



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

Fullerton, CA 92831

Jon Dobrer, Minister

Oct 2 First Tuesday -- dinner & movie

Oct 7 **Mother Teresa & the Rebbe of Lublin (A meditation on faith and doubt).** With the help of her **Mighty Choir Rev. Dobrer will be conducting a service at noon on Sunday October 7 to honor Lorraine Rothman's life and memory**

Oct 9 Board Meeting

Oct 14 **How to Read the Bible** Rev. Dobrer

Oct 16 No Tuesday event

Oct 21 **Transitory Glory & Lasting Blessings** Rev. Dobrer

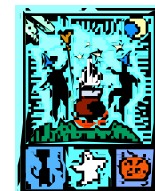
Oct 23 Welcoming Committee Salon

Oct 27 Halloween Intergenerational Party, Social Action Committee fundraiser

Oct 28 **"My Trip to the Holy Land":** *Michael Eselun, a hospital chaplain and a member of the Santa Monica congregation will share his reflections upon his recent trip to Jerusalem with a friend facing a grave medical crisis- both the external journey to Jerusalem and the internal journey through fear and unanswerable questions. Michael as a chaplain works primarily with acute oncology and adult psychiatric patients, and serves as the chaplain for the Palliative Care Unit at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center chaplain, on death and dying and the spiritual dimension of the cancer experience.*



The Social Action Committee Fundraiser this year will be a Halloween party held on October 27th in the social hall. All ages are welcome!! Costumes encouraged!! Games, prizes, pumpkin decorating, treats, costume parade & contest, and bobbing for apples. Don't miss this very special event. All proceeds go to benefit Habitat for Humanity, Orange County.



Welcoming Congregation workshops still to come!!!!!!

Oct. 14 - Common Elements of Oppression

Oct. 28 - Gender Socialization and Homophobia

Nov. 18 - Religion and Homosexuality

Dec. 2 - Experiences of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender People

A tribute to Lorraine Rothman, I miss you very much. You are always in my heart.
Love, Rose Bale



Lorraine was, and is, very dear to us as a member of the congregation, a member of the choir, a former board member and a generous contributor of time and talent to many of our singular and ongoing activities. She was truly a singular and unique individual.
Jon Dobrer

Editor's note, Lorraine Rothman passed away on September 25th, 2007. We will miss her very much. Rose Bale just celebrated her 90th birthday. Jack and Nancy Theibert just celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary and Lindy Doble and Gordon Lillibridge became husband and wife ...the bitter with the sweet...

Minister's Column

Out of My Mind: In Only a Moment

I was struck by, well, how quickly I was struck. I was driving along and without warning I started shaking like the proverbial leaf in a stiff wind. I was freezing and no adjusting of my car's air could fix the problem, which clearly wasn't with the car but with the driver.

I got home, tried to check my email, but my hand was trembling too wildly to control the mouse, so I staggered into the bedroom. My wife took one look and asked, "What's wrong?" "I'm freezing," I replied as I changed into a sweat suit, got under the covers and had a comforter added by my comforting wife. When my fever shot up to 102.6 in about ten minutes it was clear to me that whatever the cause, I was not going to be doing much of anything and giving Sunday sermon went from uncertain to highly doubtful.

I tried writing a manuscript to be read by someone else, but found that with a fever the words that I knew I wanted to share came out as gibberish. Well, that's not the whole truth. I thought I was brilliant and when I printed what I'd put on my laptop, while lying in bed under the covers, and showed it to my wife to scan it for some minor issues of spelling or punctuation, she had no idea what I was trying to say. Some sentences wandered in Joycean ways—only without the art. When I looked myself and I had no idea what a certain paragraph was trying to express, I gave it up and went back to bed. Unable to read or apparently write, I lay quasi comatose and drifted along to the sound of classical music.

I had a fair idea what the underlying issue was (and will be happy to discuss it elsewhere. I have no embarrassment, only some small sense of taste) and after consulting with my friend the doctor, took the appropriate anti-biotic, aspirin and went to sleep. However, awaking to 102.9 sent me to the ER...that's just too close to seizure land for an adult—and given the fever; my diagnostic skills could have been impaired. They weren't. I was seen and told to continue the regime. I think this statement applied to my drug and sleep regime and not anything of political note, but again with that fever, who knows?

The bottom line on this is that I am responding to the drugs and should be fine. I'm still weak and I guess that's normal, but I'm expecting to be at full strength by the end of the week—a good thing with services and a very important wedding.

My point in writing this is not at all a "poor me" story. The outstanding part of this experience was the rapidity and brutality of its onset. I was fine and then I wasn't. This is such a metaphor, a universal example of how precious and fragile the miracles of our lives' are. We are fine and then a tire blows, a car runs a stop, a mole goes bad, a pain that seems like nothing turn out to be a big and terrible something.

Life, human life, and thought are remarkable. We are healing machines. But we also live in a precarious balance. As alcohol or drugs can affect memory, cognition and personality, the chemicals within us maintain the continuity of who we are. A shift of hormone, a change of temperature, a microbe too small to see, a virus too tiny to spot without an electron microscope changes our world—usually only for a while, but as we also know, some times forever. Is there a lesson here? (Oh, I hope so). As we sing, "Ours is no caravan of despair," let's remember to get off the camels from time to time and stretch, embrace and dance.

