

# The UUCF CommUUnicator



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

## Sunday Services

Visitors are requested to come at 10:15AM so that we may welcome you. Worship Service begins at 10:30AM. School children participate in the first 10-15 minutes of the service. They then go to Religious Education classes. Infants and preschoolers may be dropped off at 10:20AM. After service, please stay for coffee or tea and conversation in the Social Hall.

### **Feb. 4 – Good Grief!**

Presented by the Rev. Jon Dobrer

### **Feb. 11 – A Bright Faith**

Presented by guest speaker Bret Lortie

### **Feb. 18 – War & Peace – NOT a book review**

Presented by the Rev. Jon Dobrer

### **Feb. 25 – Could Socrates Have Been Wrong?**

Presented by the Rev. Jon Dobrer

You need not be a member of UUCF to participate in any of the activities listed in this newsletter. We encourage you to explore 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.

## **Board Meeting Schedule Change**

The February UUCF Board meeting will be on the 27th, rather than the usual second Tuesday, as Rev. Jon Dobrer and Rabbi Kenneth Milhander will be presenting a two-part joint Adult RE class the evenings of February 13 and 20.



## **Don't Forget the UUCF Service Auction!**

**Saturday, Feb. 3rd**

**5 PM in the Social Hall**  
**\$5 per Adult admission**  
**includes taco dinner and lots**

**of fun. Don't forget to bring your check-book that night!**

## **February 11 - Guest Speaker**

A student minister in his fourth year at Meadville Lombard Theological School, Brett Lortie joins us from San Diego. His sermon, "A Bright Faith", questions the notion that "to have faith is to express confidence in something we believe is true and real." Is any type of faith appropriate given our traditions of rational thought, spiritual exploration, and theological questioning?

## **Also on Feb. 11 – Church-State Separation is Topic of Adult Religious Education**

Revolutionary era preacher John Leland warned us against politicians who "make a great noise about religion". The constitutionally based separation of church and state is under serious assault in this country today. **What do you believe is the proper role of religion in politics?** You are all welcome to share your thoughts and feelings about this vital topic. Ed Tschabrun will lead the discussion. **Class will be held Feb. 11 at 9 AM, in the upper parking lot classroom.**

## Out of My Mind: Now is the time...

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I always assumed that the famous phrase, “Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party.” I was wrong (not a first). It turns out that this phrase was a typing test and its length fits exactly on a single line, but enough trivia.

Now is the time for all good members of our community to come to the aid of our community. And since all our members are good, we should have an avalanche of aid, involvement and volunteering.

In the Unitarian Universalist tradition this congregation is owned and operated by the people, the members. It is not owned or controlled by the minister or the board. The staff, Judi, our minister of music, Donnette, our administrator, and I work with you in making it all happen.

As we grow—and as you look around on Sundays you can see that we are growing—there is more and more to do. The more of us who are involved, both the easier the work and the better we get to know each other. In other words, volunteering is a classic Win-Win.

Tom Lehrer in his wonderful and satiric way said that “Life is like a sewer. You get out of it what you put into it.” Okay, so that is not that savory a metaphor, but it is true of both life and community.

As we have grown, in the past, we have added significantly to our payroll. Each staff addition, starting with me and then continuing with Judi, and then the hiring of directors of Religious Education has spurred growth. Now with the addition of Donnette, we are again expanding.

But here’s the deal: Staff does not make your lives easier. We cannot do what you do. We can set up, facilitate; we can mold the shape of a larger community, but only you can breath the spirit of life into it.

On Sunday mornings we may seem to have an audience for our services—hence the occasional enthusiastic, if in my view not necessary, applause. Ultimately, you are not an audience and neither I nor the choir performs—at least not in the traditional sense. We have a service, and the “audience” becomes a congregation as we sing together, affirm values of worth (the root of the word “worship” is “worth-ship”) and work together.

This is a call to work and to play. To paraphrase the typing test, “Now is the time for all good folks to come to the party!”

## President’s Message

It’s February, with its special focus on love and Hallmark’s encouragement to send loving thoughts and wishes to those we hold dear. For some of us, this particular season may poignantly bring to mind the lack of a particular love interest, or the deep and lasting pain of having lost a spouse, child, partner, close friend, or parent.

Here at UUCF we want to be a safe, comfortable, caring community, where everyone feels part of our church family. This year we have made real efforts to strengthen our way of greeting newcomers and of helping them get connected, while at the same time being sensitive to what could be perceived as intrusively off-putting or proselytizing. We’re continually alert to being more welcoming.

