



Services begin at 10:30 am

Sunday Services for March:

March 2: On Faith, Hope & Charity

March 9: Why Bad Things Happen: The Perils of Explanations

March 16: What Inspires Us? Special guest speaker Ms. Helton*

March 23: Easter Family Service & Flower Communion

March 30: Justice Sunday: The Theology & Logic of Justice –

DRAWING FOR AFRICAN QUILT



Jemima Puddle-duck



- About our March 16th service, Beatrix Potter, writer, painter and member of the Unitarian Church, got her inspiration from many different sources. Her little books, which have been loved by children the world over, were carefully crafted. Whenever her prose needed "chastening," as she put it, she turned to Shakespeare and the King James Bible. Her artwork reflected the flora and fauna she saw around her. Using her own pets as characters and models for her

illustrations, she combined reality with imagination to create her tales, which have delighted generations. "What heaven can be more real than to retain the spirit-world of childhood, tempered and balanced by knowledge and common-sense." she wrote. This program encourages young people to find inspiration in their own lives and the world around them.

FULLERTON COLD WEATHER SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS AT THE ARMORY on the corner of Brookhurst and Valencia in Fullerton.

Meet every Wednesday at 5:30 PM to help out. Contact Bill Bryant

Save the date - Sat. May 10th Food Loving Guys Raising Funds for FIES"....at the Astor's Classic museum. Bill Bryant will be one of 30 amateur chefs preparing his famous chili! This will be a last opportunity to see this incredible collection of 300 classic cars, radios and televisions because the Astor is closing, \$50.00 per person ticket price. FIES is one of the service organizations UUCF has collaborated with for many years, helping families in need.

What parent has not prayed to change places with a sick, or even a dying, child? What child has not wept at the pain of an aging parent? As my wife, the Fair Helenekela, rehabs from her knee replacement and I put her through her painful paces, I would change places in a heartbeat. It is far easier for me to hurt than to cause her tears.

In the military, a soldier will throw himself (and now herself) on a grenade without conscious thought and certainly adverse to personal interest. A mother bird or human mother will lure danger away from the nest and interpose her body between the threat and her offspring. Deep in the genetic code is the drive to protect the future and care for our offspring.

Since the beginning of recorded time we have danced, sung, painted, pleaded, fought, lied and died for love. It is fundamental to what makes us human beings. I'm obviously not simply talking about sex and mating—all the other life forms higher than amoebas mate. Indeed, "birds do it; bees do it; even educated fleas do it." But love is more, much more, than the male drive to inseminate and the female drive to select good genes for babies and a good provider for the family unit. Human love is far more than lust, recreation or even re-creation. It is empathy, sympathy, sacrifice and generosity.

The Greeks had three words for love so that we wouldn't confuse affection, lust and devotion: Eros, Phil and Agape. Eros is romantic love. Phil is attraction and devotion (Philosophy being love/devotion to wisdom). Agape is usually understood as the acceptance of the other—flaws, faults, warts and all. The classic example is God's love for flawed humanity. These three words are connected by, well, connection. They all connect us to the world and to others. They connect our hearts to a special kind of generosity. Parents, animal and human, will take enormous risks for love—sometimes from instinct and sometimes despite some seemingly strong instincts. Human beings have the possibility of choosing against instinct. We can, if we put our minds to it, come to believe our children are not the most precious and important things in the world. We can try to maximize our own pleasure and not understand the selfless generosity that is built in to our genetic code.

Love, as Agape and not simply Eros, is based on the instinct in animals and insight in humans that we are not the single most important entities in all the universe. This is a liberating epiphany. As babies, we are only our needs and demands—feed me, hold me, change me, love me. As adolescents, we begin to have a compassionate sense of others and how two are so much more than one plus one. As mature adults and parents or grandparents, we begin to get—consciously or unconsciously—that the needs, desires, happiness and survival of others may be even more important than our own. While other animals may act on this by instinct alone, we are free to choose or ignore these better angels of our genetic inheritance.

