



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

KALEIDOSCOPE

The Newsletter of the Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara May 23 - June 5, 2009

Seasons of Fire

Fire swept down from the hills once again, many of us fleeing before it. Even the church had to be evacuated. I grabbed the Membership Book, the Chalice from our sanctuary and my Stoles (the scarf-like things I wear on Sundays) – and then looked around helplessly with my hands full.

What about the archives? What about all these old pictures? What about all of these historical, sentimental, valuable and otherwise important things?

But the sheriff's deputies stood there firmly, and I had to go. I felt oddly guilty to be leaving the church that way, as if it were a friend being left alone. Funny the things we think about in times like these.

But as I drove away two realizations struck me. The first was something that happened a little earlier in the day. Two young women from our Coming of Age group were rehearsing a song for their upcoming worship service. The sun was red from smoke and the power kept going out. There was a lot to be anxious about, but the girls just kept right on singing – it was so beautiful. During the Tea Fire, the Choir was here rehearsing. The power went out that time too.

I went into the sanctuary to check up on them – and there they were, lit only by candlelight – and they were singing too, Silent Night.

I guess this is what we do, here at the Unitarian Society, when things get tough, when the night is long and the future uncertain. We sing. And we keep on singing. This is a good thing to know about ourselves.

The second realization was that all of these things (the historical, sentimental and otherwise valuable things listed above) are really cool and good to have around – but they are not the church. And the building is not the church.

We are. We are the church, and as long as we are well – the church is well.

So this morning, my lungs tired with breathing the smoke of burning trees and houses – I pray that our church is well, and will be well in the dicey hours and days ahead. I pray that we are well, that we are safe and that all of us can find sanctuary and respite in this season of fire.

My love to you all, Aaron

Sunday Morning Services 9:30 & 11:30 am

May 24, 2009

The Reverend Aaron McEmrys

On this Memorial Day weekend, we will remember all those whose lives have been cut short by war. Together we will explore gratitude and grief, and reflect upon the ways remembrance of the fallen can help heal our world today.

May 31, 2009

The Reverend Tom Owen-Towle

THE POSITIVE CORE OF UNITARIAN

UNIVERSALISM: This week we will welcome back one of the most influential Unitarian Universalist ministers of his generation, the Rev. Tom Owen-Towle. He writes, *"Too frequently we religious liberals describe our faith in negative terms. In truth, Unitarian Universalism is a resoundingly upbeat, life-affirming religion with a hopeful history and identity. How can we learn to define our faith as one that inspires people to say "Yes!" instead of "No?"*

Stewardship Campaign 2009-2010

“The Future Is Now”

While writing this article on Wednesday, May 6, I can hear helicopters outside my window as they observe and fight against the latest wild fire to threaten Santa Barbara. My concern about the fire is a keen distraction from writing this article about our Stewardship Campaign and what it means to all of us in our Society. At the same time the fire, which now appears to be limited and somewhat controlled, is a timely yet grave reminder of the importance of our religious communities and why we support them. Our annual Stewardship Campaign is one of our means for sustaining and growing our vital community.

We are now in the closing days of this year’s Annual Stewardship Campaign. I am feeling that there is much to be thankful about in our Society right now. Yes, it is good to see the end of our work on the Annual Stewardship Campaign. Thank you to all of our Visiting Stewards for making their contacts and spreading the word about where we are, where we are going and what it will take for us to be sustained as a congregation. Thank you that so many of you volunteered to work as Stewards. “Many hands make light the work.” Thank you to all of us, our congregation, for making an annual commitment and in this way creating our new future at USSB.

