

The UUCF *March 2007 WebEdition*

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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 10:30 AM. 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 10:20 AM. After service, please be our guest for coffee, snacks and conversation in the Social Hall.

Mar. 4 – Why Diversity Is a Value

Presented by the Rev. Jon Dobrer

Mar. 11 – The Place of Purpose

Presented by guest speaker Rev. Ann Schranz

Mar. 18 – The Snake in the Garden

Presented by the Rev. Jon Dobrer

Mar. 25 – Spring—Not Just for Pagans

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.

Welcoming Our Guests

A very important reminder to everyone: In the social hall we typically chat, snack, or conduct church business, but remember that our first obligation is to welcome new people and make them feel wanted. Be sure to seek out not only those guests with **temporary stick-on tags**, but also those with **“smiley face”** stickers on their permanent name tags, which denote people in their first year of attending our church.



Fellowship Dinner & Canvass Kick-Off Saturday, March 31

Be sure not to miss our annual catered dinner in celebration of all the things our church has to offer, to celebrate making it through this year, as well as to commit ourselves and our resources to the coming year.



There is no charge for this event, which will be held in the social hall. As with all our activities, you don't need to be a member to attend, and newcomers are welcome. Be sure to sign up when the registration begins in the next week or so.

Childcare will be provided. *There will be no solicitation at the dinner.*

March 11 - Guest Speaker

"The Place of Purpose" will be presented by Rev. Ann Schranz, interim minister of the UU Fellowship of Santa Cruz County. *The Purpose-Driven Life* by Rick Warren has sold over 25 million copies. The Commission on Appraisal is looking at the very Principles and Purposes of the UUA. What does such interest reveal about the place of purpose in our individual lives and in the life of the congregation?

To the Wonderful People of UUCF

The **Service Auction** is over and we would like to thank everybody for helping make it a success. Without the dedication and hard work of all those involved we could not have done it. And of course if nobody attended, the auction would not work. So a great big thanks to everybody! You all made this auction the success it was. (It netted \$18,379!)

Bill & Doreen Bryant

“Justice Sunday” -- March 25

Please plan to attend a special service, organized by Brad Woodhull, which will focus on the ongoing tragedy of Darfur. March 25 will also be your chance to join UUSC. Membership envelopes will be available. After the service, a short documentary entitled “Heroes of the Spirit” will be shown in the social hall. The documentary tells part of the Sharps’ (UUSC founders) inspiring story and explores how their example can inspire each of us today to take action for Darfur.

Out of My Mind: To the Sin of Pride. Guilty and Glad ©2007 Jonathan Dobrer

I know I said this on Sunday the 18th, but it needs repeating. I am so terribly proud to be a part of this community. Yes, I am human enough to take pleasure at our growth. It is good to see the parking lot getting fuller virtually every Sunday. Numbers do matter—to a degree. There is an energy created by a full room of people singing, listening, meditating and communicating.

There is an energy in the sanctuary when the children bring the food for the hungry up and then are dismissed to their classes. Yes, I know there is a joke about someone with such negative charisma that they energize a room by leaving. This is not what I mean with our children. I take a great sense of pleasure at the growth of our Religious Education program—and the sight of large numbers of children and a good-sized contingent of adults, leaving is immensely important. Religious education is our commitment to the future—our denominational future and the future of the world—made manifest in our present programs and priorities.

I take pride in our wonderful Mighty Choir and am often blown away by what they produce musically. The addition of a new keyboard and sound system has enriched our spiritual experience. Their expanding repertoire and creative additions of rhythm instruments and music from other traditions adds wonderful dimensions to our worship experience. Their music, by turn, calms, inspires and excites.

I am always proud of what we do in the world. When I opened my UU World and found us listed as an Honor Congregation by our UU Service Committee—one of only 12 in all of California, I was sinfully proud. But more than just belonging, there is also the doing. From the children visiting assisted living facilities to the work and support of the armory and FIES, we are present to the world.

