

The UUCF August 2007 CommUUnicator *Preliminary Web Edition*



The Newsletter of the
Unitarian Universalist Church in
Fullerton
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Please bring a vial of water to the
**Water Communion on Sunday,
September 9th**

*So-this-is-a-River". "THE River,"
corrected the Rat. "And you really live by
the river? What a jolly life!" "By it and
with it and on it and in it," said the Rat.
"It's brother and sister to me, and aunts,
and company, and food and drink, and
(naturally) washing. It's my world, and I
don't want any other. What it hasn't got is
not worth having, and what it doesn't
know is not worth knowing. Lord! the
times we've had together..."*

Kenneth Grahme, *The Wind in the
Willows.*

Learn more about Unitarian Universalism:
<http://www.uua.org/visitors/>

SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30 AM

Aug 5: Cynicism, Skepticism & Astigmatism

Aug 7: Movie SICKO /dinner

Aug 12: Religion in Life

Aug 14: Board Meeting

Aug 19: Merrily We Roll Along:

Sisyphus as Spiritual Guide

Aug 21: Welcoming Congregation Movie:

Torch Song Trilogy

Aug 26: Guest Speaker

Aug 28: Adult RE resumes with this special Salon

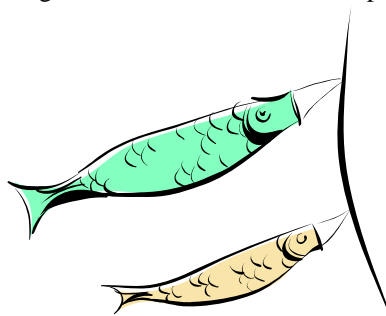
Reflections on Principles and Purposes



R.E. in the Summer

Aug. 5th: Search for the Truth Kaleidoscopes
Life Experiences & Artistic Layouts

Aug. 12th: It's a Small World – Japanese Tea Ceremony



Aug. 19th: It's a Small World – Japanese Carp Kite

Aug. 26th: We Care for Our Earth – Bark Painting
My Church Community - Collage

Sept. 2nd: Who Owns the Earth? – Snakes
What is Spiritual? - Collage

Sept. 9th: The Web of Nature – Kites
All People are Important - Review

I grasped the meaning of the greatest secret that
human poetry and human thought and belief
have to impart: The Salvation of man is through love
and in love

Viktor Frankl – *Man's Search for Meaning*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—AUGUST 2007

Those of you at the July 8 service –when our attendees at the UUA annual General Assembly shared their experiences-- couldn't help but catch some of the flavor and consciousness expansion that happens when nearly 6000 UUs assemble in one place for an intense few days of study, socialization, and worship.

“Moral Values for a Pluralistic Society,” the 2007 Statement of Conscience agreed upon after two years of study and review, proposes that congregations state the moral grounding of our social justice agendas; speak collectively on moral issues; give ourselves clear and accessible language to describe our moral values; and urge our religious leaders to proclaim our moral values in the public square. As individuals supportive actions would be to speak out on moral issues with clarity and confidence; listen to people with whom we find ourselves in conflict, recognizing them as our neighbors, our kin; model a religion that embraces liberalism and morality; and apply our moral values to improve society.

In addition to the Statement of Conscience, the convention delegates approved six **Actions of Immediate Witness:**

(1) Support for the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

We are called to educate ourselves on this legislation and to lobby elected representatives to call for hearings to ratify it; to call for US Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearings during the current session and to promote coalition building based on the 2005 End Violence Against Women Act; and to work to welcome women worldwide to the International Convocation of Unitarian Universalist Women in Houston TX in 2/09.

(2) Support Immigrant Families—Stop the ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) Raids. Congregations and members are urged to offer support and solidarity with the millions of immigrants seeking recognition and dignity in the U.S.

(3) Support Comprehensive Sexuality Education at Home and Abroad. We call on Congress to support passage of the REAL (Responsible Education About Life) and the PATHWAY (Protection Against Transmission of HIV for Women and Youth) acts. Individuals are asked to immediately petition congressional representatives to co-sponsor these bills and that we use the resources of the UU-UNO, the UU Washington Office for Advocacy, and the UU Global AIDS Coalition to mobilize interfaith support for passage of these two acts.