The Stewardship Campaign is not complete yet and this time the success of the Campaign

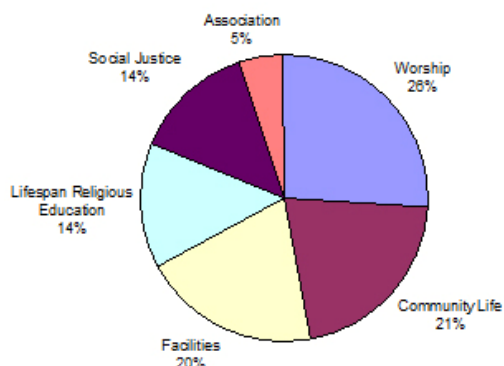
is somewhat more in doubt than usual. Our economy is weakened and for some this means interruptions to our careers and financial stability. We are anxious and optimistic that this year’s Campaign will support our budget plan. Of course, success for the Annual Campaign means that total annual planned commitments will match our detailed budget plan in dollars.

While the Campaign is not entirely complete here are results so far:

- 147 commitments received to date
- 28% Full Share
- 36% increased their annual commitment an average of 16%
- The average increase is 1%

These numbers tell various things about our congregation and how we approach our finances right now. In my mind, the Full Share component is the most important because it provides guidelines for our gifts, which we can accept as reasonable and at the same time sufficient to fully fund programs that meet the needs of all ages. Full Share also means that while attending to the basics of facilities, staff and ministerial leadership, we can also reach a bit higher, doing more for Social Justice, Music and Lifespan Religious Education, to name three areas.

How USSB Resources Are Used



The following chart shows how our resources are used. What is left to do now? If you have not completed and returned an Annual Gift form, please do so now in May. Then your Stewardship Campaign and Finance Committee can certify our sound financial plan for 2008-2009.

Thank you,
Chris Appleton & Mark Hamilton
**Please call Chris with any Campaign question
(805) 453-8330**

All in the Family

In Memoriam

Our beloved member, Frances Brundall, died May 4, 2009. Fran died at the age of 92 and had been a member of USSB since 1968. Fran and her husband Larry, who passed away in 2006, gifted our congregation with the beautiful rose window that we marvel at every Sunday. Memories of Fran and Larry and all their contributions are part of our beloved and cherished legacy. Our sympathy to all of Fran's family and friends. Details regarding the June 6 memorial service will be shared as soon as they are available.

The memorial service for Edith Johnson will be held on Monday, June 29, 2009 in Santa Barbara. Location yet to be determined. If you would like to contribute to a memorial book for Edith, please send your submissions to Zina Deretsky, zderetsk@nsf.gov by May 18.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Elaine Roark, daughter of Karen Harris and Paul Roark, on her acceptance by the University of San Diego Law School. We can all be proud; Elaine was raised in this congregation!

Mayor Blum presented Ramon Hooper, one of our own UU's, with the Special Olympics Athlete of the Year award at the Santa Barbara Athletic Round Table Hall of Fame dinner on May 11th. Give Ramon a pat on the back. He deserves it.

Our Healing Wishes

June Schuerch, who is home from a hospitalization and recovering from her self-described "very nasty bursitis". Get well June!

And for Harrison Schell, the 12 year old son of one of our RE teachers and member, Katie Schell, who broke his arm (compound fracture) May 2nd and was hospitalized.

Caring Thoughts

We are keeping Anita Blume and Ken Ralph in our thoughts as they care for their failing step-father.

Our Sympathies

To the Neufeldt family on the sudden death of Susan Neufeldt's brother in law.

Our sympathies to Beverly and Chris Appleton on the death of Beverly's step-father.

Our sympathies to the family and friends of Vyvian Mohr, who passed away on March 10, 2009. Vyvian had been a member of USSB since 1994; she has lived at Casa Dorinda for a number of years, and was 94 years of age at the time of her death.

Our condolences to Donnie Nair on the loss of her beloved husband, Jack, on May 6th. We understand his passing was a peaceful one, surrounded by family.

Best Wishes

Our best wishes and farewell to Dee Gronbeck, who is moving to Northern California to live near her daughter.

