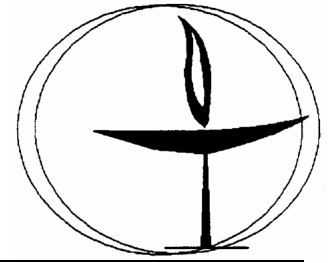


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Sermon Schedule

Sunday, Nov. 6 – 10:30 AM

***Do Our Politics Belong in
Our Religious Institutions?***

Presented by Rev. Jon Dobrer

Sunday, Nov. 13 – 10:30 AM

The Nature of Nature

Presented by Rev. Jon Dobrer

**(See Camp de Benneville
notice at right)**

Sunday, Nov. 20 – 10:30 AM

***On Giving Thanks—
for what and to whom?***

and

Ethnic Breads Communion

Presented by Rev. Jon Dobrer

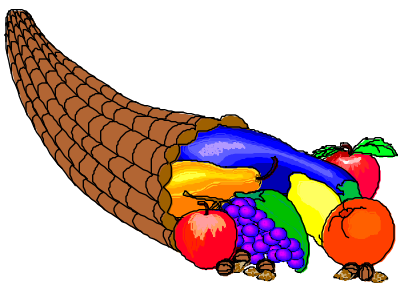
Sunday, Nov. 27 – 10:30 AM

***The Spiritual & Material
Meaning of Community***

Presented by Rev. Jon Dobrer

Dates to Remember

Nov 20	Begin Membership Drive
Dec 4	Newcomer Orientation
Dec 10	Holiday Dinner
Dec 18	Hanukkah Breakfast
Feb 11	Service Auction



Camp de Benneville Pines Weekend – Nov. 11-13

On the weekend of Nov. 11-13 many of us will be up in the mountains for our annual congregational retreat. Our minister, Rev. Jon Dobrer, will be there for the weekend with us. You can still sign up to be there, too! Registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the Social Hall, or call Sue Tschabrun.

The Sunday, Nov. 13, service in the mountains will be a very special service with Jon in the pulpit along with all of our regular elements. Anyone wishing to come up for the service is more than welcome. Anyone wishing to have lunch after the service can pay either Dick Cole or Susan Tschabrun PRIOR to the weekend. \$7.50 10yrs-Adult; children under 10 free.

Down the hill in Fullerton we will have our regular service (with someone reading Jon's sermon) -- at the usual time and place!

Membership Drive

We will be conducting a membership drive for four Sundays, beginning Nov. 20 and continuing through Dec. 11. The purpose of this drive is to help recent guests and others who are not members of our church to better understand who we are, what we do, and the advantages of becoming members. Rev. Dobrer's sermons will be keyed to Unitarian Universalism in general – and to our church in particular. On these Sundays, Rev. Dobrer and key members of our church will have a corner discussion after our service for newer people to get information and get questions answered about membership. Anyone interested in this discussion, please attend. If you have friends or relatives who you think might be interested in what our church has to offer them, make it a point to invite them to attend with you on one of these Sundays.

Congregational Meeting – Nov. 20

We will have a brief congregational meeting Sunday, Nov. 20 after the service. We will elect our Nominating Committee: Nominees Gwen Fyke, Lesley Mahaffey and Jim Gallaher. All members and interested parties please attend.

Ethnic Breads Communion – Nov. 20

On the Sunday before Thanksgiving, we celebrate by sharing breads that have personal meaning to our congregants. Please bring a special bread to share during the service.

As we begin a campaign of intentional growth, a special month with special user-friendly sermons and increased opportunities to welcome new people, we should look at ourselves for just a moment. Maybe we should ask ourselves some uncomfortable questions.

Are we UUs snobs or simply bashful and modest? I'm not really sure. I know we don't like to think of ourselves as snobbish; we give great value to egalitarianism. Yet it is equally difficult to see ourselves as modest or shy. We usually have a pretty secure sense of our selves, our intelligence and articulateness. Yet when it comes to sharing our faith—our faith in the power of reason, our faith in the efficacy of our community, our faith that being together multiplies our already considerable power to make a difference in the world—we become strangely and uncharacteristically diffident.