Jon Dobrer - minister

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<http://www.uua.org/visitors/>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—OCTOBER 2007

At our recent social season kick-off potluck it was exciting to hear of all the interest groups available to congregants (and you don't need to be members to participate). Some have been of long standing—including the bridge group, Fuddy Duddies, Red Hat Society, Foreign Foods Friday, circle suppers, Women's Wisdom Circle, and investment club. Even more stimulating is to realize we're at the starting-up point of several more groups geared to additional areas of interest-- hiking, theater-going, improv/drama, political discussion, and table games. Where did the impetus to start those activities come from? From your responses to the interest/skills survey we distributed last spring during the pledge campaign. In entering the results into a database Donnette noted that there are many from whom we've not yet received completed surveys, so she is in the process of getting a second copy to those individuals. I hope once those results are in that we can find more new interest groups in the making! After all, a way to get really connected with our church is to participate in those "Not only on Sunday" activities that add so much richness to our community.

A second purpose of that survey, as you may recall, was to find out the talents and skills each of you has to offer, to help us when tasks arise that need certain expertise or willingness to volunteer your time to help us operate. We have only a very few paid positions here--almost everything is done by volunteer labor. We need everyone to help out in some way, small or large, to make our church go and grow. Taking on one or more volunteer responsibilities ensures a deeper feeling of belonging, widens your social contacts, and provides the rewarding feeling of pride and gratification that you've played your part in making UUCF the stimulating and fulfilling place it is.

So let us know how you'd like to help, be open to taking on a new participatory role when you are approached to do so, and realize that volunteering can greatly enhance your own life, as well as that of our whole family.

In peace and fellowship,
Mary Rhodes

A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, "Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like." The Lord led the holy man to two doors. He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in. In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water. The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handle that were strapped to their arms and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful, but because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths. The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. The Lord said, "You have seen Hell" They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made the holy man's mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking. (Definitely UU's) The holy man said, "I don't understand." It is simple" said the Lord, "it requires but one skill. You see, they have learned to feed each other, while the greedy think only of themselves."

Drumming Circle: First session is scheduled for Oct. 12th, at Patrick Barbush's house, we will have a facilitator and the cost will be about \$10.00 per person. Please call Judi Herz if you need more information.

UPDATE ON CHALLENGE GRANT FOR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL IN NAIROBI, KENYA

The Nairobi Partnership Committee has received \$210.00 in matching donations to the \$500.00 challenge grant. This modest school on the outskirts of Nairobi provides vocational training to women with children and/or women with AIDS. It also has a very small program for at risk teenage boys. Contact Randi Hetrick, for more information (hey buy a raffle ticket while you are at it for the African quilt); deadline for the matching grant is October 31, 2007.

Religious Education NEWS – The U.U. Post

A special edition newsletter presented by the upper elementary
“Travel in Time” kids. Here is part two of their newspaper.

WHAT U.U. MEANS TO ME ...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.

WHO WAS WILLIAM ELLERY CHANNING? BY CASEY WILLIAM ELLERY CHANNING DIDN'T WANT TO BE PART OF A RELIGION THAT BELIEVED THAT ONLY A FEW PEOPLE WOULD BE SAVED FROM THE FIRES OF HELL. HE BELONGED TO A CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, BUT AFTER HE CALLED THE CALVINIST DOCTRINE AN INSULT TO GOD AND A MANMADE PLEA FOR THE RETURN OF JESUS' TEACHINGS. THIS CAUSED THE CHURCH TO SEPARATE – SOME STAYED CALVINISTS AND SOME LEFT TO BECOME UNITARIAN. WILLIAM ELLERY CHANNING WAS THE FOUNDER OF THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION.

George deBenneville By Skye George deBenneville believed that God loves and will save everybody. People choose for themselves to act badly or good. It was very dangerous to preach religion. It had to be done secretly. He left France to preach in Holland and Germany. He also became a doctor and went to America. Twice a year he traveled all over the colonies preaching his Universalist ideas. He helped anybody for each side, no matter who they were.

R.E. In October

October 7th: Regular Classes Begin

October 14th: Regular Classes

October 21st: Regular Classes

October 28th: Pre-School to Middle School – **Halloween Party**

YRUU (High School) Teens – Regular Class

“After Hours” YRUU Group

The YRUU's (high school teens) will meet on Sunday, October 21st from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the teen room at Temple Beth Tikvah. Parents will be asked to complete a special permission slip. YRUU's should look for e-mails announcing dates, times, and meeting places for upcoming meetings and events.

October Mini-Con YRUU's and their parents ... Mark your calendars for the weekend of October 26th through October 28th. A youth conference will be held at the UU Fellowship of San Diego in Solano Beach. Check the YRUU display board for more information and registration materials.

Parent Meeting

A parent special meeting will be held on Sunday, October 14th following church service. Parents will be given the opportunity to learn more about this school year's curriculum, register their children and youth, and sign up to help in our R.E. program. Your attendance is important.

