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"WE SEEK SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN A WELCOMING AND CARING COMMUNITY"

September 13–26, 2008

The Newsletter of the Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara

Editor: Jared Dawson

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On the first day of the convention nearly 300 participants heard speeches, the Declaration of Sentiments, and 11 resolutions proclaiming the natural equality of all people and declaring illegitimate all laws and social customs that subordinated women. The convention concluded with calls for further action. It reconvened some two weeks later on 2 Aug 1848 at the *First Unitarian Church of Rochester* and its principles were reconfirmed before a larger audience. Subsequent meetings over the next few years culminated in a movement that eventually transformed women's legal, social, and political status.

EXCERPT FROM THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF NEW YORK STATE, DESCRIBING THE SENECA FALLS CONVENTION OF 160 YEARS AGO (EMPHASIS ADDED)

From Reverend Aaron McEmrys

Dear Friends,
Eliza and I are so happy to finally be here in Santa Barbara with you! Despite the jackhammers outside my office door, not a day goes by that I do not feel deeply grateful to be your new minister.

There is transition everywhere we look these days: a new ministry, a new-look campus, new national elections coming up—the watchword of these days seems to be *change*. And I think that's a good thing, although not always an easy thing.

In times like these I frequently have to remind myself to relax, take a deep breath and to remember why I am who I am and why I do what I do. I have to remember to make time for the gym, to play with my dog and to show my wife and children how much I love them.

I suspect this is good advice for all of us.

Of course, none of these things make me any less busy or make the future any more certain—but it does remind me to enjoy the journey and to enjoy the people I find myself journeying with.

We have been very busy indeed in the whole ten days or so I have been on the job (feels like months...), and I wake up every morning excited about getting to work. Every single staff member and volunteer brings such great energy, creativity, smarts and commitment to this work we share, and I am full of gratitude for both their competence and their welcoming spirit.

It has also been wonderful to reconnect with many of you and to meet many more of you for the first time on Sundays and in Committee meetings. This is a truly special congregation, and I am proud to serve you.

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Sunday Worship Services Time Change Begins September 14, at 9:30 and 11:30 AM

Children's Religious Education will be at 9:30 AM, and a Community Social Hour at 10:30 AM. For more detailed information please see the special mailing to members and friends, or visit our website at www.ussb.org.

Musical and choral offerings are not available at the time of publication. Please see your weekly Umail announcement, or call the office for specific information about these two services.

Sunday Morning Services

9:30 & 11:30 AM

Rev. Aaron McEmrys

September 14
Remember the Sabbath

September 21
Marriage

The dog days of summer are at an end. Kids are back in school, and the pace of life seems to be accelerating everywhere I look. Cell phones never stop ringing and emails keep piling up at all hours and every day. In this service we will learn about the ancient practice of Sabbath keeping, and explore the ways practices like these can help us turn off our cell phones now and then and focus on what matters most to us, helping us live richer, healthier and more satisfying lives.

Falling in love, getting married and living happily ever after is the great dream and secret hope of even some of the most cynical among us. While the dream of falling in love and getting married may come true, making our marriages and partnerships actually work is a whole different ballgame. What is marriage, and why does it matter? How can we "do" marriage well, and what does it mean to live in a country where some of us can marry, and some cannot? Please join us as we grapple with all of these questions—and more.

Social Justice Matters

The good done by social justice work is obvious for the people served, but it also changes those doing the serving. Rev. Aaron McEmrys sees the process as like an escalator, with people starting with the lowest and simplest action levels—contributing to charities, for instance—and learning through volunteer work and other action to appreciate more deeply people whom they might otherwise not get to know and work with. Look for an exciting future with our new minister.

Remember the statement of opposition to Proposition 8 (the initiative amendment to eliminate same-sex marriage) in the last issue? The Social Justice Committee will be involved in planning the two congregational meetings required by our bylaws to discuss the statement before the congregational vote. Look for more information and dates in the article below on this page.