General Assembly a Meeting of all UUA Congregations

Imagine thousands of UUs spending the weekend together, sharing ideas, worship and fun. This year it's June 24-28, 2009 in Salt Lake City, Utah (see info at

<http://www.uua.org/events/generalassembly/index.shtml>). The full **Program**

Schedule is now available online in a searchable, sortable format. **Housing Reservations** are still available, but don't wait much longer. For more information, contact Bruce Hanna, at 451-5414 or bphanna@cox.net

Sketches...by Aaron

The Reverend Aaron McEmrys, Parish Minister

Dear Friends,

I have been reflecting on a phrase that came to me while I was working on my sermon for this week. It's a simple phrase really, but continues to echo around in my head:

"Let us be a village of many mothers."

Our Unitarian Society is a place, a village, where we care for one another, nurture one another, *mother* one another.

Every day I serve this congregation I am reminded of just how remarkable we are. Every single one of us has so much to offer, to share, to teach...and every one of us has so much to learn – so much more growing still to come.

We do a great job of learning and growing together around here, and we can do even better as we find ways of embracing our full potential as a lifespan community – a community where people of all ages have more opportunities to explore, struggle, serve and worship together all the time.

Right now, it sometimes seems to me that the children and adults in our congregation move in parallel lines. We do come together for the beginning of worship every Sunday and in some other fun congregational events – but I think there is room for a much deeper and better-integrated experience than this.

In order to help us do this we are taking a number of major steps. First, our Religious Education Task Force, which has been exploring best practices nationally and envisioning the future of our program, has completed their report to the Board. Task

Force members Carol Schwyzer, Carla Neufeldt Abatie, Jared Dawson, Deb Karoff, and Betty Noling have done a magnificent job and have laid out the beginnings of a blueprint to guide our steps into an amazing future. Their report is now posted on our website, so please read, enjoy, and let us know what you think!

We have also formed a Search Committee to lead us in finding our new Director of Lifespan Religious Education. Ken Saxon, Kir Zecher, Rosaleen Lancet, Carla Neufeldt Abatie, Tammy Shorb and I are hard at work laying the ground work for our search, and we hope to find a wonderful new leader by August. In the meantime, the Committee will be holding a number of focus-group-like sessions to learn more about what qualities you (all of you, no matter how young or old) would like to see in our new Director and in our evolving program. So keep your eyes peeled and your ears open.

Finally, we are creating a new volunteer position called "Kid for a Day." This is an opportunity for you (yes, you!) to sign up to join an RE class for six Sundays (and six you choose) in the coming year. You don't have to do anything terrifying or difficult – just show up and participate. Get to know the kids and let them get to know you. I guarantee you will learn something, and have a great time doing it! Our kids need you – and we need them too, so sign up today. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Charla Bregante at reassistant@ussb.org or by calling the church office.

In Faith, Aaron

Sustain the Spark:

Building Community, Deepening Faith,
Committing to Justice UU Young Adult Camp,
De Benneville Pines September 4-7, 2009

Registration is now open for the second annual young adult camp (ages 18-35). It's held at Camp de Benneville Pines, www.uucamp.org.

Price is sliding scale \$150.00 - 195.00. Pay as much as you can - we do this in order to help those who make less money at this time in their lives still be able attend this life-affirming event. To register, visit www.connectuu.com. Look for Sustain the Spark.

What do we do at a young adult camp? Well, here are some things that happened last year:

1. Singing and dancing in the rain.
2. Tons of great food, cooked by the amazing camp staff.
3. Meaningful worship.
4. Deep and thoughtful covenant groups.
5. Share talents at the incredible variety show.
6. Time and space in which to breathe.
7. Nighttime stargazing hike.
8. So many compelling social justice workshops it was hard to pick just one to attend.
9. Laughs, hugs, laughs, hugs ...

Join UU Young Adults from around Southern California, Arizona and Nevada! It won't be the same without you.

