him the award. Four were absent. Five abstained and the president did not vote.

The award was clearly tainted. The communities were pulled further apart and Dr. Hathout was certainly harmed by the whole process.

In a related story, the pope raised the temperature of Muslim Catholic (really Muslims Christian) relations by quoting an ancient emperor who claimed all that Mohammad brought to the world that was new, was evil—particularly the spreading the faith by the sword.

Whatever the context or intent, it was predictable that feelings in the Muslim world would be both hurt and aroused. One might criticize a policy or some history. However, selecting and naming the prophet Mohammad specifically in a negative way was not calculated to promote healing.

Some want the further conversation to be about how the pope did a good thing and told some deeper truth about Muslim violence. They point out that the Muslims world seems to be proving the pope's assertion by their violent re-

action. While there is certainly irony here, that is not my point. Nor is it the further irony that Christianity did a fair amount of violence in spreading its faith—or influence.

No, what I want to learn from these painful imbroglios is how important our words are. Years of dialogue can be erased by a moment's rhetorical flourish. Years of a previous pope's work can be undone by an ill-chosen quotation. Is this fair? Not necessarily—although sometimes. Fair or not, it is, I think true.

So much that we work for in our lives can be undone in a moment. In our relations at home, with colleagues at work and in our congregation—mistakes, bad choices or a thoughtless epithet can do terrible harm to others, a community and the legacies we try to build.

One good reason to stay close to people, to really get to know each other, is to build, over time, the context and trust to know the heart of the one who hurts or offends us. This lets us see deeper and more broadly the whole person, so that we might offer the forgiveness that comes from long-time personal knowledge.

### **Adult RE Fall Topics: *Variety is Key***

The Adult Religious Education program provides an opportunity for individuals to grow intellectually and spiritually within a supportive Unitarian Universalist context. Recently, a class given by Ed Tschabrun exploring Thoreau's Walden as a spiritual guide was presented and stimulated some lively discussion about the author's life and motivations.

The following classes are in the works for this Fall; "The Great Debate: Does God Exist?"; "A Liberal Religious Response to our Youth Correctional System"; "What is Unitarian Universalism? Some Basics"; and, "Emerson: A Unitarian Saint?" We are currently looking for people interested in leading discussions of UU literature and poetry.

We look forward to your participation. Please contact Dennis Spiro if you have any questions or would like to be involved in course planning.

## President's Message

This month we are anticipating the opportunity to welcome new guests, people who may be responding to the current denominational awareness campaign. It is exciting for us to be offering our unique religious home to those who have been searching for such an environment, but until now were perhaps unaware of our presence. We look forward with delight to getting to know new individuals and of sharing ourselves in turn.

As we face increasing growth, it is more and more evident that the strength of this church derives from the unique gifts and talents and willingness of so many to participate in great or small ways to lend their energy to actualizing our mission. Not only is it tritely true that "many hands make light work" when sharing a burden, but there are important personal benefits as well. Taking steps such as joining a committee or volunteering on a project, or signing up to bring flowers or refreshments truly does deepen one's church-going enjoyment. At first, at least in my experience, a person may be comfortable being a passive attendee, just experiencing what we have to offer. And that is fine for a time. In my case, the next step was attending a circle supper, which was a fun and painless way to start to get to know a few people. After a while I ventured out to one of our evenings feeding the homeless at the Armory, where I quickly bonded with the small group of UU volunteers there. Gradually I joined the social committee, then it went on from there—taking an increasing part in the life of UUCF. I must confess that with each new role my initial thoughts were: "Can I really do that task? Do I want to spend the time? Do I want to take on that much responsibility?" And then the answer came: "Why not me? Somebody out there thinks I can do it. It needs to be done and it'll be a challenge." With every step I've taken, the church experience has become more and more fulfilling. I've made treasured friendships and find true joy in being part of this very special community.

The church needs our time and talent every bit as much as it needs our treasure, and I encourage you to respond to the call. Just the other day the DailyOM offered timely advice as we consider widening our participation in the operations of the church or, for that matter, any life event. "When a door opens, walk through it. Trust that the door has opened for a reason and you have been guided to it. Our lives up to this point are the result of all the doors we have walked through, and our continued growth depends on our willingness to keep moving into new spaces. When we enter the new space, we almost always feel a thrill and a new feeling of confidence, in ourselves and in the universe."