What truly touches my heart the deepest is what I have seen us do for each other. Okay, that may seem a bit narrow—but living examples and teaching begin with modeling and that often starts close to home. We have been going through a spate of illnesses. Some of our members have needed extraordinary support. I thought this might strain our resources, but on the contrary, everyone has responded with alacrity and enthusiasm. From the core of the Sunshine Committee to regular members, everyone has said “Yes”. Our prayers and meditations on Sundays have led to covered dishes, rides, calls, check-ins and real loving. We are a tremendous source of both comfort and support to each other, and this is inspiring to me. I am profoundly grateful to you for who you are and what you do. And if pride be a sin, I am guilty as charged. Thank you.

Jon

President’s Message

The February board meeting was postponed from our usual second Tuesday so as not to conflict with the informative two-part series by our minister and Rabbi Kenneth Milhander. As that board meeting will occur after this column is submitted, I can’t report on what went on; however, I would like to let you know of some of the projects that are in the works to keep you all abreast of what’s happening. It’s important for information to be shared so that we are all in the loop about the important things underway in our church community.

Margee Hills and Bill Reeves are co-chairing this year’s pledge canvass drive. There will be training for prospective canvassers this month, as well as a big kick-off Fellowship Dinner on March 31. This no-charge catered event is a festive opportunity to celebrate ourselves as an active, involved group of congregants and to give thought to how each of us can contribute to making the UUCF experience even more fulfilling and dynamic.

A new survey will seek information about everyone’s talents, interests, and skills so that we can better match folks with activities that may be appealing to them to participate in. Please take the time to respond to this when you get it—let us know what areas of our church life and operation would turn you on to be part of. We need everyone’s help in order for this church to continue and expand the wide scope of activities it provides.

Lesley Mahaffey and Tom Thorward have volunteered to co-chair the new Welcoming Congregation Committee, which will be planning the steps that would best serve our church in moving toward becoming recognized as welcoming of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and/or transgender individuals. Amy Whelan has joined the Membership Committee, which is currently reviewing the offering of newcomers’ classes and a ceremony for signing the membership book. Updating of our church directory is underway. You’ll get a chance to check the accuracy of your address, phone, and email information before the booklet gets into print.

In peace and fellowship,

Mary Rhodes

Ruby Jubilee News – “Hair” on March 9

We are celebrating our 40th anniversary this spring, so are harking back to 1967, the year of our origin. On **Friday, March 9**, nearly 40 of us will visit or re-live the 1960’s as we attend the Fullerton College production of **HAIR**, the famous “American Tribal Love-Rock Musical.” Those who made reservations have already received your tickets. If your plans change, contact Mary Rhodes, who may have a waiting list. The theater doors open at 7:30 pm. Parking is available in the structure at Lemon and Chapman Aves. Because of the large size of our group, no arrangement for dinner beforehand has been made. There are many nearby restaurants, should people want to gather informally.

A "Tribute"



.... to **Mary Botts** to let you know that we care and are thinking of you at this difficult time..... With Love, Your
UUCF **Mighty Choir.**

A "Thank You"

Thank you for all of your thoughts and prayers during the last few weeks. These have been tough times for Doreen and me, but with the loving and caring shown by our friends at UUCF we are making it through. Our daughter and her family are doing well and the 5 other children are keeping them going. It's wonderful to be a part of such a great community.....

Bill and Doreen Bryant

PSWD District Assembly – Apr. 27-29 at the UU Church of Riverside

An outstanding selection of workshops awaits you at the 2007 "DA", balanced between four distinct interest areas: Personal/Spiritual Development, Social Action, Church Organization and the UU Assoc.

Dr. William Doherty, the inspiration for a new grass roots parent movement called "Putting Family First" will be there to present his ideas on how to create a caring atmosphere for our families in the 21st century. There will be programming for children ages 5- teens and childcare for infants through 4 years. Visit the PSWD website at

<http://www.pswduua.org/pages/district-assembly.php>.

Adult registration is \$126 if received by April 1, 2007.