In peace and hope,
Tera Little, Director of Lifespan Programs
Pacific Southwest District -
Unitarian Universalist Association

Potluck in Parish Hall

5:30pm Sat May 16

Last potluck of the season...

Questions? Bruce Hanna 451-5414

What Gives You Lasting Joy?

In these challenging times, we can all use more joy in our lives.

Seasoned Seekers welcomes all to come and share what it is that gives you lasting joy. Hear what others have to say about it including Starshine Roshell, Rev. Joy Atkinson, Rumi, and Matthew Fox.

Join Carlene Van Pelt and Stephen Young of USSB for a joy filled discussion with Seasoned Seekers on **May 26, 3 PM** at Vista del Monte's Sierra Madre Lounge, 3775 Modoc Rd. Call Ginny Crane at 682-3476 for questions or by Mon. the 25th for a ride.

June Birthdays

- 6/2 Dane Lazauns
- 6/6 Lucie Curtiss
- 6/7 Ernest Mosbaek, Terry Nelson, Tony Zee
- 6/8 Lesley Alexander, Oscar Bucher, Michael Getto
- 6/9 June Kelley, Logan Carmody
- 6/10 June Christian, Peggy Burbank
- 6/11 Dale Nutter, Mary Moore
- 6/13 Sheila Lodge
- 6/15 Gun Dukes, May Saxe, Roger Horton
- 6/16 Mignon Bradley
- 6/17 Frank Michaelson, Mary Grimm
- 6/18 Carol Schwyzer, Chuck Wolfe
- 6/19 Geraldine Atkinson, Mary Romo, Sayre Macneil
- 6/21 Sonya Elias
- 6/22 Lauren Wyeth, Mike Noling
- 6/24 Anita Blume
- 6/27 Nicolas Ferrera
- 6/29 Anne Pedersen
- 6/30 Cat Robson, Pat Swanson, Thomas Ledbetter, Jean-Dwight Ledbetter

Lifespan Religious Education News

Children's Religious Education

As part of their *Go Green* curriculum our 1st and 2nd graders have been tending our Peas and Justice garden, adding worms to the soil and mulching. Our 3rd and 4th graders recently made cloth lunch bags, and our 5th – 7th graders enjoyed a presentation on permaculture. *Go Green* classes finish up on May 31. We celebrate our dedicated RE teachers on Sunday, June 7.

Youth Choir

Our Youth Choir is preparing for their trip to the Lake Casitas Water Park on Saturday, June 6. They earned this trip through regular attendance and by passing a vocal test. They raised most of the funds for the trip through a bake sale earlier this year. Thank you to the Program Council for providing the rest of the funds.

Coming of Age

Our coming of age youth recently spent a day in Carpinteria working with the Peoples' Self Help Project to build raised garden beds for a low-income housing development. The year ends with the May 17 COA lead worship service, always an inspirational event. We thank their leaders, Kir Zecher, Chris Shorb and Doug Thomas for guiding them through this year. We thank their mentors, Terri Allison, Chris Casebeer, Nancy Edmundson, Dick Jensen, Detty Peikert, Ellen Rockne, George Solinas, and Gary Welterlen, for building relationships with this special group of teens.

COA parents, watch for an invitation from Aaron for a planning meeting for our fall youth program, including OWL.

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If you are interested in helping envision a new and vibrant youth program for the fall, contact Rev. Aaron McEmrys at 965-4583 x 222 or minister@ussb.org.

DRE Search

The search for our new Director of Religious Education has begun. Our search committee, Ken Saxon, Kirsten Zecher, Tammy Shorb and Carla Neufeldt-Abatie, have met and are beginning to look at potential candidates.

Sign up to lead a Summer Sunday

During the summer, members of the congregation volunteer to share their hobbies, interests, and passions with our children in alternative, hands-on, experiential worship services in Jefferson Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend some time getting to know a terrific group of kids. Please sign up in the garden to lead one of these special 9:30 services or contact Charla Bregante at re@ussb.org, 965-4583 x227 for more information.