Someone once defined civilization as the stifling of our basic animal drives for the sake of civil society. This is in my view 100% half true. The other half is that civilization sometimes stifles the genes of generosity by celebrating our individuality as if it were an unambiguous virtue. Where romantic love meets devotional love is in the bonding that makes us sense our best selves. I think we often love the people who help us feel about ourselves the way we want to feel, the people who can show us, reveal to us, goodness and generosity that surprises and fulfills us, who can open up our hearts beyond the lonely skin-sack of self and connect us to each other, the world and the future beyond ourselves. When we squirrel away for the future care of the family, instead of the immediate gratification of that giant flat screen TV (which I still lust for, but don't need), when we give to our children, the children of the world, a religious group, political party, or scholarship fund—we feel good. We remind ourselves that our short time here in the sunlight has meaning, power and effects beyond its visible manifestation. We love in order to know that we are not alone and to be connected, physically and spiritually, with each other and the future. Love liberates us from selfishness and opens our hearts to frightening vulnerability as well as to exciting and courageous growth. It sets our hearts dancing.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—MARCH 2008

I hope that as many of us as possible will be able to join in the Temple Work Day scheduled for after church on Sunday, March 9th. There are various projects that would welcome additional hands to work on for a few hours. This is our spiritual home and we want to participate part in this opportunity to assist however we can in its springtime maintenance and sprucing.

Be sure to save the date of Saturday evening, April 5th for the annual Fellowship Dinner to be held in the social hall. This traditional and important event commemorates our growth, recognizes the many individuals whose contributions of time and effort help make us what we are, and points us ahead toward looking at our goals and vision for the future. Fun is sure to be had by all!

Due to personal reasons, Marlies Worley has stepped down from the Worship Committee as of the end of February. We want to thank her heartily for her diligent, devoted, and conscientious service on the committee, especially as Chair for the past several years, during which she has orchestrated so many varied and inspiring Sunday services. Doris Dressler-Clark has been appointed to serve as interim Worship Chair. In July the Worship Committee will submit a permanent committee chair to the Board for approval. Best wishes and thanks for your willingness, Doris, as you take on this vital role!

In peace and fellowship,

Mary Rhodes

 **Thank You** Cathy Boon!!!

The Service Auction was a huge success due to the efforts of CATHY BOON who worked tirelessly for months to make it happen we are all so appreciative of her and her family who loaned Cathy to us until the auction.

Service Auction Results: (such good news for the financial stability of UUCF) The children's table made \$104.25, the raffle made \$855, the Auction made \$15,350 (after expenses), for a total profit of **\$16,300**. UUCF thanks EVERYONE who volunteered their time, talents, or treasures to help make the Auction a great success. Every contribution, large or small, was important. Special thanks to Bill and Doreen Bryant and the set up team, Jon Dobrer, our auctioneer, Jim Fyke and the member donations team, Jim Garner, Harry Langenbacher and the computer team, Linda Lillibridge, and the social committee.

Note: If you accidentally picked up a Dichroic glass pendant (it was a little confusing at the jewelry table, it was purchased by someone else, please contact Cathy to figure out what you actually purchased and the pendant is delivered to the proper bidder.

March 9th ADULT RE CLASS FOCUSES ON UNITARIANETHICS

Do we observe the seven Unitarian Universalist Principles in our daily life? Do we live our Affirmation? Can we find moral and ethical inspiration in the writings of famous UUs such as Emerson or Thoreau? Your thoughts and feelings are valued, so please come and share them. Ed Tschabrun will serve as facilitator. The meeting will be held in the upper parking lot classroom beginning at 9 AM.



Contact Dennis Spiro

Benefit Concert for Habitat for Humanity

"Music from the Sixties to the New Millennium"

Sunday, March 2 This concert is being held at the First Christian Church at 109 E. Wilshire, Fullerton, to benefit Habitat for Humanity. This year's program is a celebration of the 50 years of CSUF presented by the "Preeminents" from CSUF Musical Theatre Department. Tickets are \$25.

CROP WALK IS COMING: Please join Doris Dressler-Clark in signing up on our team's webpage through <http://www.churchworldservice.org> or <http://www.cropwalk.org> and follow links to UU church. Add your name to become a Unitarian Universalist Church team member and begin soliciting funds on line from family, friends, etc. Just scroll down under "Team" to find our church and add your name. Donations are accepted through credit cards or a check may be mailed. Last year we were the second highest contributors in Fullerton. We need your help to secure at least that position again. A portion of all donations goes to FIES. The Crop Walk, about three miles through parts of Fullerton, will be on April 27. Can't walk that far? Won't be in town? Have other plans that day? Help our team by contributing to one of our walkers or our team on that website. This year our UU logo and name will be printed on all Crop Walk t-shirts, thanks to Jim Gallagher's creative design skills. They will be on sale for \$1 to all walkers. Thanks for your support for this most worthy cause.

Your UU Team Captain - **Doris Dressler-Clark**



Work Day at the Temple on March 9. Join all your UU friends and Temple Beth Tikvah neighbors on March 9 after our service to participate in a work day at the Temple. There will be jobs for people of all ages, so plan to include the entire family. Teens are encouraged to attend since one of the tasks will be the painting of the teen room. Signups are required since we will be providing lunch to the workers before they begin. So join us for a couple of hours on a Sunday afternoon, get to know our Temple friends better, get some exercise, and help to welcome spring by improving our surroundings. Contact Donnette for more information or to sign up.