In peace and fellowship, *Mary Rhodes*

## Ruby Jubilee News

This spring marks our 40<sup>th</sup> year as a congregation, and with the ruby designated as the stone appropriate for the occasion, we're considering 2006-2007 our Ruby Jubilee year. The grand culminating event will be June 2, with an evening bash in the social hall. All during the year we'll be keeping in mind the journey since our origins in 1967. A community activity fits in well with our plans: the Fullerton Community College is putting on a production of "Hair" in March. Tickets will be \$12.50. In January Mary will be collecting from all of us theater-goers to reserve a block of seats for the March 16 show as soon as they go on sale in early February.

**"1967 TRIVIA" questions for October:** How much did it cost to mail a letter? What hit song by the Rolling Stones has special significance? Check the November CommUunicator for answers and more questions!

## Free Workshop on Theological Diversity--October 7th

The PSWD Leadership Resources Team is hosting a free workshop titled "Embracing Our Theological Diversity" 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.

The workshop will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito, Solana Beach (Del Mar), on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 9AM to 1PM. There is no charge for individuals to attend but each congregation sending people contributes \$25, which we've done. Please contact Mary Rhodes if you too would like to attend. We can get an early start, carpool down, and be back in time for Bunco Night!

## UUCF Women's Wisdom Circle

The Women's Wisdom Circle meets in participants' homes, usually on the first and third Monday of each month. It is open to all women who attend the church. A topic for discussion is chosen in advance and described in the Sunday Announcements. Within the structure of the meeting, we seek to create a safe and caring environment for a free exchange of ideas. In this way we hope to understand ourselves and each other better and grow in our daily lives. Contact Barbara Keller at for more information.

## Summary of Sept.12 Board Meeting

**Attendance:** Tim Blaine, Carolyn Champagne, Jon Dobrer, Will Nettleship, Susan Perlson, Mary Rhodes, Mike Steiner. Administrator Donnette Gultinan, Visitors Margee Hills, Marlies Worley

**Calendar Review:** September 24 at the Arboretum—Tasks are assigned and attendance is anticipated to be large. Jim Gallaher (the new Advertising/Outreach/Publicity Chair) with the help of Kathey Schuster prepared a quarter-page ad in the Fullerton Observer, also to be used as a flyer for the event.

**Seder:** Due to calendar conflicts with the Temple, we will not have a Seder this year.

**PSWD Workshop on Theological Diversity, Oct.7:** All are encouraged to attend this morning event in Solano Beach. Board voted to pay the \$25 congregational fee that covers all.

**UUA Trustee Election:** Margee and Marlies each presented their view on the candidates.

A summary was shared of rankings made by our 11 attendees at the Costa Mesa forum. Results from analysis of the board's written ballots yielded two votes for Nancy Edmundson and one vote for Tom Loughrey.

**Administrator-Board Planning:** At the point new attendees request a nametag, they will be added to the weekly email announcements list. There is difficulty coordinating the web page and newsletter calendars. For September, we will try omitting the calendar from our newsletter. Harry will be asked to provide the number of hits on the website. We should encourage congregants to visit this informative site, where audios of sermons appear. Donnette asks people to send her recent pictures of church functions. Donnette will prepare a release for guest speakers to permit putting their remarks on our website.

**Sunday Refreshments:** The Sunday task coordinator is requesting some assistance in handling the increasing requirements and scheduling difficulty. Board recommended that Lorraine and/or the Worship Committee chair appoint an autonomous subcommittee for providing Sunday refreshments in the social hall, deciding on reasonable reimbursable expenditures, requirements for paper goods, scheduling volunteers. Providers of refreshments for RE would also be reimbursed if receipts are submitted.

**Religious Education:** Susan shared an attractive new RE brochure that will be part of the new guest information packets. All positions on the teaching staff are filled, with 15 teachers and 5 classes. Children are being asked to sign covenants to encourage mindful actions.

The RE enrollment form provides a release for children's pictures to be used in our newsletter and web site; only first names of children will appear on web site.

**Decentralization of Church Functions:** Mary shared her view that we need to achieve greater church decentralization by allowing committees increased power and strength. Jon concurred in the importance of delegating autonomy to committees, with the board there to assist, but primarily taking a policy role. The first task is to map current committees, their members and perceived duties, so that areas of overlap or gaps of responsibilities can be addressed, and so that information can readily be passed to the appropriate channel. Board member liaisons will work with their related committees/ positions to gather this information; Donnette will provide a basic worksheet by the end of the month.

