

# The CommUUnicator

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## Sermon Schedule

Sunday, Jan. 1 – 10:30 AM

*Ben, Arthur, and Will*

Presented by guest speaker  
Rev. Mike Nickolaus

Sunday, Jan. 8 – 10:30 AM

*My Path to Humanism*

Presented by guest speaker  
Peter Anderson, President, Humanist Association of Orange County

Sunday, Jan. 15 – 10:30 AM

*Daring to Dream—Reflections on  
Martin Luther King*

Presented by Rev. Jon Dobrer

Sunday, Jan. 22 – 10:30 AM

*Welcoming Our Fears*

Presented by Rev. Jon Dobrer

Sunday, Jan. 29 – 10:30 AM

*Happy New Year!*

Presented by Rev. Jon Dobrer

## **New Year's Morning**

For the hale and hearty and for those who will go to bed early New Year's Eve, we will have a pancake breakfast on New Year's morning. Our speaker is the Rev. Mike Nickolaus, who spoke to us earlier this year. Mike is a motivational speaker who was well received on his last visit with a standing ovation from the congregation.

A few volunteers are needed to make and serve the brunch. Contact Al Danzig to offer assistance.

## **Service Auction – Feb. 11 at 5 PM**

**\$5 per adult**

The biggest social event of the year is the Service Auction. This year, the Silent Auction and dinner will be offered during the first 2 hours, starting at 5PM. Come early so you will have a chance to eat and bid on all the wonderful items we will have available. The Live auction will start at 7PM with Jon Dobrer as our auctioneer. If you have never attended the Service Auction before, just ask around and you will discover that this is the highlight of the evening.

Babysitting will be provided downstairs for your convenience. Pizza will also be served downstairs for the children.

Don't dare miss this annual event! And this year we are having a catered **TACO GRILL**. Carne Asada tacos, chicken tacos, and quesadillas will be grilled on the patio and the caterer is also bringing homemade rice, beans, and salsa. Beer, wine, and soda will be available for purchase. The wonderful ladies of the Social Committee will be serving desserts during the intermission in the Live Auction. We will have some music to keep you in the bidding mood, and a special table for the "Red Hatters" in our congregation. And back by popular demand will be the raffle of the "Basket of Money". So even if you don't want to bid on anything, come for the food and the party. Buy a ticket to win the money, have some Mexican food and a glass of wine and join in the fun.

There will also be a "Boutique Table" this year. This table will be full of inexpensive items, all under \$10, that you can purchase right on the spot without the trouble of bidding. So bring some cash in case you see something there that you just can't live without. And if you have any items that you might like to contribute to that table, bring them along with you that night.

**You have until January 11, 2006 to get all your personal donations turned into Jim and Gwen Fyke and all your business donations turned into Dana Bianco.** If you have tickets or gift certificates, please give those to Dana also. Other items for the auction will need to be brought to the Social Hall on the day of the auction anytime after 3:30 PM. If this is not possible, you can bring them with you when you come at 5 PM. If you are donating something large, or are donating but not able to attend the auction and need a pick up, please call Donnette Guiltinan to make arrangements.

The charge for the auction this year will be \$5 per adult. And don't forget to bring your checkbooks because you will need to pay for the items you have won at the end of the evening. We cannot take credit cards. Also, bring along your calendar so you can fill in all the dinners, game nights, and parties that you will be taking home with you!! See you all on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Donnette Guiltinan, Service Auction Chair

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**Unitarian Universalist Church in Fullerton**

1600 North Acacia Avenue - Fullerton, California

*Service on Sundays at 10:30 AM*

As this year comes to an end, I want to thank you for your great kindness and support. This amazing congregation showed me personally what we are capable of. You modeled to me, during my might back crisis, surgery and recovery, patience and love.

In my years with you, I have seen you give this kind of active understanding to others and have always known its value, but there is nothing like feeling it personally. At our sharing of joys and concerns, when I ask you to share information about where you want our “calls, cards, covered dishes and prayers directed,” some wonder what difference this kind of sharing makes. I am here to testify that it means a great deal.