We are happy to share our church and to welcome sincerely new guests. We are unusually good at sharing power, at inviting new people to participate, move on to becoming involved in activities and then in the planning and implementing events. We nominate and elect new(ish) people to our board faster than most. We are very welcoming. Our problem is that in order to welcome people, the people have to get here; they have to find us. This we do not make overly easy. Yes, our wonderful website helps people find us. And yes, my column in the Fullerton Observer has been responsible for many people showing up. However, with distressing frequency our guests report that they never knew there was a UU Church in the area, or even more troubling, they never knew there was a religious group like ours in the world!

There once was a restaurant in Los Angeles that as part of its snobbish cache had an un-listed phone number. It wanted only people who were "in the know." My view is that this is not a winning strategy for our community. We need to list our phone, take our light from under the bushel and make ourselves more publicly available. In fact, I do not think that we are snobbish. I think rather that we are a little hesitant to seem to proselytize. Many of us are so turned off by the aggressive recruiting of other faiths that we do not want to have anything in common with them. As a kind of Golden Rule, "we would not share our faith with others, as we would not have others share their faith with us."

This, I believe, misunderstands the nature of our community. We are not selling a faith, a system of religious or theological precepts that all must accept in order to be saved. We are not telling people that in order to be decent they have to be like us or that ours is the only way. In fact, when we invite a friend, a neighbor, or someone from a secular group to come to our church, we are not telling them to give up anything of their faith or tradition.

This is a place where one may be a secular humanist, a religious humanist, a theist or deist, a Christian, Muslim or Jew. One may bring any tradition or theology—from sky-based to earth-based, to politically-based. You can fast at Ramadan, go sky-clad to the dell, or casually to the kosher deli. You can even be a Unitarian Trinitarian. Where once Unitarian was a theological statement on the oneness of God, today it is really more of a statement in the oneness of humanity.

I know that another part of our reticence is based on not being able easily to fit us in with most people's idea of what an organized religion is. After all "real religions" have positions, even eternal truths and answers. How can we not? How can we explain what we believe? Too often we explain and enumerate what we do not believe.

This is just a bit negative. The very best way of helping people understand what UUs believe is to invite them to watch what UUs do.

Starting with our Thanksgiving Service and Ethnic Breads Communion, and continuing through the first two weeks in December, we will be especially welcoming of new people. Your assignment, should you choose to accept it, is to invite people to meet us, see us, and find out who we are by what we do.

Jon

P.S. You might consider printing and clipping this column and showing it to a friend.

President's Message and Member Reflections on Recent "Growth"

Workshop

Our board has been exploring ways to 1) increase and sustain membership and 2) let our local area know we are here and what we have to offer. The goal of increasing our membership is NOT simply to have more people, more money or more volunteers. It has more to do with filling needs of the people in the area by offering them a community to do their social work, meeting their spiritual needs and giving them a place for personal growth and being with others who wish to do good work in the world.

Growth means congregational health. There are always people who leave and some who stay, but according to many sources I've read it is quite common among congregations to have this flux of comings and goings. We just need to learn how to sustain more than we lose. There are ways and we are working on it.

Six members from UUCF attended the workshop on Oct. 8 at the UU Church in Costa Mesa. The all-day workshop was presented by our PSWD (Pacific Southwest District) and the national UUA (Unitarian Universalist Association). It was excellently presented and I believe everyone got something out of it. The UUA plans (and we've agreed) to a marketing campaign beginning in the fall which will include radio spots, newspaper inserts and home mailers. More details will be out on this as time goes on, but we need to be ready for more people coming in our door. This is very exciting and something we've never done before.

Conference attendees share a bit of what they learned in their own words.....