And speaking of both (past) volunteer work and (future) contributions, our next Outreach collection will be for the Foodbank of Santa Barbara County, which supplies local food distribution centers including one on the West Side that our “Mobile Food Pantry” project teams started. Some of you may already have read in the Foodbank mailer that in the past year, the number of people served has increased 23% while government-supplied USDA food has decreased 40%. So compared to the level of need, their USDA resources have dropped by *more than 50%*, not to mention the higher price of fuel to transport the food. When that basket comes around September 21, let’s imagine trying to feed our own families on less than half our food budgets—and give accordingly.

PAUL NAY, SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Welcoming As a Spiritual Practice

**A Hospitality Workshop with
Rev. Aaron McEmrys and Nancy Edmundson,
Director of Administration**

Saturday, September 20, 9:00–11:30 AM, Jefferson Hall
Childcare and Refreshments provided

Everyone is invited to participate in this important and reflective workshop, and our Sunday Morning Hospitality Teams are especially encouraged to join in!

Yes, we’ll “tune up” on our welcoming practices as we return to our fall schedule with new service times. And most importantly, we’ll look at how this work is important to our own faith development, building our community and service beyond our “comfort zone.”

Please join us!

AARON AND NANCY

From Reverend Aaron McEmrys...

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By now you will have heard about one of the bigger changes we are preparing for – the change in our service times. Beginning Sunday, September 14, our first service will be at 9:30 AM and our second service at 11:30 AM. The hour in between services is a time for our whole community to be together, so if you attend the first service, please consider staying afterward—and if you are planning to attend the second service, we hope you will come a bit early. We promise not to run out of coffee!!

I am really looking forward to having more time to get to know all of you on Sunday mornings, but please know that I am always here when you need me. If you would like to schedule some time to talk, or simply to get to know one another better, just let me know and we can set aside some time on Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays. It will be my pleasure.

When I visited you back in May, I told you that I believed that anything was possible for this congregation. I want you to know that even after just a few weeks with you, I am even more convinced that the sky is the limit for us. We will do great things together, and I can’t wait to see what that will look like!

IN FAITH, AARON

Forum on Marriage Equality

This November, we will not only be voting on who will be our next President, but in California we will also vote on a constitutional amendment on Marriage Equality, also known as Proposition 8, titled “Eliminate Rights of Same-Sex Couples to Marry.”

The Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara will be holding two forums to discuss this proposition. We will hear both sides of the story—those who oppose Prop. 8 and those who are for it. And to learn about what it would mean for our congregation to publicly oppose Prop. 8 as an organization.

The forums will take place on Thursday, September 18, 7 to 8:30 PM, and Sunday, September 28, 10:45–11:30 AM (between services), locations TBD. These forums are in preparation for a congregational meeting and vote on whether or not to oppose Prop. 8 as a society, which will take place on Sunday, October 12 at 10:45 AM, in Parish Hall. Please come join in and get informed.

For more information, please contact Percy Sales.

Just Another Day

“Terrific. Okay, then I’ll see you on Thursday September the 11th at 9:00 AM in Dallas.”

As I hung up the phone it took a moment to realize I had booked an appointment on September the 11th, 9/11, and for the first time in seven years did not make an automatic association with the day or the event that has so changed our lives. I’m not sure this is a good or a bad thing but I couldn’t help wonder when people of a previous generation began to view December 7th as just another day between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Time has a way of distancing us from things that bring pain, sorrow, and regret. After only seven years even this date almost passed without a reaction. Yet so much has changed it is as if time for my generation is viewed as being before 9/11 and after 9/11. Before 9/11 we took for granted our civil liberties, and we dare not any longer. Before 9/11 we looked forward to travel to far-off places, now we may dread the journey and fear for our safety as if the world really has gotten a whole lot more dangerous. Before 9/11 there was no Department of Homeland Security. This year we will spend \$13 billion to allegedly strengthen border security and immigration enforcement.