If you should be feeling lonely or unconnected, let me suggest a few of the ways to get involved with us very quickly:

- 1) Each Sunday a group goes to lunch, usually at Marie Callender’s. Seek out Pat Woodhull (the lady in a dramatic sweater!) and join them.
- 2) The third Friday of every month a group tries out a different ethnic restaurant. Sign up in the social hall for this Foreign Foods Friday by the previous Sunday, or call Lou Arnwine (255-0997)
- 3) Circle Suppers. Five times a year about a dozen small-group potlucks take place on the same night—some are for adults only, some for families with children. To be included, contact Marcia Taylor (909-597-1037) or Barbara Burns (821-1212)
- 4) Each Wednesday evening, from 5:00 to about 7:00, some of us help out at the Fullerton Armory, which serves the homeless during the cold months. Just show up. If you have clothing or toiletries to donate, bring them. It’s on the east side Brookhurst, just south of Valencia.

After you’ve had the chance to interact with folks in one of these small group settings (and there are many more—just look at our interest group list in the foyer) you’ll find you’ll recognize more familiar faces in the social hall and that you’re becoming truly connected.

In peace and fellowship,

Mary Rhodes

## Continuing the Conversation at PSWD Leadership School – March 9-11

Continuing the conversation begun with the Embracing Our Theological Diversity workshops, our next leadership school will focus on Articulating Our Faith: This Leadership School will be held at the Mary & Joseph Retreat Center in Rancho Palos Verdes. It will be an opportunity to come together with Unitarian Universalists from around the District to learn about Unitarian Universalism, what it means to be a leader, and develop skills on how to talk about Unitarian Universalism.

Flyers will be sent congregations; registration brochures are available at the Pacific Southwest District website at <http://www.pswduua.org/>.



**PSWD  
District  
Assembly -  
April 27-29**

Yes, it is already time to mark your calendars for the PSWD District Assembly 2007, "From This the River Flows", to be held in Riverside, California. One hundred and twenty five years ago, a Universalist church was founded in Riverside, and from this beginning, the spiritual river flows in our host congregation, the Universalist Unitarian Church of Riverside. Hosting DA is an exciting part of their 125th anniversary celebration.

The 2007 keynote speaker will be Bill Doherty, a professor in Family and Marriage at the University of Minnesota and an active UU at the First Universalist Church in Minneapolis. He has written articles for the UU World and will be the Fahs Lecturer at the 2007 General Assembly in Portland.

Continuity in Unitarian Universalism flows from families and youth. So another exciting part of District Assembly will be the District Youth Ministry Conversation. We urge all families and youth to attend this important event that will be instrumental in shaping our denomination for years to come.



## Ruby Jubilee News

In our yearlong theme of trivia of the 1960's, as part of our commemorating our origin in 1967, last month's questions were (1) what was the average annual income? (2) What movie won the Academy awards for best actor and best picture? Answers:

(1) When our congregation began, the average yearly salary was \$7,305.

(2) The Oscar question has two plausible answers, in that the Oscar ceremony in April 1967 awarded the prize to the 1966 movie "A Man for All Seasons," and its star Paul Scofield. The best movie of 1967, for which the award was presented in 1968, was "In the Heat of the Night". Rod Steiger won best actor for his role.

Rather than pondering more questions this month, you're invited to check out a website that presents a short picture and music summary of the 1960's Go to:

<http://moreoldfortyfives.com/TakeMeBackToTheSixties.htm> Thanks, Randi Hetrick and Doris Dressler-Clark, for that reference.

Another opportunity to revisit the 1960s will be a group of us attending the Fullerton Community College presentation of the musical "Hair" at 8:00 on March 9<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like to go but didn't get your money in by the January 30 deadline, please let Mary Rhodes know that you'd like to be placed on a waiting list.

## Feb 6 - First Tuesday Movie Night with Jon

**Gridiron Gang** (a film about the place and events witnessed by our own Patrick Barbush) Location TBA. Watch for more details in Sunday Announcements.



## Feb 13 and Feb 21

The Reverend Jon Dobrer & Rabbi Kenneth Milhander will team-teach two sessions on: "**Freedom & Responsibility, Contrition & Forgiveness.**" 7PM at the Temple. All are invited.

## Exciting Youth Summer Opportunity...in Romania

Please take a moment to check out this opportunity for Unitarian Universalist youth at <http://www.experience.green-agera.ro> The Agora Experience is a two week cultural immersion and service opportunity offering high school age Unitarian Universalists a chance to explore the birthplace of Unitarianism while learning about the importance of international rural development efforts. Participants will learn about important roles they can play in the global development community while both being empowered and empowering the communities we will serve. Hosted by Agora, a local environment and sustainable development nonprofit, participants will live with a family and work with locals (and Peace Corps Volunteers) on a variety of exciting projects (please visit the website for full details). While not exclusively for Unitarian Universalists, we believe Unitarian Universalist Youth have the most to gain from the experience as it is in the heart of Unitarian Transylvania and will be conducted with the principles of Unitarian Universalism in mind.

