

The UUCF

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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.

- April 1: On Being a Fool for Life
- April 3: No First Tuesday (Passover)
- April 8 Easter: On Being Born Again
- April 10: Board
- April 15: On Death, Taxes and Wiggle Room
- April 17 Africa/Partnership church
- April 22: Travel in Time RE presentation
- April 24: Salon
- April 29: On Our Connection to the World

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.



EAST ASIAN SPIRITUAL PRACTICES APRIL 8th ADULT RE OFFERING



We are privileged to have Cal State Fullerton anthropology professor, **Dr. Linda Crowder**, discussing, **"Feeding the Ancestors: The Chinese Family and the Spirit World"**. Dr. Crowder has a PhD in anthropology from the University of Hawaii. She has done research on the death practices of the Toraja people of Indonesia, and San Francisco Chinatown burial rituals. All are welcome to this exciting presentation of nonwestern religious practices. Class will meet 9 AM sharp in the classroom off the upper parking lot. Please ask Dennis Spiro if you have questions.

April 17th discussion group, starting at 6:30 pm in the Social Hall

Randi Hetrick will give a talk on her trip to the Great Lakes region in Africa. She was the guest of UU fellowships in Burundi and Kenya. There are more UU congregations in Africa than expected, the ICUU and Partnership church programs were not aware of the number of fledging groups until Janice Brunson, with Randi Hetrick in tow located them. There will be an opportunity to explore how we might, as a congregation, become a partnership church and help with specific social action projects with African UU's.

Since beer is the beverage of choice in Africa, it will be for sale both alcoholic and not. Randi will provide groundnuts (peanuts) and a traditional African food, Ugali for everyone to taste. A PowerPoint presentation, articles from the region, music and more!

Out of My Mind: Memory and Desire

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T.S. Elliot, our great American, Unitarian by heritage and Anglican by conversion, poet wrote that, "April is the cruelest month, mixing memory with desire." And there is something about this transitional month that moves us both forward and backwards in time.

As individuals, we are not quite out of winter, the blues and blahs; nor are we fully basking under the warmth and floweriness of full on spring. We enter holidays that are joyful, yet also have two sides. Passover looks back at slavery and forward to freedom, while still recalling years of wandering in the wilderness. Not a bad metaphor for the season and for life. Easter presupposes Good Friday, and we see the relationship between death and birth, sorrow and exultant joy. Our lives always involve peaks and valleys. Thank goodness. What a dull world it would be, were it always the same without demands on us for our talents and passions. Our pains give rise to remedies and our joys to celebration.

This is a time to consider the balances in our lives, the relationship of joy to sorrow, light to dark, birth to death. Our UU Poet Lauriat Ric Masten wrote in Let it Be a Dance.

Let it be a dance we do.
May I have this dance with you?
Through the good times
And the bad times, too,
Let it be a dance.

Let a dancing song be heard.
Play the music say the words,
Fill the sky with sailing birds.
Let it be a dance.

Learn to follow, learn to lead,
Feel the rhythm, fill the need.
To reap the harvest, plant the seed.
And let it be a dance

Everybody turn and spin,
Let your body learn to bend,
and, like a willow with the wind,
Let it be a dance.

A child is born, the old must die,
A time for joy, a time to cry.
Take it as it passes by.
And let it be a dance

Morning star comes out at night,
Without the dark there is no light.
If nothing's wrong, then nothing's right.
Let it be a dance.

Let the sun shine, let it rain,
Share the laughter, bare the pain,
And round and round we go again.
Let it be a dance

At this season of looking forward and back (while living in the present), we also evaluate our relationship to each other-as we work and sing and dance together in this religious community. Yes, this is canvass season. Not a cruel process but an important part of how we demonstrate our priorities. This community is not a charity but a cooperative. We give to each other to create programs that inspire, music that connects our individual voices in a mighty chorus-which is itself a metaphor for how our individual acts of kindness and support to each other and the larger world are magnified by being together.

This April think back to what we have meant to each other and dream forward to where you want us to journey together. Then be a part of making our dreams come true.

This is the season of renewal-of life, of our commitment to the world and to each other. I look forward to continuing our dance with life and growing our circle to include more songs, more rhythms, different steps and more dancers.

President's Message

Let me summarize what your board has been addressing recently.

The board approved offering membership classes for new and/or prospective members, the details to be worked out by the Membership Committee.

Work is underway toward revising our bookkeeping and accounting processes. Frank Thomas has for several years been doing outstanding, invaluable work as our assistant treasurer/bookkeeper, devoting many hours for a token fee, but needs to relinquish these duties after June. Donnette Guiltinan, administrator, was authorized to purchase software needed to take on new duties involving the database and basic bookkeeping. Will Nettleship and I will be interviewing an accountant specializing in nonprofit organizations for our remaining accounting needs.

Mike Mahaffey reviewed the proposed budget for 2007-8, which was accepted after discussion and revision. Canvass planning, under the leadership of Margee Hills and Bill Reeves, was discussed and a volunteer talent / experience / interest survey reviewed as part of that project.