I have read that the “Smart Money investor” looks for opportunities to get into the market when it appears the market can’t go any lower, when everybody has given up hope and have cashed in their investments. For here is where the money is made (or so I’ve been told) because the market has no place to go but up. When times are difficult and it appears that others around you are turning to head in the opposite direction, it just might be the time to continue on your path. When times are tough financially, perhaps it’s time to be more generous. When others look to close their doors to strangers or people who are different, perhaps it’s time to open ours wider. Perhaps when others want to talk more and act less, it might be time to act more and talk less.

As a UU I feel this an important time in our community and in our congregation and I look to be moving in the opposite direction of the herd. As President of this beloved community I encourage you to seek out those opportunities that call you to action and make those investments of your time and energy and to make them a reality. The board of trustees will take the same charge representing you and your congregation. Let it be known what stokes your fires, even if it appears to be headed in the opposite direction.

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September 11 will someday become another day between Labor Day and Thanksgiving, but until that time maybe the best way to recognize how things have changed since that terrible day will be to act in a way that daily expresses our deepest values, and have others who don’t yet know us realize that we are not following the herd.

GARY WELTERLEN, BOARD PRESIDENT

Meditation

Please join us on Tuesdays for Morning Meditation from 8:15 to 9:00 AM. We meet in the Sanctuary and sit in silence. You are welcome to come for as much time as you wish. This is a leaderless group, open to members and friends. Come to the silence, it waits for you.

TONY JOHANSEN, GEORGE AND LAURIE POTTER

Power of Three— We Need Your Help

We need to raise the last \$25K of our goal of \$2 million for our building project.

We are so close. Let's get it done!

Do you have any creative ideas how we can do this? One idea already in the works is a Women's Fall Fashion Fling. You will hear more about this later. We really need to get this last piece of our fundraising done so please contact Nancy Edmundson (965-4583 ext. 225, ussb@ussb.org) with any ideas or suggestions.

Here is a brief overview of our fundraising status to date. As you remember, as of June our congregation had raised \$1.7 million toward our \$2 million building project. At that time, a plan, The Power of Three, was put into place to raise the remaining \$300K needed. This plan includes three parts.

- 1) Our congregation voted to redirect \$100K in Cummins revenue from our endowment to the capital campaign.
- 2) A group of generous donors donated \$100K as a challenge fund.
- 3) The last \$100K to be raised by our members and friends. We have raised \$75K of this amount. We only need \$25K more.

It is important to keep in mind that the money from parts 1 and 2 are not automatic. It is contingent upon us raising \$100K from each other.

USSB Administrative Offices On The Move September 9

It seems like we just moved out and unpacked 14 weeks ago—wait, that's right! Our construction and building project are progressing amazingly close to our timetable, and that means we'll be returning to Administrative Parish Hall Offices the second week of September. Service interruptions to phone and staff email are to be expected, and we'll do our best to keep you informed of these. Your ongoing patience during this exciting project is very much appreciated by staff, as we continue to do our demanding jobs under challenging work conditions. "How has staff done it?", you might ask. My answer is—plenty of chocolate, lots of laughter, flexing of our change muscles, time- and place-appropriate venting together, and keeping our eye on the vision of a campus of the highest functionality and attractiveness possible.

NANCY EDMUNDSON, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

Melitta's Musings

The most important thing to remember is this: To be ready at any moment to give up what you are for what you might become.

W.E.B. DuBois

My parting words to my son this morning were, "Get the dog a treat—I have to leave!" This, I said in a rather cranky way as my daughter and I zoomed off for school. It was fifteen minutes later that I realized my blunder. I never said goodbye or wished him a good day, as I have done every day since he began school years ago. Though it was of little consequence to him, it was a red flag to me that I am moving just a little too fast.