ICUU sponsored a leadership training conference for leaders of emerging UU groups in Africa, February 7-12, 2008. The nearly 50 conference participants included ministers, lay-leaders and board members. The conference focused on stated needs from the emerging groups themselves - including theological foundations of liberal religion, theories and practice of worship and religious education, congregational organization and governance, and decision-making in pluralistic systems. Worship was an integral part of the program as well as the subject of study; participants helped prepare and lead daily worship services...” *the experience for them has been exhilarating. They came from Nigeria, Burundi, Congo and Uganda, joining the many Kenyan UUs.*” It is remarkable this conference was able to be held considering all the violent turmoil in Kenya, especially for the participants from the Kisii region. A recent e-mail I received states, “*Over 100 people have taken refuge at the Ongari farm, fortunately not burned to the ground, (this is in Kisii district run by UU’s) and there is a shortage of everything, as you can well imagine. While the threat of violence still fills the air, it’s ebbing and hopefully the plans for shared governing will end it once and for all.*” Through fund raising efforts \$500.00 was sent to help pay for this conference through UUCF. The drawing for the African quilt, woven placemats and hand carved bone chalice necklace will be held March 29th, Justice Sunday. Editor – Randi Hetrick

Another Big, Big Thank You is in order, Marlies Worley thank you for all the time you have given UUCF as Worship Committee Chair (as well as many other positions of leadership including President for goodness sakes!).

“After many years on the worship committee I am stepping down from the committee and leaving you in the experienced and worthy hands of our worship committee --new interim chairperson Doris Dressler-Clark, Dana Bianco, Dean Fischman, Christina Garner, Jim Garner, Barbara Keller and new member Anne Thorward. Thanks also to my committee, Jon Dobrer, Judi Herz--and all who helped me and us to create worship that has been meaningful and inspirational according to your frequent feedback. Thank you all!” Marlies Worley

Conference Report: A number of congregants from UUCf, including Ms. Worley and the new worship chairperson, Ms. Dressler-Clark attended "Creating Worship Teams for the Future" at the UU Church in Costa Mesa last month. This was an incredible workshop with many of the UU churches in our district in attendance. Rev. Dr. John Tolley from Meadville Lombard Theological School was the keynote speaker and was just excellent. His topic was "Worship and the Arts" and then there were eight breakout groups led by local ministers: Dance/Movement, Multi-media, Music, Creative Dramatics, Visual Arts, Worship Teams and Storytelling/Intergenerational. All excellent! Kevin Drewery, the Director of Lifespan at the UU Congregation of Las Vegas, and seminary student shared this quote with me ...

I am only one
But still I am one.
I cannot do everything.
But I can do something.
And because I cannot do everything
I will not refuse to do the
Something that I can do.

- Edward Everett Hale -

John Tolley's message of "Do it simple, but do it well," was best exemplified in Storytelling in Worship by Rev. Erika Hewitt. Rev. Hewitt offered a hands-on approach to storytelling and provided basic guidelines to draw in the audience - both young and old. Using just a few props and a well-rehearsed story, words can come to life and move from simply sound to the dramatics.

The use of storytelling to illustrate a common theme that carries through the adult sermon and in the children's program for that Sunday is a just one opportunity to unite families in discussion outside of our meeting place. Whether or not the children go to their classrooms or remain upstairs for an inter-generational sermon, we all share a common message for the day. It will take a great deal more teamwork, but the results are worth it.

After all, we only offer one hour of worship a week - religion needs to continue outside our doors and into the home.

Liz Heaton Director of Religious Education



Alternative Egg Hunt

This year there will be a “twist” on the annual egg hunt and we need your help. Eggs will be filled with pocket change. Congregants are asked to bring in eggs filled with pocket change, or just change for a special collection for Orange County Animal Care Services on Sunday, March 16th and March 23rd. Teens will fill and hide the eggs for the egg hunt On March 23rd. We'll also have some special toy and candy-filled eggs too.

YRUU Teens Are All Aboard to Santa Barbara

A group of teens in the company of their teen advisor, Christina Garner, boarded Amtrak to Santa Barbara for a recent social action mini-con. This was the first mini-con experience for the group and here's what they had to say

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Michael: "It was my first experience with the UU church and really got me acquainted with the people and the church itself."

Emmanuel: "My most memorable experience at the mini-con was playing Wink with all the people at the mini-con. I also enjoyed the junk-food run. I think that they should have organized money more and there should have been more social action."