Green Sanctuary Workshop in Tucson Saturday – March 17th

The UU Congregation of Northwest Tucson is hosting an all day workshop on the UU Ministry for Earth's Green Sanctuary Certification Program on March 17, 2007. The UUMFE is an affiliate organization of the UUA with the mission to affirm and promote the Seventh Principle of the UUA - "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part". See

<http://www.uua.org/actions/ecology/06global-warming.html>. Please contact Vincent Pawlowski, UUMFE Southwest Regional Coordinator

Earth Day for All Ages EarthWorks Urban Farm Saturday, April 21 from 8 am - 3 pm Whittier Narrows Recreational Area

(off the 60 Fwy at Santa Anita Ave. in So. El Monte)

EarthWorks is a ministry, founded many years ago by UU minister Connie Yost, to employ high school students in the El Monte H.S. District to help grow and sell organic produce to the low-income community. We are invited to spend Earth Day working, learning and having fun along side other UU congregations at this 4-acre urban farm. Many fun family activities are scheduled. Look for more information soon!



CROP Walk--Let's walk together! April 29th in Fullerton

Once again the CROP Walk is approaching and our congregation has a golden opportunity to enrich both the charities of Fullerton and the world. Originally begun shortly after WWII to alleviate the hunger of Europe, the Walk's work of education and feeding now stretches into the very poorest nations of the planet AND locally. Special awards will be offered to Youth Groups which lead in the percentage of youths who participate. Get an early start by signing up on-line by going to <http://www.cropwalk.org> and sign up under our church name and join our team. An email can be sent to your family and friends. Toward the end of March we'll have sign up sheets available so you can sign up other church members to support your walk. Please contact Bill Bryant or Marlies Worley for more information!

UU Service Committee (UUSC)

Thanks to your generous contributions, UUSC was sent a total of \$1616.58 for the recent Guest at Your Table fundraiser. Because your church sent \$265 in the name of all of you, we will receive the James Luther Adams award, as we did last year. Look for the award for last year on the bulletin board. Your Social Action Committee thanks you for your generosity. Funds donated to UUSC help advance human rights and social justice around the world through strategic partnering with those who confront unjust power structures and mobilizing to challenge oppressive policies.

Concert to Benefit Habitat for Humanity

Sunday, March 18 at 2 PM
"With a Song in My
Heart:

The Music of Richard Rogers"
performed by The Preeminents
of the CSUF Musical Theatre Department
Tickets: \$25 First Christian Church
109 E. Wilshire Ave., Fullerton



YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS CONCERT!
It will benefit Habitat's plan for building **9 new homes in Fullerton**. FIMA (Fullerton Interfaith Ministerial Association) is helping raise money for this important project AND its houses of worship will also be involved in the actual building of these homes. Support this project with your time, talent, treasure AND come enjoy the music! See Marlies Worley (UUCF rep. and VP to FIMA) to purchase tickets or ask questions.

Social Action Committee (SAC)

The SAC continues to feed the homeless at the Cold weather shelter. Although the shelter has moved to a temporary location in Westminster it will return to the Fullerton Armory on March 1. Every Wednesday evening UUCF volunteers serve food and man the donated clothing table. Donations of clothing are always welcome. There is always a need for underwear and socks. If you would like to help with this project please contact Bill Bryant

UU Christian Fellowship

The UU Christian Fellowship invites you to its next meeting, April 1, Palm Sunday, at 2:45 pm in Costa Mesa, at the **Orange Coast UU Church, 1259 Victoria Street**. Topic: a comparison of the teachings of Jesus and the covenant of the UU congregations, and its sources. We'll look at these and see how our work as disciples of Christ in God's new covenant fits in with the UU covenant.



Old Eyeglasses Wanted

Give us your old, tired eyeglasses yearning to help people see! Each Sunday out in the temple foyer, you will find a green box in which you can leave your old eyeglasses. Condition of the glasses does not matter. Dennis Spiro will collect them and give them to an international service organization that will recondition them. The glasses will then be distributed to people in need throughout developing countries where eye care services are limited. Thanks in advance for your contribution!

WhaleCoast Alaska Trips Offered

WhaleCoast Alaska is a UU eco-cultural and spiritual program for people from "outside" who want to experience the real Alaska. It's operated by wUUrld with five UU Alaska fellowships—Anchorage, Seward, Fairbanks, Juneau and Sitka—that provide the hosts for the programs, homestays for the travelers and parties for all participants.