My kids have both begun new schools and though they are content with this, it is a change, especially for me as the campuses are in very different parts of the city. I am quickly learning all of the routes *not* to take at 8 AM! But this is just a piece of the change in my life.

I look out my office window to see a variety of dirt piles and rebar ready for cement. The electricity was off much of the day today and the phones are finally working! (Thank you I.T. folks!) As you have read, our Sunday morning schedules are changing to accommodate an hour in between services for community-building and more. It is an hour full of delicious possibilities. The Adult and Children's RE Councils, our RE Assistant Charla Bregante, and I are in the process of launching our Lifespan RE program for the year. And, at home, we are on the verge of beginning our long-awaited addition so that our children can each have their own bedroom. So yes, one could say that I am steeped in change!

I am not a fan of changing for change's sake. There is a danger of getting hooked on change; always keeping chaos swirling around so much so that one avoids true, inner change. But the changes my family and I and our congregation are facing are wonderful ones; ones that are bursting with promise. As a congregation, we can grow in relationship and in depth. As a family, we will have great schools and later, rooms in which to study and play.

Last Sunday, on her way out of Starr King with her little children, a mother mentioned to me that sometimes it is difficult to live the change we know in our hearts is the right way to go. But, for her, coming to the Society for Sunday morning services helps to remind her she is not alone. It is a place to replenish ourselves, meet kindred spirits, and work in our own ways to heal the world. And so it goes, we are venturing forth, boldly, together. Just let's remember to take a breath and the time to bid one another hello and best wishes in the process!

SO MAY IT BE, MELITTA

Lifespan Religious Education News

Children's Religious Education and Registration

Our RE Program will officially begin on Sunday, September 14. Children will begin in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM and will be sung out to either their RE classes or their monthly Children's Worship Services. All children and youth must be registered. For more information on registration and Parent Participation opportunities, please contact our RE Assistant, Charla Bregante (re@ussb.org) or the Rev. Melitta Haslund (lifespan@ussb.org) or 965-4583 x 229.

We thank Rachel Petkus, Tammy Shorb, Tish Housh, the Rev. Bets Wienecke, Rosaleen Lancett, Carol Millar, Katie Schell, Bill Gourley, Bobbie Wyso, Julie Lopp, and more for their time and commitment to offering religious education to and with our children!

This year, our children and youth will study the foundations of Unitarian Universalism in the fall, Islam in the winter, and Ecology/Spirituality in the spring.

Welcome Vaiva Janusoniene, our new Youth Choir Director!

The Youth Choir Search Committee is pleased to introduce Vaiva! She has a Masters of Music Education, and a Bachelor of Music in Choral Conducting. She has technical expertise and professional interests in choral conducting, piano, organ, performance and teaching. She has performed in Germany, Spain, and England. Her family and she are originally from Lithuania and are now permanent US residents.

Youth Choir Rehearsals

Youth Choir rehearsals will take place in between services at 10:45–11:30 AM in Jefferson Hall. Listen for the bell ringing to call for the children. If your child or youth is interested in joining the Choir, please contact Vaiva at 965-4583 or Melitta Haslund at extension 229.

RE Family Fun Nights

RE Family Fun Nights will be held every second Friday night in Jefferson Hall, beginning on Friday, October 10, from 6–8 PM. This is a great way to get to know other children, youth and adults in our congregation! We begin at 6 PM with a Chalice Lighting and Gratitude Circle. Bring a potluck dish to share and your own plates and flatware.

Coming of Age

Our Coming of Age Program will begin with a brunch at 11:30 AM in Jefferson Hall on Sunday, September 14, for all interested participants and their families. Learn about the program, hear from previous COAers and meet the facilitators. Our youth will begin in the Sanctuary and gather in Blake Lounge. Their year will be filled with campouts, council gatherings, time with mentors, a Vision Quest, raising funds and working at an orphanage in Mexico, and time spent considering their life transitions. We thank Chris Shorb, Doug Thomas, and Kir Zecher for their leadership as COA facilitators!