R.E. Committee Meeting

Join fellow parents and interested adults on Sunday, October 7th following service in the Youth Chapel for October's RE committee meeting. All are welcome to attend. Childcare is provided.

UUCF Weekend at Camp de Benneville Pines

November 9-11, 2007

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 9-11, 2007 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) @ \$147 per adult	<input type="text"/>	# of teens in a 4- or 6-person room @ \$84 per teen (ages 13-19)	<input type="text"/>
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# of adults in a 2-person room (double bed in regular cabins) @ \$121 per adult	<input type="text"/>	# of children (ages 3-12) @ \$63 per child	<input type="text"/>
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# of adults in a 4- or 6-person room (bunk beds) @ \$115 per adult	<input type="text"/>	Total Amount Enclosed (We cannot guarantee a refund for cancellations after Nov. 1)	<input type="text" value="\$"/>
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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) _____

UU Church in Fullerton Calendar - October 2007

Oct 1	Mon	9:30a Fuddy Duddies	Contact Jan Lillibridge
		7:00p Women's Wisdom Circle	At the home of Barbara Keller . Topic: Could We Live Without Our Animals?
Oct 2	Tue	Movie and Dinner with Rev. Jon Dobrer	Contact Marlies Worley for title, time, and location
Oct 7	Sun	10:30a -11:45a Mother Teresa & The Rebbe of Lublin (A Meditation on Faith & Doubt).	Sermon by Rev. Jon Dobrer , memorial service for Lorraine Rothman at 12:00
		12:00p RE Committee	
		12:15p Welcoming Congregation Event in the Social Hall	What We Know And How We Learned It. Lunch and child care provided. Bring a sack lunch for your child. (<i>may be rescheduled</i>)
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At Marie Callender's , Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull .
		RE School Year Begins	See Liz Heaton for details.
Oct 9	Tue	7:00p Board Meeting.	Held at Temple Beth Tikvah .
Oct 11	Thu	11:45a Men's Lunch Group	Meet at Carrow's in Fullerton
Oct 13	Sat	Circle Supper Night	Held at the homes of our members
Oct 14	Sun	9:00a UU and You	New class for those who would like to learn more about our faith. Contact Dick Cole or Gloria May
		10:30a -11:45a How To Read The Bible	Sermon by Rev. Jon Dobrer
		12:00p Social Action Committee Meeting	Contact Bill Bryant
		12:15p Welcoming Congregation Workshop in the Social Hall	Topic: Common Elements of Oppression . Contact Lesley Mahaffey
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At Marie Callender's , Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull .
Oct 15	Mon	7:00p Investment Club	Contact Gwen Fyke or Brad Woodhull .
		7:00p Women's Wisdom Circle	Contact Barbara Keller for topic and location
Oct 19	Fri	7:00p Bridge Night	Contact Claude Coppel
Oct 21	Sun	9:00a "UU and You"	New Class for those interested in learning more about our faith. Contact Dick Cole or Gloria May
		10:30a -11:45a Transitory Glory & Lasting Blessings	Sermon by Rev. Jon Dobrer
		12:00p Drumming Circle	First meeting and practice session. Contact Judi Herz
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At Marie Callender's , Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull .
Oct 23	Tue	5:30p Welcoming Congregation Workshop	In the Social Hall. Contact Lesley Mahaffey
Oct 24	Wed	11:45a Men's Lunch Group	Meet at Carrows in Fullerton , every 4th Wednesday.
Oct 26	Fri	7:00p Foreign Food Friday	Location TBA. Contact Lou Arnwine
Oct 27	Sat	Halloween Party Fundraiser	Contact Bill Bryant sponsored by Social Action
Oct 28	Sun	10:30a -11:45a My Trip to The Holy Land	Sermon by Michael Eshun
		12:15p Welcoming Congregation Workshop in the Social Hall	Topic: Gender Socialization and Homophobia . Contact Lesley Mahaffey
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At Marie Callender's , Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull .
		Trick or Treat for UNICEF	At the service

UUCF Info

President: Mary Rhodes

Board members: Lou Amwine, Ed Tschabrun*, Catherine Gallaher, Will Nettleship,
Tom Stark, Kathey Schuster, Susan Perlson and Mike Steiner.

*Welcome to the board brother Ed!

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Sunday Task Volunteers October, 2007

Greeters	Set Up Sanctuary	Take Down Sanctuary	Flowers	Refreshments	Milk for Coffee Service (1 Quart)
7th					
Donita Fitzpatrick Eleanor Nichols Jeanne Preble Tom Thoward	Michael & Chris Mahaffey	Terry Selby Bonnie Roncyolo	Dana Bianco	_____* _____*	_____*
14th					
Patrick Barbush Lou Arnwine Dick Cole Gwen Fyke	Doug Schneider Tom Thornward	Tom & Aaron Stark	Catherine Gallaher	_____* _____*	_____*
21st					
Del Blanchard Linda Summers Judy Sterling Swanson	Dean Fischman	Charlie Everett Mike Steiner	Katie Hettinger	_____* _____*	_____*
28th					
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