The workshop brought out a number of important realizations about our church. First, we are a thriving church community. Friendly, with camaraderie, an active, fun, and values-laden children's RE, stimulating and thoughtful sermons and music, year-long social services and activities, outreach services to the com-

munity, and dedicated volunteers who make it all happen. Problem: The wider community doesn't know we are here. To help with this, UUA is offering an advertising campaign to help our cluster of UU churches in Orange County, Riverside and Long Beach. UUA has seen it work in other UU church communities and are now offering it to us. This workshop also helped me realize that UUA and PSWD can help us with outreach and with the important tasks of helping to integrate our members into our church programs. ----- Lorraine Rothman

The UUA in Boston has helped a group of area churches in both Kansas City and Houston to conduct successful campaigns to increase the general public's awareness of us as the "Uncommon Denomination" and to attract "seekers" to those local churches. The programs involved both media campaigns and the introduction of the concept of "radical hospitality" into the procedures of the local churches to improve the way they handle guests and newcomers. The media campaign for the Orange County/ Long Beach/ South Bay area is planned to be kicked off in September. Over the next few months we will be working to see how we at UUCF can make our church more "radically hospitable". -----Jim Fyke

I learned that our website is very important in bringing new people to our church. I saw other UU websites and learned how to make ours more useful and attractive to newcomers. I hope that together we can do more to reach out through the Internet to show people what we have to offer and help them feel welcome to join us. ----Harry Langenbacher

It was a great joy to have had so many attend this workshop and get so much inspiration and information from it. I believe we grow so much stronger when we join together at workshops and conferences—the excitement is palatable! Happy Thanksgiving!! I know I will be giving thanks for all of you!

"Change is inevitable, growth is intentional."
Glenda Cloud

With Faith,
Marlies

Welcome New Members

Patrick Barbush

Patrick grew up in Sydney, Australia. After attending the University of Alberta, Canada, Patrick directed an athletics program in a Northwest Territories high school of mostly Eskimo and Indian students. In 1986, Patrick came to California, where he served as a general-subjects teacher in various juvenile detention facilities and camps in the northern and west valley areas of LA. He currently works at the Los Padrinos facility in Downey. Patrick has been a UU for about five years and has explored Buddhist, Taoist, and meditative practices. He seeks practical social application of his eclectic beliefs. Patrick enjoys swimming, bicycling, fishing, and quiet walks along the beach. He and his wife of two months, Marie Brooks, have been residing in Fullerton for three months.

Rafe Morgolin

Rafe is a native Californian. He was born in Encino and grew up in Garden Grove. He decided to look into Unitarian Universalism after he took a test on the Internet and found out that we were the best fit for his beliefs. Rafe was introduced to our church by Paul Swendson whom he has known since high school.

Rafe is a full-time Realtor. He enjoys screen writing and improv comedy. He is an active advocate for those with bipolar disorder.

Bette and Jerry Simmons

Both Bette and Jerry Simmons come from Marseilles, Illinois, and have been married for 59 years. They moved to Orange in 1966 and have been living in Southern California ever since. Their first exposure to our church was five years ago at the memorial service for their then-neighbor, Annelise Greim. That experience left a favorable impression on them. Since that time their son has been participating in a UU church in Arizona and they decided to take a closer look at us. They said that in Unitarian Universalism they found what they had been looking for.

Bette is an avid reader. Jerry enjoys photography, working with his computer and gardening. They are both trying to become involved in church activities.

Adult RE Class Nov. 6th: The Forgotten “U” of Unitarian Universalism?

Historically, Universalists asserted that a loving God would never allow his imperfect human children to suffer hellfire for an eternity and that all would somehow be saved. Such beliefs have generally not been a part of the Unitarian tradition. Moreover, even in our own services, we rarely make direct reference to the Universalist tradition by name. But did you know that the Affirmation that we recite each Sunday is a Universalist affirmation minus the God language? And more recently, the modern UU movement’s move toward a meaningful spiritual language and commitment to humanitarian, ecological, and social justice issues has been tied to Universalism’s concepts of a shared world and common human destiny. Come learn about “the other U” and share your ideas at the November 6 Adult Religious Education meeting. Our own Bill Pryor will be discussion leader. Class will be held from 9 to 10 AM in the classroom off the upper parking lot. Call Dennis if child care is needed.



Fuddy Duddies

The Fuddy Duddies will meet at 9:30 AM on Monday, November 7, at Watson’s Pharmacy of the Circle in Orange. If you have the day off and want to have a late breakfast or early brunch, please join us at Watson’s, 116 E. Chapman Avenue (in the Plaza), City of Orange. Watson’s is the oldest pharmacy in Orange and has one of the last real marble soda fountain counter. For additional information call Judi or Al.