This is the final year that the Rev. Dick and Mary Weston-Jones will be leading the program that Dick founded a dozen years ago. Significant funds raised through wUUrld have helped finance the farthest north UU church in the world in Fairbanks, for which the local UUs provided much of the labor and money. A total of over \$200,000 has been raised and shared by the participating UU congregations in the Great Land. Nearly a thousand UUs have visited Alaska with our program.

We travel throughout Alaska to see wildlife in their natural habitats--humpback and killer whales, sea lions, seals and sea otters; bears, wolves, moose, caribou, Dall sheep, eagles, murrets, auklets, puffins and other birds in some of North

America's most beautiful scenery. Four National Parks are on our itinerary: Denali National Park, Kenai Fjords National Park and the National Historic Parks in Skagway and Sitka. Native American and Eskimo art, dancing and storytelling are featured in "living museums"

like the Alaska Native Heritage Center in Anchorage and we have an optional trip to Barrow, an Inupiat village that is the northernmost town on the North American continent. See <http://www.wuurld.org> for fees, trip itineraries, etc.



PBS Documentary "Three Faiths, One God" is March Adult RE Offering

From the producers: This ground-breaking documentary compares similarities and differences in religious beliefs and practices that Islam has with Christianity and Judaism. It also examines the crisis of the fundamentalist approach to religious pluralism, and tearing down barriers to understanding and respect. **Classes will start 9 AM sharp in the Social Hall, March 11 (Part 1), and March 18 (Part 2)**. All are welcome. Call Dennis Spiro, if you have questions.

Youth Religious Education



Mardi Gras Parade

A special thanks is extended to all the children who donned Mardi Gras masks and beads to parade through the sanctuary in memory of Katrina. Aaron and Emmanuel – you continue to impress us all with your spectacular musical talents!

Upcoming Events in R.E.

- March 4th: Regular Curriculum
Purim
Committee Meeting
- March 11th: Regular Curriculum
- March 18th: Regular Curriculum
- March 25th: Tree Planting
**NO R.E. Program
Childcare ONLY**

“AFTER HOURS” Teen Group

- Tuesday, March 6th from 7:00 – 8:30 pm at the **Garner’s home**.
- Thursday, March 15th from 7:00 – 8:30 pm at the **Temple**.

Please be sure to check your emails and phone messages for changes or announcements for special events.

Annual Tree Planting & Picnic

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, March 25th** when the R.E. Program moves to Carbon Canyon Regional Park. After a short trail hike, we’ll plant our trees in a redwood grove. There’ll be music and meditation. We will all gather back at the nearby park for picnicking to end our day. More information about our **Tree Planting Ceremony and Picnic** will be provided in the coming weeks.

The Story of Purim

Once upon a time there was a wicked man named Haman. His job was to advise the absent-minded King Ahashverosh of Persia. When the king met Esther, a beautiful Jewish woman, he fell madly in love with her and made her his queen. Everything was fine until Esther’s Uncle Mordechai refused to bow down before Haman.



Jews bow to only one God, not to people. Haman became so furious that he told the king to have all the Jews killed, and the King agreed – not knowing that Esther was Jewish. Before Haman could carry out the king’s orders, Esther told her husband the truth about herself. The king ordered the Jews to be spared and Haman to be hanged.

Purim, which comes in early spring, is a holiday of laughter, costumes, puppet shows, plays, and giving delicious treats to friends.