Mary Rhodes

(Full board minutes are available by request.).

### Comedy Night at Temple Beth Tikvah All-Star Line-Up of Hilarious Comedians from L.A. Improv!

Saturday, October 21 at 6 PM

This is a Temple fundraiser for new  
Social Hall Chairs

Please support the Temple!

SPAGHETTI Dinner

& Dessert Included

RSVP by Wednesday, October 18th

\$20.00 per person with reservations

\$25.00 at the door

(Must be 18 or older to attend)

Mail reservation request with check to Temple Beth  
Tikvah, 1600 N. Acacia Ave. Fullerton, CA 92831

by Wednesday, October 18th



### Helpers Needed to "Set Up" on Sunday Mornings--Can You Be One?

Each Sunday morning we transform the Temple into our very own Unitarian-Universalist Church by bringing out our beautiful banners and the Chalice Table, setting out our signs outdoors, and a few other similar tasks. Some of our people have been doing this task each Sunday by themselves for a very long time and we need to offer them teammates.

Instructions are included and the people presently doing these tasks are ready to help new partners. If you would like to help, please contact Lorraine Rothman or Dana Bianco.

## UU Service Committee (UUSC)

### 22nd Annual Encuentro Sat. Oct. 14, 9:30am-4pm

Come to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Latin American Encuentro sponsored by UUSC. This year's event will feature Professor Raul Molina of New York University and of the Guatemalan Network for Peace and Development speaking on Immigration and Globalization. Blase Bonpane will speak on democracy in Latin America. Blase Bonpane was called "the most underrated humanist of the past decade" by the Los Angeles Weekly, and has campaigned tirelessly to end unjust US intervention in Latin America. Nora Preciado of the ACLU on Women and Immigration, and radio station KPFK's Carlos Escorcía will be speaking on the situation in Nicaragua. The Encuentro will be held at the **UU Church of Long Beach, 5450 Atherton Street, in Long Beach.** Contact Lucia Munoz for more information.

The cost is \$15.00 with pre-registration or \$20.00 at the door, but no one will be turned away. A registration form and flyer is on the Internet at <http://tinyurl.com/rs781>. Or to register, send your check made out to UUSC to Shapin, 5110 E Elsinore Ave, Orange CA 92869.

## A Poem in Honor of Labor Day and the Harvest Season -

### Prayer of the Farm Workers' Struggle

Show me the suffering of the most miserable;  
So I will know my people's plight.  
Free me to pray for others;  
For you are present in every person.  
Help me take responsibility for my own life;  
So that I can be free at last.  
Grant me courage to serve others;  
For in service there is true life.  
Give me honesty and patience;  
So that I can work with other workers.  
Bring forth song and celebration;  
So that the spirit will be alive among us.  
Let the spirit flourish and grow;  
So that we never tire of the struggle.  
Let us remember those who have died for justice;  
For they have given us life.  
Help us love even those who hate us;  
So we can change the world.  
Amen.

Written by Cesar E. Chavez,  
UFW Founder (1927-1993)

## September Arboretum Service

We had an absolutely outstanding experience on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> at the Arboretum! Everyone, both us old-timers and the many guests appeared to be most enthusiastic and pleased. It was a beautiful site, and Lou Arnwine is to be commended for locating it, arranging it, and the chairs. Jim's beautiful ad, designed with Kathey Schuster's help, I'm sure pulled in a number of today's guests. Lorraine Rothman, Marlies Worley and the worship committee were major planners for the event. In addition, Lorraine served as lookout at the Temple to redirect folks to the right place. Catherine was instrumental in arranging the decor. Paula and Dennis Spiro brought the stunning flowers. Sofiya Alper, Gerri McNenny and Lou Arnwine were warm and attentive greeters. Judi Herz, the Mighty Choir, and especially all the preparation and sound work that Gary Daniels put in, made our music unusually powerful and inspiring. DRE Liz Heaton and the RE staff made today into an exciting and different experience for the youngsters. Carolyn Champagne, Gwen Fyke, Dana Bianco, Tom Stark, and Tim Blaine did a wonderful job of providing and serving the refreshments. Mike and Chris Mahaffey and the other people who helped with setting up and taking down were invaluable. And, as always, Rev. Jon Dobrer's whole service and sermon were perfect for the occasion, appealing to new and old alike.