(4) Stop US Sponsored Torture—A Religious Call to Action. We are asked to oppose and speak out against U.S.-sponsored torture wherever and whenever possible.

(5) Repeal “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” Proposed actions are sending letters, e-mails and petitions urging repeal of DADT to the president and members of Congress; supporting national political candidates committed to repealing DADT; writing local newspapers and participating in internet blogs; and getting resolutions from local government and other influential organizations demanding its repeal.

(6) Pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act with Transgender Inclusion and Protection. Asks us to support passage of employment non-discrimination legislation at all municipal, county and state levels; oppose attempts to remove sexual orientation and/or gender identity from any proposed employment non-discrimination legislation; speak out against misleading and false statements made by opponents of the act, particularly those that encourage further intolerance against the LGBT community; and urging our representatives in Congress to pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act.

In peace and fellowship, *Mary Rhodes*, President

Camp de Benneville Pines will open its cabin doors to "the UU world" over Labor Day weekend. This means that your family and friends can come up and relax and enjoy the camp on your own terms on a holiday weekend. We will provide the food, swimming pool, hot tub, archery range and cabin space. All you have to do is arrive and unwind.

What makes this opportunity so unique? Well, the camp has been so busy these past 5 years--especially on holiday weekends--that we just haven't been able to offer an open weekend to district members at large. Cost for this holiday *weekend in the woods* is \$145 per adult and \$125 for children and teens, kids under 3 are free. If you want to upgrade to Craig's or Cabin #6, the cost is \$30 per person. Meals start Friday night and end Monday morning after a late breakfast. The pool will stay open on Monday into the early afternoon.

Contact information is on the de Benneville calendar at <http://www.debenneville.org/calendar.html>

Minister's Column

Out of My Mind: How I spent My Summer Vacation

I love traveling and being on vacation. It's always fun to go to new places and to revisit old, to hang out with family and old friends, as well as to meet new people. Helene and I have done of these in the past action-filled month.

We went up to where my son, daughter-in-law and two perfect granddaughters live in San Carlos. Naturally, they weren't there. They were camping in Big Sur. We knew this before we came and arranged to stay at their house and bike and relax in their cute little town. No, we didn't miss seeing them. We got to spend two days and nights with them at the end of our northern tour.

I got to baby sit—which is one of my very favorite things. One of the great things about small children is that they allow me to sing to them. They just don't know any better. They “get” the love and energy and forgive (what one voice teacher, whose heart as well as tympanic membrane I broke called) my “Tangential relationship to the pitch.” Sadly when they get older they become somewhat more critical. Such is the price of learning.

Between visits to San Carlos we spent time with my brother and sister-in-law David and Gitte in Marin and hung out with my old professor of philosophy from Vienna, who now also lives in Marin. We biked (my wife and I, not my old professor) through Samuel Taylor Park and then headed up to Napa to bike the Silverado Trail. Then off to Boonville, a town of about three hundred yards and the new center of fine Pinot Noire. We escaped the 104-degree day with a field trip to Mendocino, where it was seasonally freezing!

All the while I read—both serious and silly books (sometimes it is hard to tell the difference). I wrote articles for Daily News, Fullerton Observer and the Daily Blog of the Daily News, FriendlyFire.

Came home to teach two classes at the university (Understanding the Middle East. I made the promise at the start that by the end of the week, they would not understand the Middle East, but would be familiar with all the moving parts. Also a class in comparative religion where I got to conduct an interfaith panel with a Methodist minister, a Catholic priest and Muslim Imam. (Hmmm. Wonder why style sheet has priest and minister without caps and Imam capitalized?)

I'm currently prepping a new class for the fall, which, if I can learn enough and work the bugs out, I will offer here in Fullerton, The Dead Sea Scrolls: What people hoped and feared and what the scrolls actually tell us. All in all, I've been having a nice time but it is good to be back home, and I look forward to being back home with you.

Jon Dobrer. Minister

**The UUCF Welcoming Congregation Committee presents
the first in a series of adult RE opportunities:**

Gay/Lesbian Concerns in Society

Sunday, Aug. 26th at 9am

in the classroom off upper parking lot.