“Service is our prayer,” we recite every Sunday. Our cards, calls, covered dishes, hours at the armory, working with FIES, visiting the shut-ins and hospitalized all make a real difference in the lives of real people—both whom we touch directly and many whom we will never meet.

Our food collection every Sunday is a model of involvement and responsibility being not something in addition to our worship service but an integral part of what worship means to us. “Worship” comes from the Dutch “worthship.” It means holding up those things we find to be of worth in our lives. Caring for each other, utter strangers and our planet are clearly of worth. How we care may enter the political but that active faith, faith that finds expression in not just internal prayers but moves from our hearts to our hands and helps heal the brokenness of the world; that is intrinsic to our religious affirmation.

We come together to get charged up to engage the world. Our Mighty Choir provides inspiration and beauty; our hymn singing transcends the words and joins us in experiencing the whole, the harmony to be more than the sum of its

parts. The Children’s Program is our commitment to the future and a reminder that our work is not done. There is much we must do to prepare a better world for them. We pass on to them, in our programs, the experience of what we value. Words and affirmations are like all rituals—they are reminders of how to act, not replacements actions for our true responsibilities.

Throughout this year, we have grown as a community—not simply in numbers but in depth. As this year closes, let me repeat how very proud I am of you, of what you accomplish separately and together every day in acts of loving kindness and how lucky I feel to be part of this community.

I wish you all a Happy New Year and a Year that brings peace to our hearts and to the world. I join in the great prayer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi and ask that we all become instruments of peace.

**New Years Greetings**



Best of wishes to all the wonderful UUs

**--Dawn and Bill Pumphrey**

The Best from the 3 Kings--health, happiness & good cheer

**--Alice Dyer**

Good Health, Love and Peace in the New Year. Love you,

**--Del Blanchard**

Cheers from our home to yours, and have a very healthy and Happy New Year!

**--Judi Herz & Al Danzig,  
Max, Tacoma, Jake, Rainbow, Gumby & Pokey**

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If you would like to place a tribute, an announcement or ad, please submit your request to Gwen Fyke by the SECOND TUESDAY of the month.

## President's Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! At this writing I have just returned from the Longest Night Service where the Fullerton Interfaith Ministerial Association clergy presented an inspiring and healing service. Our Minister, Jon Dobrer was the keynote speaker. He was fabulous and tied up all the other clergy's messages beautifully. Our UUCF choir did a beautiful job and I heard many compliments about them and, of course, about Jon. I feel inspired and hopeful. We can be together and work together even though our theologies differ. While we differ, we have more commonalities than differences and I believe this is what should be concentrated on. I not only tolerate these faiths and clergy, I accept, respect and admire them.

For me, tolerance is not enough--acceptance is the key. It always seems like the New Year is a good time to think about the past year and evaluate it. UUCF, I believe, had a good year--one filled with joy, celebration and an incredibly warm and giving community that has met the many challenges that have crossed its path. We had a very successful membership drive with many people joining during the drive. (For the whole year we had 26 people become members.) We had a delicious, wonderful and entertaining Holiday Dinner, our Social Action Committee is doing great work in the world outside our doors, our Sunshine Committee continues to support those in need and our Children's Religious Education program continues to fully meet the needs of our youngest congregants each week. This is only part of the list of what we do and how we make a difference to each other and those less fortunate.

What does the future hold? I'll give just one example though there is much more. We have created a new sub-committee to membership which will deal with new members and friends. They will be contacting our many new members and friends to see how they are doing and adjusting to their experiences here at UUCF. I foresee this committee being very helpful to newer peo-

ple's sense of connectedness and finding their place at UUCF. We are a very friendly congregation, but it is sometimes difficult for people to find their place in an established community. We do a great job in general, but as we grow it gets harder and harder to keep track of who is new and who has been here awhile. I believe this committee will be able to track these newer congregants and find out what their needs are and help those needs to be filled.