Service Auction - February 11, 2006

Believe it or not, it is time once again to start thinking about the UUCF Service Auction. Remember all the fun you had last year? Well, this year promises to be even better.

We are very lucky this year because Dana Bianco has agreed to be in charge of getting us as many business donations as possible. She has already sent out letters to all the businesses who donated to the auction last year. And she has also put together a new list to solicit donations from companies that we have never contacted before. So when you see Dana, be sure to thank her for all her efforts so far.

There are several ways for you to help out with the auction this year. Of course, we will need volunteers to help out that night with everything from data entry to bartending. And we need lots of service donations. So start thinking now about what service you can offer. Can you give a dinner or a game night? Can you provide transportation, host a pool party, share your vacation home, baby sit, plant a garden, or teach someone how to use a computer program? The list of services that can be offered is endless. Try to be creative and come up with new ideas that have never been tried before.

Another way that you can help is to talk to some of the businesses that you frequent and ask them if they would like to donate a gift certificate to our auction. You will be very surprised at how many of them will be happy to give a free haircut, a pound of coffee, or a couple of free movie tickets in exchange for some free advertising in our program. You will be hearing more about this later this month. Forms will be provided for you to use for this purpose.

Besides donating and helping out that night, the most important thing you can do to make the auction a success is to attend. So put the date on your 2006 calendar now. Remember, if you aren't there, you won't be able to fill your calendar with all the wonderful social events that will be offered for auction. So you will not only miss out on the fun on February 11, but you will continue to miss out all year long.

Donnette Guiltinan
Service Auction Chairperson



Treasurer Corner

At the time of writing this article, we are already over one quarter of the way through the church 2005/2006 fiscal year. At the end of the first quarter (09/30/05), income received was 107% of budget and expenses were 93% of budget. As a result, income exceeded expenses by \$12,139. Although this amount of positive cash flow sounds very good, it isn't as good as it might sound. Historically the church receives a higher percentage of pledges in the first quarter of each fiscal year, and when you factor in this variable we are actually about **\$5,500 ahead of budget**. The 107% income figure mentioned above includes factoring in the prepaid pledges received prior to the first quarter. Either way, the church is in financially good shape and currently ahead of budget! Great job to everyone for adhering so closely to the approved budget. We also wish to thank everyone for your charity contributions to the church, as without them we could not continue the programs at UUCF!

If anyone should have any questions, please feel free to contact either Dennis Spiro or Frank.

UU Christian Fellowship Meeting

The Pacific Southwest Chapter of the UU Christian Fellowship invites you to meet on Nov. 6 at 4pm at our Santa Monica church. We're discussing Jim Wallis's book, *The Politics of God: Why the Right gets it wrong and the Left doesn't get it*. Also a report on a conference of people left and right on Morality held in LA recently, and perhaps you'd like to stay with us for dinner at a nearby restaurant.

UU Service Committee (UUSC)

The situation is desperate in the Himalayan regions of Pakistan and India, following the major earthquake of October 8. The relief effort has still not reached over one-fifth of the villages badly hit by the earthquake because roads and bridges are out and because the relief effort cannot meet the magnitude of the need.

Some 2.5 million people are without homes. People are dying of exposure and untreated wounds. Thousands are living out in the open in their destroyed villages, without adequate food, water, or medical care in rapidly dropping temperatures and frequent rainstorms. There simply are not enough doctors, tents, blankets, and medical supplies going out to people yet. It is essential to step up the aid distribution effort now.

Time is of the essence! Tens of thousands will die if they don't receive help very soon - and the brutal Himalayan winter is closing in. The window of time in which we can make a difference is closing.

What You Can Do

UUSC and the UUA have created a joint fund to respond to this disaster, and UUSC's Rights in Humanitarian Crises Program has kicked into high gear. But we need your help!

Please make as generous a contribution as you can to help the thousands of people in desperate need in the earthquake-affected areas. Your donation, together with UUSC's expertise in responding to humanitarian crises, can make a difference. UUSC is already working with organizations in the area. But we all must act before the first snows inflict more casualties.

Your special contribution today - and your compassion - can save lives. Your contribution will help the most vulnerable people have a chance at surviving this disaster. Please donate today!