I know I am forgetting some of the folks who made this service such an exciting success, and am sorry to be doing so. Thanks so much to everyone for making this a day to remember with pleasure and pride!

Mary Rhodes



Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> Service at Fullerton Arboretum  
(photo courtesy of Brad Woodhull)

## Choir Notes by Judi Herz

In August I attended the 24th UUMN (UU Musicians Network) Conference in Saint Paul, Minnesota. The theme was: "Music: Always New, Always Inspiring". This event is held annually in different states and hosted by the local UU church/fellowship. The purpose of the conference is to meet new UU musicians, share our music, ideas, and experiences, and to be introduced to new and inspiring music to bring to our own churches. I believe we had 275 attendees!

Each morning began with a worship service, followed by a business meeting. Daily choral sessions with Dale Warland were followed by a variety of workshops. Daily recitals were given, both at lunch and at 5pm. An evening concert was presented by the Twin Cities' choral groups One Voice and Ovation, the Twin Cities' gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) chorus. They were outstanding and are the largest GLBT mixed chorus in the U.S.

Another day's plenary session was: "The Role of Art in the Discussion of Social Dilemmas", focusing on topical Classical Vocal music (specifically song) and its involvement in the politics and social interactions of this country and its residents. The evening program featured a concert by the Mila Vocal Ensemble. While grounded in the harmonic traditions of Eastern Europe, Mila's repertoire included music from Central and Western Europe, Asia, and the Americas. Their eight singers all hail from unique musical backgrounds and have studied with renowned vocalists from Bulgaria, France, Hungary, Macedonia, Serbia, Spain, and the Ukraine.

On one day Melodie Feather, Director of Hand Bells at the UU church of Arlington, Virginia, conducted a worship service and an incredible workshop on hand bell ensembles. I would love to have a hand bell or chime chorus at our church which would include adults and children. That evening featured our banquet and variety show. There was so much talent, humor, and lively conversation! I was part of a quartet, who sang "Still Me", with music by Betsy Jo Angebrannt.

Sunday morning the UUMN Conference Choir sang "So Thin a Veil" (Edward Carpenter, 1844-1929), world premiere by Dale Warland, composer, "Gift to Be Simple", "O Sacrum Convivium", and "McKay". What a beautiful, inspiring service. It was such a privilege to be a part of such a beautiful choir.

I can only touch on the highlights of our conference, but hope that you realize the importance of attending such events. Conferences such as this are truly essential for our growth as musicians and I hope will inspire our choir and congregation as well. On a personal level, I can tell you that this has been an enriching, enlightening, and educational experience and I thank you for giving me the opportunity to attend.

## Sunday Service - Oct. 29

### Shadows of the Ancestors: Celebrating the Days of the Dead Around the World, Led by Christina Garner

A panel looks at the ceremonies and traditions that help us confront death, remember our loved ones and cope with loss. Southern California's Celto-Aztec fusion, Transylvania's cemeteries and Chinese funerals in San Francisco all play a part. Attendees are invited to bring a photo or memento to honor the memory of a loved one for the community ofrenda (?? see <http://www.elpayaso.com/ofrenda.htm>).



## Treasurer's Corner

First quarter pledge statements for the 06/07 fiscal year have been mailed. This pledge statement covers all pledge contributions from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 through September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Your pledge statement will also include any pledge contributions that you may have paid in advance during the prior fiscal year. Your pledge statement will be sent to you by email if your email address is in the church directory. If you do not have an email address, or have previously requested your pledge statement be U.S. mailed, you should receive your statement some time during the first week of October.

By providing quarterly statements to all pledge individuals we help everyone know how they are doing with their annual pledge throughout the year, and if a mistake is found in the church records, it can be corrected. If you find a mistake, please let Frank Thomas know, so he can research the matter. Your pledge statement also serves as a record of your charity contribution(s) for tax purposes. Please be assured your pledge information is treated as confidential information.

Your pledge statement is not a bill. You are always free to increase and/or decrease your pledge with the church at any time should your financial circumstances change. If you ever find yourself wanting to adjust your pledge, simply let Frank know and he will be happy to honor your wishes. No questions asked! All we ask is you let us know, so the church records can be corrected and match your records.

Please feel free to contact Frank Thomas or Will Nettleship with your questions.