Liz Heaton, DRE, has proposed a summer mural project to be carried out in association with the Temple, if they approve. The board supports the concept. The expense would be mostly the responsibility of the participants; the board may later be asked to approve that one Sunday offering go toward this cause.

Mike Steiner is organizing a committee for the Ruby Jubilee. Tim Blaine is assuming liaison responsibilities for the Hospitality Committee, Susan Perlson for the Welcoming Congregation committee, and Carolyn Champagne for the Music Committee

Approval was given for registration and shared lodging for Judi Herz to attend the annual UU music conference. Dick Cole, Margee Hills, and I were approved as delegates to the PSWD Conference in Riverside, April 27-29; half of the registration fee to be reimbursed. Also approved was reimbursement for registration fee for two delegates to the UUA General Assembly in Portland, June 20-24, and half of the president's registration (the other half is reimbursed by UUA). Delegates are Marcia Taylor, me, and one additional person to be determined. Please contact me immediately if you would like to serve as delegate, which involves attending plenary sessions and voting.

In peace and fellowship, *Mary Rhodes*

A Pledge Card is inserted in this newsletter, is that not a very handy form to be so readily available?

RUBY JUBILEE NEWS

About forty of us recently got into the 1960's mood, by attending the Fullerton College production of "Hair," recapturing memories of tie-dye, love beads, and the Age of Aquarius. Mike Steiner has hosted a meeting of all interested in contributing ideas and energy toward the upcoming celebration of our 40th anniversary, to be the weekend of June 2-3.

Here are a few questions to tap your memory or historical knowledge of 1967, the year we began. (1) What important event occurred in Elvis' life? (2) Who were the president and vice president? (3) What U.S. population milestone was reached? (4) What significant accomplishment involved Thurgood Marshall? Look for the answers next month in the May Newsletter!

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!

. Social Action Committee (SAC)

The SAC continues to feed the homeless at the Cold weather shelter. 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, socks and toiletries. If you would like to help with this project please contact Bill Bryant.

RE News You Can Use by Liz Heaton



Egg Hunt

Brightly colored neon eggs will be scattered about on Sunday, April 8th for our annual Egg Hunt. If you have plastic eggs or small trinkets to donate, please see Liz Heaton. No food items as Passover is being observed.

Upcoming Events in R.E.

- April 1st: Regular Curriculum Committee Meeting
- April 8th: Egg Hunt and Flower Communion
- April 15th: Regular Curriculum
- April 22nd: Children's Sermon
- April 29th: Japanese Tea Ceremony

Children's Sermon

The children and youth will be presenting the sermon, "Travel in Time" before the entire congregation on Sunday, April 22nd.

Teen volunteers are needed as greeters and assistant service associates. Musicians are also needed to play during the Sharing of Financial Responsibilities. Please let Liz Heaton know if you are interested.



The Japanese Tea Ceremony (Chaji)

The Japanese Tea Ceremony is a traditional ritual influenced by Zen Buddhism in which powdered green tea, or matcha, is ceremonially prepared by a skilled practitioner and served to a small group of guests in a tranquil setting. R.E. is fortunate to have Lesley Mahaffey present the tea ceremony to the children and youth on Sunday, April 29th.

'AFTER HOURS" Teen Group

- Tuesday, April 3rd from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Garner's home.
- Thursday, April 19th?

Sofiya Alper is taking a hiatus from R.E. to help her mother fully recover from a broken leg. We will certainly miss her! An adult volunteer is needed to keep the group flowing. Please contact Liz Heaton if you are able to help.

The Sting is playing at the FOX Theatre Thursday, April 19th at 8:00 p.m. Teens have enjoyed this activity in the past. Please let Liz Heaton know if you would like to coordinate this event.

Please check e-mails and phone messages for changes and announcements for special events.

Snack and Volunteer Reminder

Parents and friends, please mark your calendars:

- April 1st: The Daniels Family
- April 8th: The Burns-Rangel Family
- April 15th: The Mason Family
- April 22nd: The Yadow Family
- April 29th: The Clements Family

If you did not sign up for a date to assist in the R.E. program, a date may have been assigned to you. We ask that families with children in R.E. volunteer about once every quarter. 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 snacks, see Liz Heaton for details.

April 22nd after service in the Social Hall, UUCF Youth Program Alumnus Cassie Hetrick will be talking about the UU Summer Camp experience. Come learn about this fabulous Youth Program at beautiful de Benneville Pines! Children who sign up for camp on April 22 will receive \$30 off the regular camp fee.