Donations to the UUSC-UUA South Asia Earthquake Relief Fund can be made online or by mail at P.O. Box 845259, Boston, MA 02284-5259. For more information about the UUSC-UUA response to the earthquake or to make a donation online, visit our website, <http://www.uusc.org>.

UUs Respond to Gulf Coast Relief

The UUA and the UUSC report an outpouring of gifts to the joint UUA-UUSC Gulf Coast Relief Fund, and it appears as of 10/5/05 that gifts will total \$2 million or more. All funds received in the UUA-UUSC Gulf Coast Relief Fund will be used to address the needs of the most disadvantaged and marginalized communities in the affected areas as they rebuild their lives and livelihoods, and to support UU congregations as they rebuild their ministries in the region of the hurricane.

A Relief Fund Panel, made up of ministers from local UU congregations and staff from the affected areas and both sponsoring organizations, are making grass roots grants to those directly impacted by the disaster, with an emphasis on needs not addressed by the larger relief organizations. The [Unitarian Universalist Trauma Response Ministry](#) is also active in the Gulf Coast area, providing aid to those who need support, as are individual UU social workers, ministers, and other relief workers.

Information on the Relief Panel and how to contribute is available at <http://www.uua.org/>. Checks may be mailed to "UUA-UUSC Gulf Coast Relief Fund", P.O. Box 843155, Boston, MA 02284-3155. Call 1(888) 792-5885 toll-free if you have questions.

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The UUA's new weekly online magazine (<http://www.uuworld.org>) offers timely UU news and fresh weekly stories, online classified ads, articles from the printed *UU WORLD*, and features from previous issues, along with our new "Unitarian Universalists in the Media" news blog. The magazine also represents an outreach opportunity for UU congregations to attract the attention of religious seekers, other religious liberals, and people drawn to our distinctive voices and perspectives. Visit every week or sign up for our email newsletter, uuworld-Weekly, a once-a-week email alerting you to fresh material at

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New Child Development Book from UUA

[Nurturing Children and Youth:](#)

[A Developmental Guidebook](#) by Tracy Hurd, published by the UUA, is now available at the UUA Bookstore. This book summarizes current research and theory about the physical, social, affective, cognitive, moral and faith development of children and youth. Emphasizing development as a continual process, the book addresses identity development, including racial, ethnic, sexual and gender identities. Order online at <http://www.uua.org/bookstore> or call 1(800) 215-9076.

Faith Works for Families

The fall edition of Faith Works is now available at <http://www.uua.org/re/faithworks>, with interesting and useful information and articles for families, religious professionals and individuals. Included in this issue are some intriguing articles, such as *Faith Reduced to Three Questions* and *Families and Faith: What Does a Unitarian Universalist Home Look Like?* You can also read a review of *What are Old People For?*, a book by William H. Thomas, M.D.

UUA's Public Witness Work Recognized with Two Awards.

UUA President William Sinkford was honored by The New Democracy Coalition with the first Rev. James Reeb New Democracy Service Award for work in the area of civil rights on the 40th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act. Rev. Sinkford accepted this award on behalf of the Unitarian Universalist community.

Rev. Sinkford has also received the 6th annual Spirit of Justice Award from GLAD (Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders) awarded "for those individuals whose work and achievements reflect a profound dedication to our ideal of a just society." In his acceptance remarks, Rev. Sinkford said, "I fully recognize that I stand here on behalf of all the Unitarian Universalists, congregants and clergy, who have devoted their energies to the struggle for full equality for our gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender sisters and brothers."



Accessing the UUCF Newsletter

The current newsletter is always available on the UUCF website <http://www.uufullerton.org/newsletter.html>. Downloading to your PC may take a while due to the size of the file, especially if there are photos in the newsletter.



Summary* of Board Meeting--Oct. 11, 2005

In attendance: Lou Arnwine, Tim Blaine, Will Nettleship, Lorraine Rothman, Tom Stark, Dennis Spiro, Marlies Worley.

Announcements: Marlies Worley shared a CD with board that was given to all GA participants that were given to attendants of the recent PSWD/UUA workshop on membership and growth. It will be passed around to share with other interested parties. Our Fair Share Certificate as Honor Congregation was shared and will be filed. Minutes were approved with one correction and treasury report was approved.