We did not have a board meeting in December, so there is no summary of minutes. The board of trustees is incredible—made up of dedicated and talented people who work very hard to take care of our money and policy issues.

I am VERY grateful to these wonderful people--they have been so easy to work with and so helpful and cooperative. Again, I wish you all a Happy New Year and may our church continue to thrive and strive to make the world and our lives better!!

*"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe." --Anatole France*

With Faith,  
Marlies

## Social Action Committee

There has been a good turnout of volunteers on Wednesday nights at the National Guard Armory in Fullerton, but additional people are always welcome. We meet in the Armory parking lot at 5 PM.

The committee has allocated \$350 to purchase underwear, etc. for the homeless this winter. Call Daniel Guy if you would like to participate.

## Welcome New Members

### Bill and Doreen Bryant

Doreen was born and raised right here in Southern California and Bill was born in Lincoln Nebraska, but raised in Southern California. They met on a blind date arranged by a mutual friend while in High School. Doreen teaches 8<sup>th</sup> grade social studies in Ontario, while Bill works as a Sales Representative. They live in Diamond Bar where they raised three children, and are now the grandparents of 8. Their hobbies include collecting birdhouses and model farm tractors. They also like to take trips in their sports car.

Having drifted from organized religion for many years they decided they wanted something more in their lives. Based upon what little they knew about Unitarian Universalism they searched the Internet and found UUCF. After attending since August, and participating in camp deBenneville Pines, and the welcome feeling they received from the membership, they decided to sign the membership book in December.

### Katie Hettinger

Katie is a native Californian. She enjoyed a happy childhood in the Midwest; Nebraska and Ohio, with a brief unpleasant period in Texas during the Cuban Missal Crisis. She returned to CA during junior high, graduated from Villa Park High and San Diego State University.

Her Career in Graphic Design started here and continued in Ohio, upstate New York and Utah. In 1999 Katie returned to Orange, CA joining her son, David, who came ahead to care for his grandparents Sue and Bill Anderson.

Her interest in the broader views of UU thought began in college and came to fruition at First UU church of Salt Lake City. She found UU of Fullerton the old fashioned way in the phone book and it has been a great fit from day one.

Presently Katie facilitated the Artist's Workshop at the Anaheim Museum and would love to invite any congregation members interested in working from a live model to attend.



Celebrating the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part

## wUUrld's 2006 WhaleCoast Alaska

Five Alaskan UU fellowships invite other UUs to our eco-cultural programs in June, July and August 2006. See the *REAL* Alaska! Alaskan UU's provide B & B accommodations in their homes in Anchorage, Seward, Fairbanks, Juneau and Sitka, lead tours and hikes and host parties. Visit with Tlingit, Inupiat and other Native Alaskans. See whales, sea otters, sea lions, seals, bears, moose, caribou, wolves, puffins, eagles and other birds in the wild from the Arctic Ocean to the Inside Passage in the south, and visit Denali and other national parks. Rev. Dick & Mary Weston-Jones, leaders. Visit website <http://www.wuurld.org> or phone toll-free 1 (888) 998-8753 for a brochure. Taking reservations now.

## deBenneville Pines Elementary Winter Camp

**President's Weekend,  
Sat, 2/18 - Mon, 2/20/06**



Come to Winter Camp and experience the simple pleasures of sledding, building snow people and sipping cups of hot chocolate by the fire with old and new friends. **For youth in Grades 2-6 and their parents.** We will provide a full program and program staff. You come and spend the weekend playing with your children and enjoying the simple life!

Experience Unitarian Universalist community at its best, in the mountains at our beautiful UU camp. We will play, worship, eat, walk, create and sing together.

Contact Caroline Quintanilla to register or for additional information.