Sunday Task Volunteers - April 2007

Greeters	Set Up Sanctuary	Take Down Sanctuary	Flowers	Refreshments	Milk for Coffee Service (1 Quart)
1st Margee Hills					
Margee Hills & Eleanor Nichols Jeanne Preble & Tom Thoward	Michael & Chris Mahaffey	Tim Blaine, Terry Selby, Barbara Roncyolo	Dana Bianco	Judy Sterling Claudette Massey Tim Blaine	Danielle Cavallucci
8th Mary Rhodes					
Patrick Barbush & Lou Arnwine Dick Cole & Gwen Fyke	Doug Schneider & Tom Thornward	Tom & Aaron Stark	Catherine Gallaher	Randi and Howard Hetrick	Randi Hetrick
15th Tim Blaine					
Del Blanchard & Glad Sharp Judy Sterling & Sandy Mills	Dean Fischman	Charlie Everett & Mike Steiner	Katie Hettinger	Barbara Cutts	_____*
22nd Christina Garner					
Tim Blaine & Amy Whelan Patrick Barbush, Bev Covertino	Claude Coppel Gordon Lillbridge	Deborah & Harry Langenbacher	_____*	Beverly Covertino Jane Livezey Frances Salans & Gordon Scholle	_____*
29th Dick Cole					
Mary Rhodes _____*	_____*	_____*	_____*	Dana Bianco, Alice Dyer, Catherine Gallaher	_____*

*** Volunteers Please! Don't miss out! Sign up in social hall or contact Dana Bianco**



FOR OFFICE USE: ANNUAL TOTAL \$ _____

Canvasser _____ Phone _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ (Daytime) _____ (Evening)

Comments _____

My/Our annual pledge is \$ _____

Check enclosed

MasterCard/Visa (if available) _____ Exp. date _____

I/We will pay:

Weekly \$ _____ Monthly \$ _____ Quarterly \$ _____ Other \$ _____

Signature _____ Date _____

It is understood that the above pledge may be revised should circumstances make it necessary.

Canvass Pledge Affirmation

Thank you for your annual pledge of \$ _____
for the period of _____ to _____.
Your generous financial support is greatly appreciated.

Canvasser _____ Phone _____

Card No. _____

Member(s) _____

Children in RE _____

Committee Membership _____

Other Info _____

Attended Fellowship _____

Event _____

Present Pledge _____

\$ _____

Suggested Share _____

\$ _____

\$ _____ per month

UU Church in Fullerton Calendar - April 2007

Apr 1	Sun	10:30a -11:45a On Being A Fool For Life	Sermon by Rev. Jon Dobrer
		12:00p Youth RE Committee Meeting	Contact Liz Heaton
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At Marie Callender's , Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull .
Apr 2	Mon	9:30a Fuddy Duddies	Contact Jan Lillibridge
		7:00p Women's Wisdom Circle	Meet at the home of Barbara Keller . Topic: <i>Share a favorite letter, poem, or saying that has a special meaning</i>
Apr 3	Tue	7:00p Tuesday Night Talk with Teens	Meet at the home of the Garners
Apr 8	Sun	9:00a Adult RE	Dr. Linda Crowder , will discuss "Feeding the Ancestors: The Chinese Family and the Spirit World"
		10:30a -11:45a Easter: On Being Born Again	Sermon by Rev. Jon Dobrer
		12:00p Social Action Committee Meeting	Contact Bill Bryant
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At Marie Callender's , Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull .
		Egg Hunt and Flower Communion	
Apr 10	Tue	7:00p Board Meeting.	Held at Temple Beth Tikvah .
Apr 11	Wed	11:45a Men's Lunch Group	Meet at Carrows in Fullerton , every 4th Wednesday.
Apr 15	Sun	10:30a -11:45a On Death, Taxes, and Wiggle Room	Sermon by Rev. Jon Dobrer
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At Marie Callender's , Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull .
Apr 16	Mon	7:00p Investment Club	Contact Gwen Fyke or Brad Woodhull .
		7:00p Women's Wisdom Circle	Contact Barbara Keller for topic and location
Apr 17	Tue	6:30p Discussion Group with Rev. Jon Dobrer	A special presentation by Randi Hetrick about her trip to Africa. Discussion to follow.
Apr 19	Thu	7:00p Thursday Night Talk with Teens	Meet at the Temple
Apr 20	Fri	7:00p Bridge Night	Contact Claude Coppel
		Foreign Foods Friday	This month the restaurant will be Peonythai in Fullerton. Contact Lou Arnwine to sign up
Apr 22	Sun	10:30a -11:45a Travel In Time	Presented by Our RE Group
		12:00p Super Camp Sunday	PSWD Summer Youth Camp Meeting and Signups
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At Marie Callender's , Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull .
Apr 24	Tue	5:30p All Souls Potluck	No Pork or shellfish please
		6:30p Salon Discussion Group	With Rev. Jon Dobrer
Apr 26	Thu	11:45a Men's Lunch Group	Meet at Carrows in Fullerton , every 4th Thursday.
Apr 27	Fri	PSWD District Assembly in Riverside	April 27 -29. Contact Mary Rhodes
Apr 29	Sun	10:30a -11:45a On Our Connection To The World	Sermon by Rev. Jon Dobrer
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At Marie Callender's , Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull .
		1:00p Crop Walk	

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.

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Please Note!


The UUCF CommUunicator

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