Unfinished Business: Calendar review was done and everything seemed on schedule. Doug Schneider and Judy Sterling have agreed to co-chair our annual canvass. Nominating committee will be Gwen Fyke, Lesley Mahaffey and Jim Gallaher contingent upon approval of the congregation at our Congregational meeting on Nov. 20. PSWD/UUA workshop on growth and membership was attended by 6 members--Lorraine Rothman and Marlies Worley gave a report to board. Will Nettleship gave a report on the RE meeting that had taken place the week before.

New Business: We will now be paying the janitor the hourly rate that the Temple pays him for our Saturday evenings that we schedule. They had been paying him but it turned out our contract stated that we needed to do this.

Marlies J. Worley--President

**Full board minutes available upon request*

Attention Newcomers to UUCF !

We will be conducting a Newcomers Orientation program before church service on Sunday, December 4. In the past these programs have been very popular with newcomers to our church as they get an opportunity meet with our minister, Rev. Jon Dobrer, in a congenial setting. You will be able to find out something about what our church is about, what it has to offer to you, and what we are doing in the larger community. The program will start at 9:15 AM with a continental breakfast followed by an informal meeting with the minister and church members who are responsible for some of our key activities.

We will be specifically inviting those who have visited our church for the first time during the past few months however the Newcomers Orientation program is also open to anyone who has not previously attended one. If you wish to come, please contact Jim Fyke or Paula Spiro to let us know how many will be attending with you and if you will be needing babysitting.

Youth Religious Education

Children's Service

David Ferencz's children's service on Sunday, October 16th focused on friendship. A discussion on trustworthiness followed. The children also made friendship bracelets.



Registration

Please stop by and complete a registration form for each child in the R.E. program or in childcare. A fee of \$10 per child with a maximum of \$25 per family is due at registration. This fee helps defray program costs for the year. Parents and / or guardians will also be asked to sign up as classroom volunteers and snack providers. A booklet describing the R.E. program will be available in November.

Thank you Volunteers!

A big thank you goes out to all of October's wonderful volunteers. We appreciate the special snacks and especially your classroom help. The R.E. program both relies on and benefits from adult participation. Often times the "big" kid in all of us comes out when it's time for our craft activity. Please stop in downstairs if you'd like to help out. It's a great investment in our future church community.

de Benneville Pines Weekend

Just a reminder, we will not have our regular scheduled religious education program on Sunday, November 13th as many families will be at our church's wonderful weekend retreat in deBenneville Pines. However, child care will be available with our regular care givers, Terry and Lauren Orr.

While in deBenneville, if you are interest in conducting a children's workshop or assisting with a craft, please contact Liz Heaton or Susan Perlson.

Parents will be asked to sign up to help set up, supervise, or takedown the craft activities at registration.

Let's all hope for SNOW!



**Teen Talk Tuesdays
7 PM, Nov. 8 & 22**

Jr. High teens are invited to come and share ideas/opinions on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. These supervised evenings provide a safe environment for young people to discuss issues which concern them.



Sunday Task Volunteers NOVEMBER 2005

2 Greeters	2 to set up Sanctuary	2 to set up Social Hall		2 to take down Sanctuary	2 to take down Social Hall	Flowers	2 for Refreshments
Nov. 6th Service Associate: Lou Arnwine							
Eleanor Nichols & Margee Hills	The Schneiders	The Schneiders		The Langenbachers	The Cruesses	Linda Summers	Alice Dyer & Fran Doble
Nov. 13th Service Associate: Jim Gallaher							
Jack Theibert	Choir	No		Choir	No	Catherine Gallaher	The Pumphreys
Nov. 20th Service Associate: Brad Woodhull							
Del Blanchard & Daniel Guy	Dean Fischman	Dean Fischman		The Starks	Charlie Everett & Lou Arnwine	Katie Hettinger	The Fykes & Donnette Gultinan
Nov. 27th Service Associate: Judy Sterling							
Glad Sharp & Dana Bianco	Claude Coppel	The Huffingtons		Terry Selby & Barbara Burns	The Johnsons	Mary Rhodes	Frances Salans & Gordon Scholle

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.