**2nd Annual UU Legislative  
Ministry -  
Leadership Development Day:  
Empowering Justice - January 21**

*Hosted by Neighborhood UU Church, Pasadena*

*Co-sponsored by the UU Legislative Ministry, and  
the UUSC Southern CA*

In addition to training focused on strengthening the spiritual foundation of, broadening involvement in, and building collaboration among our UU social justice ministries, we will be offering more in depth training in the following areas:

\*\*UU Legislative Ministry's new "Thirsty for Justice" curriculum - bringing UU values to bear on critical California water issues

\*\*Organizing with California Faith for Equality, helping to stop anti-gay efforts to amend the CA constitution to take away existing domestic partnership protections and prohibit marriage for same-sex couples

\*\*Building a grassroots movement for single payer, universal health insurance

\*\*The interfaith collaboration to put the Children's Health Initiative on the ballot

And... we will continue our tradition of good worship, good music, good food, and good company.

High school and college age UUs who are interested in faith based activism are also most welcome to participate.

Home hospitality (Friday night) and childcare are available by advanced reservation.

To Register (by January 15th) on-line or download and print our registration form at <http://www.uulmca.org/programs/events.html>

**Hear the roar! Feel the mist! See the  
mighty Niagara Falls!  
July 16-29, 2006**

Come experience the wonder of Niagara Falls including some great educational opportunities while being taken care of like royalty. The UU Church of Niagara is conducting a four day UU Niagara Experience which is a lifetime opportunity to encounter the Falls up close from every prospective, even safely riding beneath a tethered balloon. Spend four days with us exploring the rich historical and natural wonders around the Falls. For information visit our website:

<http://www.uunex.net/>

Email: [info@uunex.net](mailto:info@uunex.net)

Telephone: (716) 791-4453

**UU Association News**

**Hats Off!**

The Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations celebrates and thanks the individual and congregational donors who so selflessly made possible the work of our Association in 2004-05. Their gifts are chronicled in the *Annual Report on Giving*, now online at

<http://www.uua.org/giving/annualreport2005.pdf>.

The report gives examples of ways that such generosity furthers our shared vision of a strong faith and a more just world. Thank you, all.

**Interested in UU Social Witness?**

UUs will debate, discuss and vote on several issues of vital importance when they gather in St. Louis, MO for next June's General Assembly. It's important for our delegates to have considered input, so check out the material from the Commission on Social Witness at <http://www.uua.org/csw>. When our Washington Office lobbies on issues, they ground their work in the decisions made at General Assembly.

## UUA News (continued)

### ConnectUU

ConnectUU is a nationwide online database of Unitarian Universalist youth and young adult groups. You can find a group or event near you, register to get information about upcoming events and much more! Over two dozen new groups and events have been added to ConnectUU in the past month -- everything from conferences to weekly Soulful Sundown services to movie nights to campus ministry groups. So check it out! You may find exactly what you've been looking for at <http://ww.connectuu.com>

### UUs Honored as "Righteous Among Nations"

The Reverend Waitstill Sharp and Martha Sharp have been honored posthumously as "Righteous Among Nations" by the Israeli government for their work helping Jews escape Nazi persecution during World War II. The Sharps are only the second and third U.S. citizens to receive this international honor.

Rev. Sharp was the minister at the Unitarian congregation in Wellesley Hills, Mass., when he and Martha, an experienced social worker, left for Europe in 1939. Their initial work in Czechoslovakia turned into a six-year mission to help Jewish and other refugees escape from the Nazi scourge. The Sharps are two of the five founding staff members of the Unitarian Service Committee — the forerunner of today's Unitarian Universalist Service Committee — all of whom worked in Europe for the duration of the war. Read more about their work and this award at <http://www.uua.org/news>.

## PSWIRL at deBenneville Aug 20-25, 2006

The UU-oriented nonprofit Pacific SouthWest Institute of Religious Liberals invites you to their annual adult event at beautiful Camp deBenneville Pines. Relax, swim, or take part in a wide variety of workshops and activities – it's up to you!