Presented by guest speaker Barbara McDowell,

Barbara McDowell holds a bachelor degree in Psychology and a Masters in Counseling. She has been Director of the Women's Center/Adult Reentry Center for 16 years. She also teaches part-time in the Human Services Program. She has developed three classes at CSUF: Gender Issues in Therapy; The Female Client, and Intimate Partner Violence: Assessment, Evaluation and Intervention. Barbara has presented lectures on issues of gender and communication for regional and state-wide organizations. She is dedicated to women and men strengthening their relationships with one another through improving their communication and eliminating painful gender stereotypes.

Religious Education NEWS – The U.U. Post

The upper elementary “Travel in Time” kids got together as part of their end-of-year project and wrote their own newspaper. Here is part one of their newspaper

Interview by Casey

Casey interviewed Danny from the middle school group about what Danny learned this year in RE....

- **Casey:** What did you learn in R.E. this year?
- **Danny:** The history of Unitarian Universalism.
- **Casey:** Who were your teachers?
- **Danny:** Susan, Dale, and Caryn.
- **Casey:** What were some of the most interesting things you did and learned?
- **Danny:** I really liked making the timeline from B.C. to the present time and the plays, “A Wind of Change” and “Those Awful Unitarians.” I learned that some priests made up stuff that wasn’t in the bible and people got executed for not believing them.
- **Casey:** How would you rate your class overall?
- **Danny:** 8 ½ out of 10.
- **Casey:** What’s your favorite thing about being a UU kid?
- **Danny:** de Benneville Pines weekend and seeing my friends at church.

UU’s in the News by Chris

In Newsweek magazine there was an article about a wedding of a U.U. couple that had a really INEXPENSIVE wedding because they’d rather give money to charity. In Better Homes and Gardens, there was an article about how U.U.’s help the environment.

What U.U. Means to Me

Kenya (Age 9): Ideas from lots of different religions that help us figure out what is good and true and fair. Awesome experiences of mystery, beauty, and belonging that all people feel. Words and actions of wise and brave people that make us want to change things that are unjust or cruel, and to offer kindness and love instead.

Chris (Age 10): **A place where we go to learn about other Unitarians and our religion and it also means someplace where we learn.**

Casey (Age 10): A place to learn to make a peaceful, fair, and free world.

UU Church in Fullerton - August 2007 Calendar

Aug 1	Wed	11:45a Men's Lunch Group	Meet at Carrows in Fullerton , every 4th Wednesday.
Aug 5	Sun	10:30a -11:45a Cynicism, Skepticism, and Astigmatism	Sermon by Rev. Jon Dobrer
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At Marie Callender's , Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull.
Aug 6	Mon	9:30a Fuddy Duddies	
		7:00p Women's Wisdom Circle	Meet at the home of Debbie Langenbacher . Topic: What makes you angry and why?
Aug 7	Tue	Movie and Dinner with Jon	Michael Moore's "SICKO". Time and Location TBA.
Aug 9	Thu	7:00p Choir Practice	
Aug 12	Sun	10:30a -11:45a Religion In Life	Sermon by Rev. Jon Dobrer
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At Marie Callender's , Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull.
		12:00a Social Action Committee Meeting	Contact Bill Bryant
Aug 14	Tue	7:00p Board Meeting.	Held at Temple Beth Tikvah .
Aug 16	Thu	11:45a Men's Lunch Group	Meet at Carrow's
		7:00p Choir Practice	
Aug 17	Fri	7:00p Bridge Night	Contact Claude Coppel
Aug 19	Sun	10:30a -11:45a Merrily We Roll Along: Sisyphus As Spiritual Guide	Sermon by Rev. Jon Dobrer
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At Marie Callender's , Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull.
Aug 20	Mon	7:00p Investment Club	Contact Gwen Fyke or Brad Woodhull .
		7:00p Women's Wisdom Circle	Contact Barbara Keller for location and topic.
Aug 21	Tue	5:30p Torch Song Trilogy	Meet in the social hall for a potluck before the movie. Discussion to follow
Aug 23	Thu	7:00p Choir Practice	
Aug 26	Sun	9:00a Welcoming Congregation Adult Education Opportunity	Barbara McDowell speaks on Gay / Lesbian concerns. In the classroom upstairs.
		10:30a -11:45a Sunday Service	Sermon by a Guest Speaker
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At Marie Callender's , Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull.
Aug 28	Tue	5:30p All Souls Potluck	At the Temple. No pork or shellfish
		6:30p Salon Discussion with Rev. Jon Dobrer	Reflections on Principles and Purposes
Aug 29	Wed	11:45a Men's Lunch Group	Meet at Carrows in Fullerton , every 4th Wednesday.
Aug 30	Thu	7:00p Choir Practice	