Children's R.E. Program

November 2005



Pre-School - 1 st Grade	Grades 2-4	Grades 5-6	Teens
November 6th Liz Heaton			
Around the Church, Around the Year A Fall Walk Around	In Our Hands Listening, Talking, And Sharing	In Our Hands A Framework for Peace and Justice	Backpacker's Notebook
November 13th DE BENNEVILLE PINES WEEKEND – NO R.E. PROGRAM – CHILDCARE AVAILABLE			
November 20th David Ferencz			
Around the Church, Around the Year More Church Friends	Children's Service	Children's Service	Children's Service
November 27th Liz Heaton			
Creative Play	UUCF Survivor	UUCF Survivor	Backpacker's Notebook

R.E. Committee Meeting Sunday, November 6th following service.

UUCF CALENDAR for NOVEMBER 2005

Nov 1	Tue	1st Tuesday Film & Dinner.	"Goodnight & Good Luck" With Rev. Jon Dobrer . Contact Marlies Worley .
Nov 3	Thu	7:00p Choir Practice.	
Nov 6	Sun	11:30a R.E. Committee Meeting	First Sunday of each month, following services.
		10:30a Do Our Politics Belong in Our Religious Institutions?	Sermon by Rev. Jon Dobrer
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At Marie Callender's , Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull .
Nov 7	Mon	8:30a Fuddy Duddies.	Conversation & libations at a home, then breakfast at a restaurant. Contact Dawn & Bill Pumphrey .
		7:00p Women's Circle.	Call Barbara Keller for topic and location.
Nov 8	Tue	7:00p Board Meeting.	Held at Temple Beth Tikvah .
Nov 9	Wed	11:45a Men's Lunch Group	Meet at Carrow's in Fullerton .
Nov 10	Thu	7:00p Choir Practice.	
Nov 11 - 13	Fri - Sun	de Benniville Pines Retreat	Y'all come!
Nov 13	Sun	10:30a The Nature of Nature	Sermon by Rev. Jon Dobrer , at Camp de Benneville Pines .
		12:00p Social Action Committee	Meet in the Sanctuary after Services
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At Marie Callender's , Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull .
		NO RE PROGRAM TODAY	Nov. 11-13 de Benniville Pines Retreat
Nov 17	Thu	7:00p Choir Practice.	
		Reading Circle, this Evening.	Contact Claude Coppel or Evan Van Ginneken .
Nov 18	Fri	7:00p Bridge Night.	Call Claude Coppel for information.
Nov 19	Sat	Circle Supper	
Nov 20	Sun	10:30a On Giving Thanks—for what & to whom?	Sermon by Rev. Jon Dobrer . Also, Ethnic Breads Communion.
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At Marie Callender's , Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull .
		Congregational Meeting	
		UUSC "Guest at your Table"	
Nov 21	Mon	7:00p Investment Club.	Call Gwen Fyke , or Jack Theibert , for details.
		7:00p Women's Circle	Call Barbara Keller for topic & location.
Nov 22	Tue	5:30p Salon: All Souls Potluck & Discussion.	Supper 5:30, discussion 6:30. Contact Judy Stirling . At Temple social hall.
Nov 24	Thu	11:45a Men's Lunch Group	Meet at Carrow's in Fullerton .
		7:00p Choir Practice.	
Nov 27	Sun	10:30a The Spiritual & Material Meaning of Community	Sermon by Rev. Jon Dobrer
		12:30p Lunch Bunch	At Marie Callender's , Placentia. Contact Pat Woodhull .

Orange County Interfaith Coalition for Social Justice -- Update

With the retirement of Convener Sister Marie Gaillac, the Coalition has lost much of its clout. This is because Sr. Marie was very knowledgeable about public affairs in OC and was very effective in contacting appropriate authorities on matters of import. As a result of this, the Coalition is exploring the possibility of teaming up with another local group to regain some traction. More later.

Meanwhile, new Convener Jeanne Whitesell will, by the time you read this, have sent letters to all OC congresspersons urging them to approve the Senate version of the Defense Dept. appropriation bill. It contains the McCain amendment which forbids torture of prisoners held by the US military. Jeanne will also send a copy of the letter to Pres. Bush because he has threatened to veto the appropriation because of the McCain amendment.

Bill Pryor

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.

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