**In addition, the theme speaker, Rev. Jon Dobrer, will give a series of talks about "Islam, Judaism and Christianity Intertwined: What Does It Mean For You?"** As well as being the UUCF minister, Jon teaches at the University of Judaism and is a syndicated columnist. He studied at USC, the University of Vienna, the Peace Corps in Tunisia and Star King. Jon tells how Judaism birthed Christianity through the midwife of Hellenic cults and how both combined in forming Islam. Our religious DNA continues to exchange and enrich these traditions for us to this day.

DeBenneville is owned and operated by the Unitarian Universalist Pacific Southwest District. It is at 6,800 feet altitude in the San Bernardino National Forest among towering pines, oaks and cedars with a creek nearby, and Jenks Lake within walking distance. It has an Olympic-size swimming pool and a large hot tub. A field trip to Big Bear Lake Solar Observatory is offered.

Per person costs range from \$325 to \$440 depending on the type of accommodation you select, and includes all meals and workshops for the week. Please ask about scholarships.

The rich program (including a list of workshops and their facilitators) is available at <http://pswirl.org> with an associated registration form. Information about Camp deBenneville Pines is available at <http://www.debenneville.org>.

Join us in our beautiful mountain camp as we welcome newcomers and greet old friends! Experience for yourself the varied offerings of PSWIRL week.



## Sunday Task Volunteers JANUARY 2006

<i>Z Greeters</i>	<i>Z to set up Sanctuary</i>	<i>Z to set up Social Hall</i>		<i>Z to take down Sanctuary</i>	<i>Z to take down Social Hall</i>	<i>Flowers</i>	<i>Z for Refreshments</i>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Service Associate: Brad Woodhull</b>							
<i>NEW YEAR'S</i>	<i>DAY—DID YOU</i>	<i>SIGN UP FOR</i>		<i>"PANCAKES"?</i>			
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Service Associate: Christina Garner</b>							
<i>Eleanor Nichols &amp; Margee Hills</i>	<i>Mike and Chris Mahaffey</i>	<i>The Mahaffeys</i>		<i>The Langenbachers</i>	<i>Tim Blaine &amp; Rafe Margolin</i>	<i>Catherine Gallaher</i>	<i>Fran Doble &amp; Jan Lillibridge</i>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Service Associate: Margee Hills</b>							
<i>Jack Theibert Linda Summers</i>	<i>The Schneiders</i>	<i>The Schneiders</i>		<i>The Starks</i>	<i>Charlie Everett &amp; Michael Steiner</i>	<i>Katie Hettinger</i>	<i>Pumphreys &amp; Mary Botts</i>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Service Associate: Lou Arnwine</b>							
<i>Del Blanchard &amp; Daniel Guy</i>	<i>Dean Fischman</i>	<i>Dean Fischman</i>		<i>Barbara Burns &amp; Terry Selby</i>	<i>The Johnsons</i>	<i>Mary Rhodes</i>	<i>Dana Bianco &amp; Lorraine Rothman</i>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> Service Associate: Carolyn Champagne</b>							
<i>Lou Arnwine &amp; Glad Sharp</i>	<i>Claude Coppel</i>	<i>The Huffingtons</i>		<i>The Daniels</i>	<i>Hart-soughMcNenny</i>	<i>Pem Candelaria</i>	<i>Judy Sterling &amp; The Mauldins</i>

***Thank you for volunteering. If you are unable to do a task, please---***

**Ask someone in the same task group to trade places with you, and let Judi Herz know that you are swapping Sundays with someone so that she can put this in the program.**