As your new UUCF representative to FIES, Fullerton Interfaith Emergency Service, I follow our capable Jane Livezey's three year tenure. I feel very fortunate to have joined a most dedicated board of directors. FIES' New Vista Transitional Living Center provides living facilities for 35-45 homeless families with children each year. The "living/common" room in Stephen's House is furnished and maintained by UUCF. FIES' Food Distribution Center assisted 13,100 individuals during the past year.



Our weekly food collection on Sunday morning goes to the FIES Center for distribution M-F 1:00-4:00 pm. The Interfaith Shelter Network served 48 employable adults last year. Two weeks a year UUCF partners with the Temple to house homeless adults. A line item in our Social Action Committee budget allocates yearly cash contribution. A very generous matching gift has been offered to FIES. Every \$25 FOOD AND SHELTER GIFT will be doubled until Sept. 9, the date of the FIES annual fundraiser dinner which includes a live and silent auction. I invite you to participate generously in supporting the needy in our midst. Please look for me at the "Fair Trade" table after church for tax deductible donation forms for the \$25 FOOD AND SHELTER BAGS, FIES involvement, or information about the dinner fundraiser at Angelo's and Vinci's Restaurant on September 9th. *Doris Dressler-Clark*

The UUA's Commission on Appraisal has asked for congregational reflection and review of Article II, our Principles and Purposes. This is a unique opportunity to make interesting discoveries about the Principles and Purposes, about Unitarian Universalism, and about ourselves as a local congregation and as individual Unitarian Universalists. Jon will kick the process off at his August 28th Salon and Dennis Spiro and Susan Perlson will continue the discussion in a hands-on workshop at the Sept 9th Adult RE Workshop. The youth will be provided similar opportunities for discussion and reflection in the fall. We hope you can join us!
UU Christian Fellowship meets once a month at different churches

August 5th monthly meeting is in San Diego, we are hoping to go to the Natural History museum around noon to visit the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit. The tickets for the display are \$28- general admission, \$24- for seniors. Thereafter, we will meet for a service at First UU Church, in the Chapel, at 4:00 pm. Biblical scholar **Dr. David Miano** will speak on the scrolls. Then, the service will continue in Bard Hall for a potluck Agape meal and Communion Service. All are welcome.



Raising the drumbeat for Darfur - UUSC

Activists from Stop Genocide Now recently raised awareness about the crisis in Darfur by *reporting firsthand* from refugee camps in Chad. To raise the drumbeat for Darfur at General Assembly 2007, UUSC held a workshop led by Sudanese activist Omer Ismail and built Kalma Camp, a small-scale replica of a Darfurian refugee camp.





Sunday Task Volunteers August, 2007

Greeters	Set Up Sanctuary	Take Down Sanctuary	Flowers	Refreshments	Milk for Coffee Service (1 Quart)
5th					
Donita Fitzpatrick & Eleanor Nichols Jeanne Preble & Tom Thorward	Michael & Chris Mahaffey	Tim Blaine, Terry Selby, Barbara Roncyolo	Dana Bianco	Doris Dressler Clark _____* _____*	
12th					
Patrick Barbush & Lou Arnwine Dick Cole & Gwen Fyke	Doug Schneider & Tom Thorward	Tom & Aaron Stark	Catherine Gallaher	Mary Rhodes _____* _____*	Shirleen Jones
19th					
Del Blanchard & Linda Summers Judy Sterling & Sandy Mills	Dean Fischman	Charlie Everett & Mike Steiner	Katie Hettinger	Mary Botts _____* _____*	
26th					
Tim Blaine & Amy Whelan Patrick Barbush, Bev Covertino	Claude Coppel Gordon Lillibridge	Deborah & Harry Langenbacher	Dana Bianco	_____* _____* _____*	

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