## General Assembly 2007 Portland, Oregon

Save the Dates June 20-24!

Featured Presentations will include *The Pentagon Papers Then and Now: UUs Confronting Government Secrecy* - Features experts who can relate this history to secrecy and deception in government today. Speakers include Daniel Ellsberg, William Sinkford, former Senator Mike Gravel.

Early registration for GA begins March 1st. Please visit the UUA website at <http://www.uua.org/ga/> for further details.

*Happiness comes of the capacity to feel deeply, to enjoy simply, to think freely, to risk life, to be needed* - Storm Jameson



## Tributes!

### A tribute to Judi Herz

Thank you for the wonderful presentation of our Special song "There will never be another you". It was so beautiful it made us cry. We could not have had a better day.

Love from Fran and Walt

### A tribute to Gary and Allison Daniels

Thank you for the wonderful presentation of our song, "There will never be another you". We cannot tell you how much we appreciate all the work you put into singing it so beautifully.

Love from Fran and Walt

### A tribute to Chris Heaton

Thank you for your part in presenting our song "There will never be another you". We were so touched that you did such a wonderful rendition of it. We shall never forget the day and appreciate your wonderful guitar.

Love from Fran and Walt

## Creating a Jubilee World Workshop

Friday, March 23 – Sunday, March 25  
At the UU Church of Long Beach

Developed by the Jubilee Working Group for Anti-Racism, Jubilee 1 is designed to help UU congregations dismantle racism by allowing participants to examine both personal and institutional racism, and by empowering them to develop a realistic plan that can move their congregations forward in working toward racial justice.

Led by experienced anti-racism trainers, the workshop will be centered on spiritual and deeply relational work. The workshop will be valuable for those who are already involved and those who hope to become involved in this essential work.

There are a limited number of spots for the workshop and registration will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information see <http://www.uuclb.org/jubilee.shtml>. **Cost: \$25 for youth (ages 14-20), \$35 for adults.** The registration fee covers the cost of the program and food: breakfast and lunch on Saturday and snacks.

# Youth Religious Education NEWS

## Children Sing and Speak!

It's wonderful to see our children regularly participate in the service. We are fortunate to have such an amazing and talented group – singers, musicians, and speakers. Their unique talents and courage to stand before such a large, but loving audience is to be admired. Thank you all!

## Upcoming Events in R.E.

- February 4<sup>th</sup>: Regular Curriculum Committee Meeting
- February 11<sup>th</sup>: Regular Curriculum
- February 18<sup>th</sup>: Regular Curriculum Mardi Gras Parade
- February 25<sup>th</sup>: Caring Hearts Activity and Visit

## Caring Hearts Visit

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> when following Service, we make our annual "Caring Hearts" visit.

If you know of a friend or loved one in an assisted living facility who would enjoy the company of our children, please see Susan Perlson. More information about our "Caring Hearts" visit will be provided in the coming weeks.



## 'AFTER HOURS" Night Teen Group

- Tuesday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> from 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Garner's home.
- Thursday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7 p.m.– 8:30 p.m. at the Temple.

On Monday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, Christina Garner, along with several of our teens, participated in a service project known as "Gleaning" with the Second Harvest Food Bank. Our UUCF teens visited a local Orange County field of fruits and vegetables with rolled up sleeves and mud on their boots to pick crops.



Gleaning, under the charitable organization Second Harvest, is an activity devoted to supplying the poor and hungry of Orange County with fresh, healthy produce in order to battle hunger and malnutrition they face every day. Gleaning is the first step in Second Harvest's process of distributing food to the needy. Farmers allow volunteers to fan out over fields that are no longer profitable to harvest, yet are still full of healthy produce. With the vegetables gleaned and harvested from these fields, a needy populace that is severely afflicted with malnutrition can go to bed fed and healthier.

Please be sure to check the UUCF website calendar for the latest special events, including opportunities to collaborate with other Orange County UU churches for service projects and activities!

## Snack and Volunteer Reminder

Parents and friends, please mark your calendars:

- February 4<sup>th</sup>: The Key Family
- February 11<sup>th</sup>: The Johnson Family
- February 18<sup>th</sup>: The Wieghorst Schneider Family
- February 25<sup>th</sup>: The Ventura Cruess Family

Please remember to let Barbara Burns know if you are unable to assist R.E. on your scheduled day. We can now reimburse families for up to \$20 for providing snacks! Please see Liz Heaton for more information.