YRUU

In mid August, we held a fantastic Start Up for YRUU. This year, we are looking to foster a vibrant youth ministry. YRUU will be held at 11:30 AM. Youth will begin in the Sanctuary and gather in Blake Meeting Room.

Adult Religious Education

Our Adult RE and Program Guide is full of inspiring classes, groups and events. You can pick up a copy and sign up for classes at the Adult RE Table on Sunday mornings.

Our Appreciation of Pastoral Cards

This is a time to sing out praise for an "unsung" volunteer. For over 5 years now, USSB member Patricia Martin has sent cards of sympathy, get-well wishes, and expressions of support and congratulations on behalf of the ministerial team and our congregation. This has been a ministry of the heart, and Patricia we thank you for that!

Patricia is now placing her energies elsewhere, and as she does, we want to thank her. Everyone, please drop by the Pastoral Care table in the garden, or the office during the week, and add your expression of appreciation on a card to Patricia (yup, this spoils the surprise for Patricia, and we want her appreciated!)

This now presents others in our congregation with the opportunity to share in this important ministry. Please contact me if this ministry calls to you. USSB provides the cards, the postage, and the information!

NANCY EDMUNDSON, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

It's a Jigsaw Puzzle

A few weeks ago my wife, Anita, and I enjoyed a visit by the grandkids and their mother. They stayed with us for a week. Most mornings I would walk into the living room and find my granddaughter, age 8, on the floor huddled over a jigsaw puzzle of a "Fantasy World" filled with castles and towers and dolphins and boats.

I hate jigsaw puzzles but since this was my granddaughter, and I love her so, I would flop down and laboriously dig through the pile of indiscernible puzzle pieces. We made great progress during that week but the puzzle remained unfinished when it came time for her and her family to leave. We'll finish the puzzle during a future visit.

This building project is a lot like that jigsaw puzzle. Our fifty-page roll of plans is like a jumbled box of pieces that must be carefully assembled. I'm happy to report that the pieces of our puzzle are coming together quite nicely. We're not quite as far along as we got with the "Fantasy World" but I would say that we are well past halfway.

Here's where we are with Parish Hall. The rough-in wiring is complete. The sheet metal ducting is complete. Rough-in plumbing is complete. All framing is complete. All walls and ceilings have been insulated. (The floors will be soon.) Almost all of the walls have been patched and plastered. The offices and workroom have been painted. The wood floors in the offices, hallways and workroom have been repaired and sanded and staining will begin on Monday. Interior colors for Parish Hall have been determined and painting will begin next week. Tile work in the bathrooms should begin in about one week. The A/V infrastructure is in place. I would say that the Parish hall is sort of like that easy part of a jigsaw puzzle with all of the distinctive features that are quickly recognizable.

The courtyard is another matter. It's kind of like the ocean areas in my granddaughter's "Fantasy World"—large areas of indistinguishable blue. To complicate matters more, we've discovered that some pieces are missing and others simply do not quite fit together as they should. We are still determinedly moving ahead but with a lot more "head scratching" and searching for answers. There's been lots of formwork this week. Formwork is the process of building wooden walls, supported by stakes pounded into the ground, which hold poured concrete in a particular shape or "form". Once the liquid concrete hardens the wooden forms are removed and you are left with a concrete structure or pad. The big news this week is that the forms are up for the walls of the basement area below the Terrace. The reason this is big news is that finally we are seeing a structure emerge from the ever-moving

mounds of dirt. Of course, the difficulty with pouring concrete is that once it hardens there is no going back. If some conduit or pipe or drain was missed, then you've got a whole lot of trouble on your hands. Added to this is the intermingling of several building disciplines and overlapping sets of plans. Sometimes it's just darned hard to find the right piece to complete a certain section of our puzzle.

Did I mention that I hate jigsaw puzzles? I also really love this place.