Paige: "I had so much fun. I made a whole lot of friends there and I would like to go to another mini-con soon. I liked seeing UU's my age and I enjoyed hanging out with them. Seeing other kids my age that shared my beliefs was really insightful."

Rachel: "We met lots of new people with similar interests, played games, cleaned a park, and discussed global topics - Invisible Children." (Invisible Children <http://www.invisiblechildren.org> is an organization devoted to create awareness of the plight of Northern Ugandans caught in the midst of a civil war between the government and the resistance army who makes extensive use of kidnapping children as a means of making child soldiers.)

Religious Education for March

- March 2nd: Regular Classes Meet
- March 9th: Regular Classes Meet
- March 16th: The Tale of Beatrix Potter
- Intergenerational Service for Children and Adults (Childcare will be available)
- March 23rd: Easter Service and Flower Communion - Alternative Egg Hunt for Charity
- March 30th: Regular Classes Meet

The Orange County Animal Care Services is also hosting a special community service day for youth on Saturday, March 15th. For more information, please go to <http://www.ocpetinfo.com/>.

“After Hours” YRUU Group

- Sunday, March 9th: **Workday at the Temple.** Stay after the service if you would like to help paint the teen room. See Liz Heaton to sign up.
- March 14th – March 16th: **Mini-Con!** The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguita in Solana Beach is hosting a Spirituality Mini-Con. Teens and teen parents please check your e-mail or contact Celeste Mendelson at for more information.
- April 25th – April 27th: **District Assembly** is coming to Del Mar. There will be worship, spiritual growth, workshops, and fellowship for teens. Please contact Liz Heaton if you are interested in attending. More information will be available soon.

UU Church in Fullerton Calendar

March 2008

Mar 2	Sun	10:30a -11:45a On Faith, Hope, and Charity	Sermon by Rev. Jon Dobrer
		12:00p Luncheon & Open House	Meet in the social hall. Religious Education families only please.
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At Marie Callender's , Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull .
Mar 3	Mon	9:30a Fuddy Duddies	Contact Jan Lillibridge
		7:00p Women's Wisdom Circle	Contact Barbara Keller for topic and location
Mar 4	Tue	Movie and Dinner with Rev. Jon Dobrer	Contact Marlies Worley for movie title, time, and location
Mar 7	Fri	6:00p Youth RE Committee Meeting	At the home of Liz Heaton. Contact Susan Perlson for details.
Mar 8	Sat	Circle Suppers	
Mar 9	Sun	9:00a Adult Religious Education	Focus on UU Ethics. Do we live our 7 principles? Do we live our Affirmation? Classroom upstairs. Contact Dennis Spiro.
		10:30a -11:45a Why Bad Things Happen: The Perils of Explanations	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 .
		12:30p Work Day at the Temple	Stay after the service to help out
Mar 11	Tue	7:00p Board Meeting	
Mar 12	Wed	11:45a Men's Lunch Group	Meet at Carrows in Fullerton , every 4th Wednesday.
Mar 16	Sun	10:30a -11:45a Sunday Service	Presentation by Judith Helton . Ms. Helton, a professional actress, will give a one-woman performance of the beloved writer Beatrix Potter. Intergenerational service. Childcare provided.
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At Marie Callender's , Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull .
		11:30p Third World Gifts and Hand Arts	Purchase items from this non-profit group after the service and help women in third world countries
Mar 17	Mon	7:00p Investment Club	Contact Gwen Fyke or Brad Woodhull .
		7:00p Women's Wisdom Circle	Contact Barbara Keller for topic and location
Mar 18	Tue	5:30p All Souls Potluck	Meet in the social hall. No pork or shellfish please
		6:30p Salon discussion with Rev. Jon Dobrer	Topic: Nature and the Religious Impulse
Mar 21	Fri	7:00p Bridge Night	Contact Claude Coppel
Mar 23	Sun	10:30a -11:45a Easter Service	Sermon by Rev. Jon Dobrer
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At Marie Callender's , Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull .
		Egg Hunt & Flower Communion	
Mar 27	Thu	11:45a Men's Lunch Group	
Mar 28	Fri	7:00p Foreign Foods Friday	Contact Lou Arnwine to sign up and for restaurant information
Mar 30	Sun	9:00a UU and You	
		10:30a -11:45a Justice Sunday: The Theology & Logic of Justice	Sermon by Rev. Jon Dobrer
		12:00p Church Leadership Event	In the social hall
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At Marie Callender's , Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull .
		UUSC Justice Sunday	

UUCF President: Mary Rhodes

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

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