## UUCF Social and Educational Opportunities – 2004-2005

Interest Group/Activity	Schedule*	Contact Person	Location
Adult Religious Education	2nd Sun. of month 9AM	Dennis Spiro	Temple
Lunch Bunch:	Every Sunday 12:30PM	Pat Woodhull	Marie Callender's in Placentia
Fuddy Duddies	1st Monday 8:30AM	Dawn & Bill Pumphrey	Rotating
Women's Wisdom Circle	1st & 3rd Monday 7PM	Barbara Keller	Rotating
Investment Club	3rd Monday 7PM	Gwen Fyke Brad Woodhull	Contact Gwen for location
Movie and Dinner with Rev. Jon Dobrer	1st Tuesday	Marlies Worley (Jon Dobrer)	See Sunday Announcements
Board of Trustees meet- ing	2nd Tuesday 7PM	Marlies Worley	Temple
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday discussion group with Jon Dobrer	3rd Tuesday 7PM	Jon Dobrer	Temple
All Soul's Potluck & Salon Discussion group	4th Tuesday Potluck 5:30PM Salon 6:30PM	Judy Sterling (Jon Dobrer)	Temple Social Hall
Men's Lunch Group	Alternating Wed. & Thurs. 11:45AM	Brad Woodhull	Carrow's in Fullerton
Choir Practice	Every Thurs. 7PM (also Sunday 9 AM)	Judi Herz	Temple
Reading Circle	3rd Thursday 7PM	Eva Van Ginneken	Rotating
Red Hat Society	Once a month	Fran Doble	See Sunday Announcements
Bridge Night	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday 7PM	Claude Coppel	Contact Claude for location
Circle Suppers Family Circle Suppers	2nd Sat. (times vary) (Oct., Nov., Jan., Mar., May)	Mary Rhodes Barbara Burns	Rotating

**Always check monthly church calendar (newsletter AND website) and announcements in the Order Of Service for exact time and location of events--there are occasional changes. Announcements will usually give you more details about the groups or you can ask the individuals listed above. If any of this information is incorrect please contact Marlies Worley**

**Updated 12-05**

# January 2006

Jan 1	Sun	10:30a Pancake Brunch & Service	Guest Speaker Reverend <b>Mike Nickolaus</b>
		11:30a R.E. Committee Meeting	First Sunday of each month, after services.
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At <b>Marie Callender's</b> , Placentia. Contact <b>Pat Woodhull</b> .
Jan 2	Mon	8:30a Fuddy Duddies.	Meet at a home, breakfast at a restaurant. Contact <b>Dawn &amp; Bill Pumphrey</b> .
Jan 4	Wed	11:45a Men's Lunch Group	Meet at Carrow's in Fullerton.
Jan 5	Thu	7:00p Choir Practice.	
Jan 8	Sun	10:30a <b>My Path to Humanism</b>	Sermon by Guest Speaker <b>Peter Anderson</b> President, Humanist Association of Orange County
Jan 9	Mon	7:00p Women's Circle.	Call <b>Barbara Keller</b> for topic and location.
Jan 10	Tue	7:00p Board Meeting.	Held at <b>Temple Beth Tikvah</b> .
Jan 12	Thu	7:00p Choir Practice.	
Jan 14	Sat	Circle Supper	
Jan 15	Sun	10:30a <b>Daring to Dream</b>	<b>Reflections on Martin Luther King</b> Sermon by <b>Rev. Jon Dobrer</b>
		Martin Luther King Readings	RE
		UUSC "Guest at your Table" box return	See Brad Woodhull.
Jan 19	Thu	11:45a Men's Lunch Group	Meet at Carrow's in Fullerton.
		7:00p Choir Practice.	
		Reading Circle	Contact Claude Coppel or Evan Van Ginneken.
Jan 22	Sun	10:30a <b>Welcoming Our Fears</b>	Sermon by <b>Rev. Jon Dobrer</b>
		12:00p Adult RE Class	"UU Traditions and History" presented by <b>Rev. Jon Dobrer</b>
Jan 26	Thu	7:00p Choir Practice.	
Jan 29	Sun	10:30a <b>Happy New Year!</b> (yes we know it's Jan. 29)	Sermon by <b>Rev. Jon Dobrer</b>

The **Reverend Jon Dobrer** welcomes your calls and is available for appointments on Tuesdays from 10:30am-6pm and before or after church on Sundays.

## **UUCF Board**

President: Marlies Worley

Board Members: Lou Arnwine, Tim Blaine, Carolyn Champagne, Will Nettleship, Lorraine Rothman, Mary Rhodes, Dennis Spiro and Tom Stark

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