Snack and Volunteer Reminder

Parents and friends, please mark your calendars:

- March 4th: Cathy & Cheyenne Boon
- March 11th: **OPEN**
- March 18th: **OPEN**
- March 25th: The Swendson Family

Please contact Barbara Burns if you are available to help on either March 11th or March 18th. We are always in need of classroom helpers. Kindly 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 - March 2007

Greeters	Set Up Sanctuary	Take Down Sanctuary	Flowers	Refreshments
4 th Patrick Barbush				
Margee Hills Eleanor Nichols Jeanne Preble Tom Thorward	Michael & Chris Mahaffey	Tim Blaine, Terry Selby, Barbara Roncyolo	Dana Bianco	Litzi Barker Fran Doble Amy Whelan
11 th Marlies Worley				
Patrick Barbush Lou Arnwine Dick Cole Gwen Fyke	Doug Schneider Tom Thorward	Tom & Aaron Stark	Catherine Gallaher	Catherine Gallaher Donita Fitzpatrick Lesley Mahaffey
18 th Carolyn Champagne				
Del Blanchard & Glad Sharp Judy Sterling & Sandy Mills	Dean Fischman	Charlie Everett & Mike Steiner	Katie Hettinger	Irv & Cheri Reisman Randi Hetrick <hr style="width: 100%; border: 0.5px solid red;"/>
25 th Brad Woodhull				
Tim Blaine Amy Whelan Patrick Barbush Bev Covertino	Claude Coppel Gordon Lillibridge	Deborah & Harry Langenbacher	<hr style="width: 100%; border: 0.5px solid red;"/>	Alice Dyer Don & Jane Livezey Bev Covertino

***Volunteers needed. Please sign up in social hall or contact Dana Bianco**

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

March 2007

Mar 1	Thu	11:45a Men's Lunch Group	Meet at Carrows in Fullerton , every 4th Thursday.
		7:00p Choir Practice	
Mar 4	Sun	10:30a -11:45a Sermon	Sermon by Rev. Jon Dobrer - Why Diversity is a Value
		12:00p Youth RE Comm. Mtg	Contact Liz Heaton
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At Marie Callender's , Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull .
		Purim Carnival	Temple Activity
Mar 5	Mon	9:30a Fuddy Duddies	At Polly's on Raymond in Fullerton. Contact Jan Lillibridge for more information
		7:00p Women's Wisdom Circle	Meet at the home of Alice Dyer . Topic: Lies: Are they good or bad?
Mar 6	Tue	7:00p Tuesday Night Talk with Teens	Meet at the home of the Garners
		Movie and Dinner with Rev. Jon Dobrer	Times and Location to be announced. Contact Marlies Worley
Mar 8	Thu	7:00p Choir Practice	
Mar 10	Sat	Circle Suppers & Family Circle Suppers	Contact Barbara Burns or Marcia Taylor
Mar 11	Sun	9:00a Adult RE	Part I of PBS documentary entitled Three Faiths, One God will be shown in the social hall. Contact Dennis Spiro for more information
		10:30a -11:45a Sermon	Interim minister of the UU Fellowship of Santa Cruz - The Place of Purpose
		12:00p Social Action Comm. Meeting	
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At Marie Callender's , Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull .
Mar 13	Tue	7:00p Board Meeting	
Mar 14	Wed	11:45a Men's Lunch Group	Meet at Carrows in Fullerton , every 4th Wednesday.
Mar 15	Thu	7:00p Thursday Night Talk with Teens	Meet at the Temple
		7:00p Choir Practice	
Mar 16	Fri	7:00p Bridge Night	Contact Claude Coppel
		Foreign Foods Friday	Contact Lou Arnwine for details
Mar 18	Sun	9:00a Adult RE	Part II of PBS documentary entitled Three Faiths, One God will be shown in the social hall. Contact Dennis Spiro for more information
		10:30a -11:45a Sermon	Sermon by Rev. Jon Dobrer - The Snake in the Garden
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At Marie Callender's , Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull .
Mar 19	Mon	7:00p Investment Club	Contact Gwen Fyke or Brad Woodhull for more information.
		7:00p Women's Wisdom Circle	Contact Barbara Keller for topic and location
Mar 22	Thu	7:00p Choir Practice	
Mar 25	Sun	10:30a -11:45a Sermon Justice Sunday	Sermon by Rev. Jon Dobrer - Spring--Not Just for Pagans Focus on Darfur
		12:00p DVD "Heroes of the Spirit"	After the service in the social hall
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At Marie Callender's , Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull .
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		7:00p Choir Practice	
Mar 31	Sat	Fellowship Dinner	

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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