*Frank Thomas*

*UUCF Co-Treasurer/Bookkeeper*

## The Song SAYS it All-- Almost!!

PSWIRL (Pacific South-West Institute of Religious Liberals) is a yearly camp that takes place each August that is dedicated to the exploration of diverse ideas, personal growth and acceptance of one another.

The song **at right** was written just for this event and **at** this event. All activities from the song really happened at our spectacular retreat in the mountains--Camp de Benneville Pines. The most amazing thing for me was just how plain natural being there felt--the group was friendly and very welcoming. It is of course a great camp, but additionally it is the **people** of PSWIRL that made all the difference. They were very inclusive, supportive and caring from the moment I arrived till the day I left. They completely fulfilled their mission statement. (<http://www.pswirl.org>)

The song really does spell out just about everything that took place. A special thanks to Marcia Taylor for informing us about PSWIRL, registering us and enthusiastically getting us there for the good time that was had by all!!! Sincere thanks also go to Rev. Jon Dobrer for his daily talks on the topic "Islam, Judaism and Christianity Intertwined: What it Means for You." These talks were given so inspirationally under the incredible pines in the Amphitheater. The whole camp was there daily, enthralled and then most of them raced off to talkback on the back porch by the lodge.

Next year the camp will be Aug. 19-24, 2007: Theme Speaker Rev. John Morehouse, Minister Pacific Unitarian Church. Topic: "Making Peace from the Inside Out."

While you can mark your calendar for this event, you don't have to wait a year to go up there. Check out our Camp de Benneville Pines Retreat coming up THIS Nov. 10-12. This is also a very special and exciting weekend with many fun activities so don't miss either of these opportunities to be together in nature and just simply in the awe of this mountain paradise.

Marlies Worley

### *On Top of the Mountain*

(Sung to the tune of *On Top of Old Smokey*, lyrics by Gwen Small)

On top of the moun-tain  
All covered with trees  
We come for com-mun-ity  
And do what we please

We're welcomed by Janet  
There's always a smile  
She makes camp run smoothly  
And does it with style

With religions' great questions  
The search never ends  
Jon told us the answer,  
It mostly "depends."

Our days filled with choices  
Of things we can do  
Hiking, art Yo-ga  
It's all up to you.

You can re-pat-tern  
At your dreams take a look  
You can draw, write and paint here,  
Or read a good book.

There's drumming and yoga  
And Improv and art,  
And don't forget square dance  
Before you depart.

There's pool games and nature  
And movies galore  
Buy souvenir goodies  
In Laura's camp store.

Origami and Improve  
Massage and QiGong  
You can mingle at Happy Hour  
And join in a song.

And during the evening  
Try As-tron-o-me  
It could be that Upiter  
Is what you will see.

Or you can do nothing,  
Spend time in the sack  
If you missed something  
You'll want to come back.

As powerful na-tions  
And religions fight  
We renew our commitment  
To serving the light

We cherish the friendships  
We've made, old and new  
We'll end now with sending  
Our love out to you

## Sacred Seasons 2006

Sunday, Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm

### Chapman University Interfaith Chapel

Near Glassell and Sycamore, Orange, on the campus. See <http://www.chapman.edu/chapel>

This October, several sacred seasons of the Abrahamic faiths will come together. At a moment in history when religious conflict and violence have reemerged bearing lethal dangers for each other and our planet, God has given our spiritual and religious traditions an unusual gift of sacred time.

In accord with the ancient tradition that Abraham's tent was open on all four sides to welcome travelers from everywhere, we invite into this celebration not only the three main families of Abraham, but also on the fourth side others who share these goals. Let us celebrate this confluence of THE PEACE OF ABRAHAM, HAGAR, & SARAH.

The program will include speakers from Jewish, Muslim, Christian, Baha'i, Sikh & other faiths, shared ethnic foods. Free will donations will be accepted.

## UU Christian Fellowship

The Pacific Southwest Chapter of the UU Christian Fellowship invites you to be at our next general meeting, on Oct. 1st in Costa Mesa, at the Orange Coast Unitarian Universalist Church, 1259 Victoria Street, Costa Mesa. Refreshments at 2:45pm, brief Bible study at 3pm. Worship will follow the discussion. If you want to discover more about the continental UUCF, check the internet at <http://www.uuchristian.org>.



Save the Date!