This is a model of a "Baltic Processional Labyrinth" that is being designed for the rear courtyard area. The word processional refers to the open nature of the walking experience, in that one may choose to walk out along the shorter path; thus a procession may "flow through" the labyrinth, which is an advantage in a limited space.

JARED DAWSON

Coming in October

Monthly Congregational Potlucks!

Watch for more information in the next issue of Kaleidoscope, and contact Bruce and Bev Hanna if you would like to help out with this new community-building initiative!

Seasoned Seekers, Save the Date

On Tuesday September 30 at 3 PM, at Valle Verde, join us for a discussion of "Turning Points in Our Lives" to be led by Lex Crane. All retirees and friends welcome.

Committee on Shared Ministry (COSM) Returns to Action

COSM met with the Reverend Aaron McEmrys for the first time along with Reverend Melitta Haslund and Director of Administration Nancy Edmundson on Thursday, August 21, for two hours. We all realize that this is a time of great change with the new music director, the new minister, the ongoing building project and its accompanying disruptions, new service times and formats, and consequences of all of these. Change is a natural challenge for any of us.

We asked Aaron what he wanted from us, and he said he wanted us to be sensitive to the pulse of the congregation. Since no COSM member is a mind reader, we need to hear your kudos and concerns directly. Aaron is open to criticism if the concern can be addressed; a statement as vague as "I don't like his sermons," he said, would not be helpful. When you speak with us, we will ask if we can use your name when we bring your concern to the COSM meeting. You can choose to keep your name confidential, but it is easier to address the concern if the ministerial team member knows your name.

As you know, we also serve as a sounding board for the ministerial team and provide support as needed.

You can speak with any COSM member about anything either at church or by telephone. COSM members, who serve for three years and may be renewed once, include the following:

Members whose terms expire in 2009

•Charles McCracken

•Susan Neufeldt (end of second term), Chair

•Deborah Wolfe

Members whose terms expire in 2010

•Pat Kruger

•Wayne Mellinger

•Gerald White

Members whose terms expire in 2011

•Deb Karoff

•Paul Kretschmer

•Jody Thomas

Board Liaison: Gary Welterlen

SUSAN NEUFELDT, COSM CHAIR

Go Green With Your Planning!

Annual Services Auction Coming November 8 Acquisition Submission Deadline October 19!

Think "Green" when dreaming up what goods and services you will offer (or may want to purchase!) for our upcoming annual auction.

Save the Date: Saturday night November 8. We offer parties, events, art items, and many set their annual social calendar around what is offered. Since "GREEN" is a central theme for this flagship event, and our largest FUUNd-raiser of the year, you may want to use this theme in your planning.

Need help with ideas? We will have an idea fest on Sunday morning, September 21, between worship services. Put on your "thinking cap" now and offer something that you love to do: take a group hiking, biking or camping somewhere? Offer "a meal on wheels" or your favorite speciality dessert...think intergenerationally, and what appeals to someone older or younger. Offer to organize a messy corner, or finish a knitting project, be a computer guru or host an evening of Canasta, host an out-of-town couple for a weekend, or make a chalice or a necklace. We will have car-free events and greening ideas and surprises. Do you have a lovely piano for an evening event? Or a wonderful space for entertainment? We cooperate to cook festive meals so let your imagination run wild. This is a FREE event where silent and live items will be auctioned and we all laugh and enjoy food together. Call me if you can help or have creative ideas!

DONNIS GALVAN, AUCTION ACQUISITION CHAIR

Toastmasters Humorous Speech and Evaluation Contest

Unitarians are invited to spend an entertaining and educational evening in our newly refurbished Parish Hall hearing speakers from 8 local Toastmasters Clubs compete in their annual Humorous Speech and Evaluation Contests. Our own Bart Woolery will be among the contestants. This is a perfect opportunity to hear what Toastmasters is all about through the speaking and evaluation process, and enjoy some humorous speeches too! Toastmasters clubs can help anyone get over their public speaking jitters and hone to a fine art the skill of communicating their message, be it one-on-one, in a small group, or when it is your turn to be on stage. Join us on Tuesday evening, September 23, 6:30 PM. Free.