## Sunday Task Volunteers      February 2007

Greeters	Set Up Sanctuary	Take Down Sanctuary	Flowers	Refreshments
4 <sup>th</sup> Lou Arnwine				
Margee Hills & E. Nichols	Michael & Chris Mahaffey	T. Blaine, T. Selby, B. Roncyolo	Marlies Worley	Catherine Gallaher Lesley Mahaffey Marlie & Dick Cole
11 <sup>th</sup> Bret Lortie				
Patrick Barbush & Lou Arnwine	Doug Schneider & Tom Thornward	Tom & Aaron Stark	Catherine Gallaher	Marcella Keeler Barbara Keller Donnette Gultinan
18 <sup>th</sup> Jim Garner				
Del Blanchard & Glad Sharp	Dean Fischman, Bill Bryant, Gordon Lillibridge	Charlie Everett & Mike Steiner	Katie Hettinger	Amy Whelan Lois Nettleship Tim Blaine
25 <sup>th</sup> Judy Sterling				
Tim Blaine, Gerry Mc Nenny	Claude Coppel	Deborah & Harry Langenbacher	Dana Bianco	(3 Volunteers needed)

***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.***

## UUCF CALENDAR – FEBRUARY 2007

Feb 1	Thu	11:45a Men's Lunch Group	Meet at Carrows in Fullerton, every 4th Thursday.
		7:00p Choir Practice	
Feb 3	Sat	5:00p SERVICE AUCTION	Biggest Event of the Year. Don't miss it!
Feb 4	Sun	10:30a -11:45a Sermon	Presented by Rev. Jon Dobrer - Good Grief! Meet after the service. See Liz Heaton At Marie Callender's, Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull.
		12:00p Youth RE Committee	
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	
Feb 5	Mo	9:30a Fuddy Duddies	Contact Jan Lillibridge
	n	7:00p Women's Wisdom Circle	Meet at the home of Barbara Keller. Topic: <i>What is real justice and how have you experienced it in your own life?</i>
Feb 6	Tue	7:00p Tuesday Night Talk with	Meet at the home of the Garners
		Dinner and a Movie with Jon	Movie: Gridiron Gang. Time and location TBA. Contact Marlies Worley .
Feb 8	Thu	7:00p Choir Practice	
Feb 11	Sun	9:00a Adult Religious Educa- tion	Topic: Church-State Separation. What do you believe is the proper role of religion in politics? Discussion led by our own Ed Tschabrun. Meet in the Guest Speaker Bret Lortie presents "A Bright Faith" Contact Bill Bryant At Marie Callender's, Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull.
		10:30a -11:45a Sermon	
		12:00p Social Action Meeting	
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	
Feb 13	Tue	7:00p Tuesday Night Discus- sion with Rev. Jon Dobrer	Part one of a joint event with the Temple led by Rev. Jon Dobrer and Rabbi Ken Milhander. <i>Freedom &amp; Responsibility, Contrition &amp; Forgiveness.</i>
Feb 14	We	11:45a Men's Lunch Group	Meet at Carrows in Fullerton, every 4th Wednesday.
Feb 15	Thu	7:00p Night Talk with Teens	Meet at the Temple
		7:00p Choir Practice	
Feb 16	Fri	7:00p Bridge Night	Contact Claude Coppel
		Foreign Food Friday	Contact Lou Arnwine
Feb 18	Sun	10:30a -11:45a Sermon	Presented by Rev. Jon Dobrer - War and Peace - Not a book Review This DVD showing portions of a Sunday worship service held at General Assembly and featuring this sermon by Gail Geisenhainer will be shown in the At Marie Callender's, Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull. .
		12:15p DVD: We Who Believe in Freedom Cannot Rest	
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	
		Mardi Gras Parade	
Feb 19	Mo	7:00p Investment Club	Contact Gwen Fyke or Brad Woodhull for more information.
	n	7:00p Women's Wisdom Circle	
Feb 20	Tue	7:00p Tuesday Night Discus- sion with Rev. Jon Dobrer	Part two of the discussion held on Feb. 13 led by Rev. Jon Dobrer and Rabbi Ken Milhander. Title: <i>Freedom &amp; Responsibility, Contrition &amp; Forgiveness.</i> A joint event with our Temple friends.
Feb 22	Thu	7:00p Choir Practice	
Feb 25	Sun	9:00a Visitor Orientation Breakfast	Contact Jim Fyke Presented by Rev. Jon Dobrer - Could Socrates Have Been Wrong? At Marie Callender's, Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull.
		10:30a -11:45a Sermon	
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	
		Caring Hearts Visit - Youth	
Feb 27	Tue	7:00p Board Meeting	

## Unitarian Universalist Church in Fullerton

### UUCF Information

The **Reverend Jon Dobrer** welcomes your calls and is available for appointments on Tuesdays from 10:30am-6:00pm 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

**For information on becoming a member of UUCF** please contact Jim Fyke or Judy Sterling, Membership Committee.

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#### **Deadline for the next issue is NOON, March 19th**

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