UU General Assembly  
2007

June 20-24 in Portland, Oregon

Planning is underway for the next General Assembly. Early registration opens March 1, 2007. Registration and travel information is available on the web at <http://www.uua.org/ga/ga07.html>

# UUCF Weekend at Camp de Benneville Pines November 10-12, 2006



The second weekend in November is our retreat to the clear air and rustic beauty of our Unitarian Universalist camp in the mountains. De Benneville Pines is about 75 miles from Fullerton in the San Bernardino Mountains near Big Bear. Cabins have hot showers, and delicious meals are served for us in the lodge. The registration fee covers Friday dinner through Sunday lunch.

This is a time for all church members and friends--singles, couples, and families--to get to know each other better and build community spirit. There will be dancing, singing, hiking, children's activities and other workshops (or simply relaxing, if you prefer).

This is a community weekend, so if you have any talents to offer, please note them on the registration form.

Most rooms in the cabins are four-person rooms with bunk beds. There are a limited number of two-person rooms with double beds. In addition, we will have access to the much more luxurious, but also limited, accommodations in Craig's cabin and Cabin 6. Craig's cabin has double beds and a single bunk. Couples can use the bunk for a child or for luggage. Cabin 6 is for larger families and has a common living area and kitchen.

Register early! For further information, contact Colleen Wieghorst.

## Registration Form for November 10-12, 2006 UUCF Weekend

Please complete this form and send it with the full amount of the fee to the Unitarian Universalist Church in Fullerton (UUCF) at PO Box 4151 Fullerton, CA 92834-4151, **Attn: Colleen Wieghorst**. Make your check payable to "UUCF."

Names of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Names & Ages of Children \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

# of adults in an upgraded room (Craig's cabin or Cabin 6) @ **\$140 per adult**

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# of teens in a 4- or 6-person room @ **\$80 per teen** (ages 13-19)

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# of adults in a 2-person room (double bed in regular cabins) @ **\$115 per adult**

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# of children (ages 3-12) @ **\$60 per child**

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# of adults in a 4- or 6-person room (bunk beds) @ **\$110 per adult**

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Total Amount Enclosed (We cannot guarantee a refund for cancellations after Nov. 1)

\$
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I need a ride.  I can give a ride to  people. I require  vegan,  vegetarian, or  allergy-free meals.

Roommate preference (non-family) \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to offer my talents (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

# Religious Education NEWS

## Registration

Children who attend UUCF's Religious Education Program must register each year. If you are new to the community, we ask that you register your child after three visits. This is to ensure that the R.E. staff has an accurate count of the children participating in the program. During the month of October, please look for a registration table in the Social Hall. You'll be able to register your child, learn more about this year's program, and pick up a booklet about UUCF's R.E. program. Please bring your calendar, so you can sign up to light the chalice at the beginning of service and volunteer in the religious education program.

## R.E. Open House

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Oct. 22 when we will hold our first R.E. Open House at 12:15 pm in the Social Hall. You'll have the chance to review this year's curriculum and see some of the hands-on activities our children have created.

## "AFTER HOURS" Night Teen Group



The after hours teen group will resume in October. Look for new meeting dates – we'll be alternating between Tuesdays and Thursdays. This year we will also be collaborating with other Orange County UU churches for service projects and activities! More info coming soon.

## Song and Music

Our new children's singing program is off to a great start. Gary Daniels and Chris Heaton, with guitars in hand, bring song and music to our group every Sunday. We extend our warmest thank you to Judi Herz for introducing music to our program and inspiring the children over the last three years.

A special recognition goes out to Kenya and Garrett for their amazing solo performances on Sep-

tember 10<sup>th</sup> when the children sang Green Day's "Wake Me Up When September Ends."

## Upcoming Events in R.E.

Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>: New School year Program Begins

Committee Meeting

Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>: R.E. Open House

Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>: Halloween Party



## Halloween Fun & Service

Mark your calendars for our annual Halloween celebration.

Children should arrive in costume to start the morning with a Halloween character parade. As children proceed through the temple, they will be collecting donations for UNICEF.

Children will then enjoy a special Halloween party of food, crafts, and games. Please see or contact Colleen Wieghorst if you would like to volunteer.

## de Benneville Youth Camps

The registration fliers and forms for the **Fall/Winter PSWD YoUuth Camps** are now available on the de Benneville web page. Go to <http://www.uucamp.org> and click on the Calendar link. Under the date for each camp is a link to the flier and registration form. Think snow!