Calendar

Saturday, September 13, 2008

- 7:00 AM Early Morning Exercise, Summer, Jefferson Hall
- 9:00 AM USSB Board Retreat, Off Campus
- 2:00 PM Esperanto Circle, La Paz Lounge

Sunday, September 14

- 9:15 AM USSB Childcare, Starr King
- 9:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Children's RE Worship, Jefferson Hall
- 10:30 AM Community Social Hour, Parish Garden
- 10:45 AM Children's Choir, Jefferson Hall
- 11:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:30 AM Coming of Age Luncheon, Jefferson Hall
- 6:30 PM USSB Women's Group, Jefferson Hall

Monday, September 15

- 6:00 AM Early Morning Exercise, Summer, Jefferson Hall
- 5:30 PM Lark Yoga Class, Jefferson Hall

Tuesday, September 16

- 7:00 AM Toastmasters Club #5, TBD (on campus, look for signs, free for USSB members)
- 8:15 AM Morning Meditation, Sanctuary
- 5:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting, Blake Lounge

Wednesday, September 17

- 6:00 AM Early Morning Exercise, Summer, Jefferson Hall
- 5:00 PM USSB Membership Committee, Classroom One
- 5:30 PM Lark Yoga Class, Jefferson Hall
- 5:30 PM Committee on Shared Ministry, Blake Lounge
- 6:00 PM USSB Vespers Potluck, La Paz Lounge
- 7:00 PM USSB Vespers, La Paz Lounge

Thursday, September 18

- 7:00 PM USSB Choir, Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Congregational Forum on CA Prop. 8, TBD

Friday, September 19

- 6:00 AM Early Morning Exercise, Summer, Jefferson Hall
- 8:00 AM USSB Coffee Boys, Off Campus
- 7:30 PM DanceAway, Jefferson Hall

Saturday, September 20, 2008

- 9:00 AM Hospitality Training, Jefferson Hall

Sunday, September 21

- 9:15 AM USSB Childcare, Starr King
- 9:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Children's RE Worship, Jefferson Hall
- 10:30 AM Community Social Hour, Parish Garden
- 10:40 AM Inquiry to UU, Minister's Office
- 10:45 AM Children's Choir, Jefferson Hall
- 11:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, September 22

- 5:30 PM Lark Yoga Class, Jefferson Hall
- 7:00 PM USSB Men's Council, Blake Lounge

Tuesday, September 23

- 7:00 AM Toastmasters Club #5, Parish Hall (free for USSB members)
- 8:15 AM Morning Meditation, Sanctuary
- 12:15 PM USSB I.T. Committee, La Paz Lounge
- 6:30 PM Social Justice Committee, TBD
- 7:00 PM Humorous Speech Contest, Parish Hall

Wednesday, September 24

- 5:30 PM Lark Yoga Class, Jefferson Hall
- 6:30 PM Path to Membership Class, La Paz Lounge

Thursday, September 25

- 5:30 PM USSB Worship Committee, Blake Lounge
- 7:00 PM USSB Choir, Sanctuary

Friday, September 26

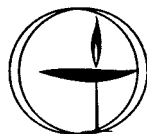
- 6:00 AM USSB Coffee Boys, Off Campus
- 12:00 PM USSB at DeBenneville Pines, Off Campus
- 2:00 PM Alliance Board Meeting, La Paz Lounge
- 7:30 PM DanceAway, Jefferson Hall

Looking Ahead

- September 28 Second Congregational Forum on CA Prop. 8
- October 12 Congregational Meeting and Vote
- November 8 Annual Services Auction

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Sunday Worship Services: 9:30 & 11:30 AM; Children's Program: 9:30 AM
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