**Middle School** 12/1 – 12/3/06

**Sr. High/YRUU** 12/27 – 1/1/07

**Elementary** 2/17 – 2/19/07



## Children's R.E. Program

October 2006

<i>Pre-School - Kindergarten</i>	<i>Lower Elementary Grades K-2</i>	<i>Upper Elemen- tary Grades 3-5</i>	<i>Middle School Grades 6-8</i>	<i>High School Grades 9 - 12</i>	<i>Sunday Volunteer and Greeter</i>
<b>OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup></b>					
<i>My UU ABC's A is for Awesome</i>	<i>Special Times A Time to Say "Hello"</i>	<i>Travel in Time Introduction</i>	<i>Our UU Story Our Changing Faith</i>	<i>What Do You Stand For?</i>	<i>Daniels &amp; Yaddow Greeter: Paige</i>
<b>OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup></b>					
<i>My UU ABC's B is for Beauty</i>	<i>Special Times Shabbat</i>	<i>Travel in Time Time Machine</i>	<i>Our UU Story Roots in the Reformation</i>	<i>Thoreau's Walden</i>	<i>Clements Greeter: OPEN</i>
<b>OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup></b>					
<i>My UU ABC's C is for Church</i>	<i>Special Times Rosh Hashanah</i>	<i>Travel in Time Time Machine</i>	<i>Our UU Story Poland &amp; Transylvania</i>	<i>Our UU Story Our Changing Faith</i>	<i>Mahaffey Greeter: OPEN</i>
<b>OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup></b>					
<i>Arts &amp; Crafts UNICEF Bucket</i>	<i>Arts &amp; Crafts UNICEF Bucket</i>	<i>Arts &amp; Crafts UNICEF Bucket</i>	<i>Arts &amp; Crafts UNICEF Bucket</i>	<i>Arts &amp; Crafts UNICEF Bucket</i>	<i>OPEN Greeter: OPEN</i>
<b>OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup></b>					
<i>Halloween Party Trick and Treat for UNICEF</i>	<i>Halloween Party Trick and Treat for UNICEF</i>	<i>Halloween Party Trick and Treat for UNICEF</i>	<i>Halloween Party Trick and Treat for UNICEF</i>	<i>Halloween Party Trick and Treat for UNICEF</i>	<i>Mason Greeter: OPEN</i>

**Youth Religious Education Committee meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**



## Sunday Task Volunteers      October 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>
<i>Margee Hills &amp; Lou Arnwine</i>	<i>Michael &amp; Chris Mahaffey</i>	<i>Michael &amp; Chris Mahaffey</i>	<i>Tim Blaine &amp; Terry Selby &amp; Bonni Roncayolo</i>	<i>Tim Blaine &amp; Terry Selby &amp; Bonnie Roncayolo</i>	<i>Marlies Worley</i>	<i>Doreen Bryant &amp; Bar- bara Keller</i>
<i>Patrick Barbush &amp; Eleanor Nichols</i>	<i>Doug Schneider &amp; Tom Thornward</i>	<i>Doug Schneider &amp; Tom Thornward</i>	<i>Tom &amp; Aaron Stark</i>	<i>Tom &amp; Aaron Stark</i>	<i>Catherine Gallaher</i>	<i>Fran Doble &amp; Alice Dyer</i>
<i>Del Blanchard &amp; Glad Sharp</i>	<i>Dean Fishchman &amp; Bill Bryant &amp; Gordon Lillibridge</i>	<i>Dean Fischman &amp; Bill Bryant &amp; Gordon Lillibridge</i>	<i>Charlie Everett &amp; Mike Steiner</i>	<i>Charlie Everett &amp; Mike Steiner</i>	<i>Katie Hettinger</i>	<i>Lorraine Rothman &amp; Judy Sterling</i>
<i>Tim Blaine &amp; Gerry McNenny</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>Bill Thomas &amp; Sangeeta &amp; Paul Swendon</i>
<i>Linda Summers &amp; Dick Cole</i>	<i>The McDaniels &amp; Ed Tschabrun</i>	<i>Brad Woodhull</i>	<i>Allison &amp; Gary Daniels</i>	<i>Catherine &amp; Jim Gallaher</i>	<i>Pem Candelaria</i>	<i>Frances Salens &amp; Gordon Scholle</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 tell Judi Herz that you are swapping Sundays so that she can put this in the Program..*

## Unitarian Universalist Church in Fullerton

### **UUCF Information**

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