Family Fun Nights

Our Family Fun Night Task force has recently taken over the leadership of this popular monthly event. In addition to keeping the fun going all summer long, they have created themes for upcoming FF Nights. On May 8, we enjoyed an Italian night with pasta and other tasty dishes and Italian chalk drawing in the Jefferson Courtyard. Families won't want to miss the Summer Solstice FF Night on June 12.

Adult Religious Education

Visit the RE table in the garden to sign up for upcoming Adult RE classes. Beginning Sunday, May 24, our new Ethical Eating Task Force (EET) begins hosting a series of discussions, short films, and support for those who want to learn more about what it means to eat more ethically.

Contact Cat Robson,
jitterbugranch@msn.com, 845-6946.

USSB Film Series

Friday, May 29, 7 PM in Parish Hall.

The Visitor (2008) The life of a dispirited economics professor is transformed by a chance encounter with a Syrian-Senegalese couple in New York City in this finely etched drama by writer-director Tom McCarthy.



Haikus

Our 5th –7th grade RE class recently enjoyed a Sunday morning writing haikus in Alice Keck Park Memorial Garden:

As the stream flows
It catches the sun
Like some fairy gold
-Michelle Housh

Many pond fish swim
Next to the nice calm turtles
Along with the ducks
- Ian Narine

Shining from the sun
Lily pads on the surface
The fish swim below
-Jasmine John

Plants grow in the river
The water trickles softly by the rocks
The turtle smiles at me
-Rachel Connally

A tiny turtle
Looks just like a lily pad
Swimming in the pond
-Frances Kretschmer

THANKS, GRACIAS, MERCI, DANKE! to all who contributed time, food, labor and memories to help create a loving farewell to Melitta. The USSB staff gave unending assistance in providing materials, set-up, and clean-up as they usually do. Many members of the congregation volunteered in this effort and some I know and many I do not know. I cannot thank each individually, but your efforts were greatly appreciated.
-Pat Kruger

Jeans from Teens

Thank you very much to Astrid Nelson and the Teen Group who organized the drive to collect jeans to take to the Domestic Violence Solutions shelters. Dozens of jeans were contributed by our congregation, and the shelter coordinator said that the project was a great idea: "Last year over 300 women and children stayed in our shelters and almost all wore jeans."

Our congregation is a wonderful supporter of Domestic Violence Solutions. On May 17 there will be a Sew-A-Thon at The Sewing Parlour to make new curtains for one of the shelters. Call 962-4931 if you'd like to participate.

Path to Membership

**Saturday, May 16, 9 am to Noon OR
Wednesday, June 10, 6:30-9 pm**

Newcomers and those interested in joining the USSB are invited to attend this short class (just attend one class, either date!). We will get to know one another, learn about Unitarian Universalism, our congregation and membership. It is an enjoyable opportunity to meet and get to know Rev. Aaron McEmrys! Childcare provided.

Postponed Events

Several leadership training events were cancelled due to the recent wildfire in the Santa Barbara area! Rest assured that we will reschedule the Council of Chairs Leadership gathering, and the MAGIC A-V training! Watch your emails, order of service, and future issues of Kaleidoscope for new dates.

-Nancy Edmundson, Director of Administration

Usher Training

Join the USSB Sunday Morning Usher Team

Tuesday, May 26, 5:30-7 pm

Who are the friendly people who meet you with an open door and an order of service? They are our ushers. In addition, they take up and secure the offering, count the house, reserve choir seating, and a few other appreciated tasks that contribute to the feeling that our newcomers and long-time members alike have been anticipated and prepared for.

Please contact Nancy at ussb@ussb.org, 965-4583 x225 to indicate whether you will attend and if we may schedule you as an usher. The training will include Nancy's chocolate rum cake, review of traditional usher duties, new emergency procedures, and orientation to our online usher scheduling system. (Bring your calendar with you!)

The Unitarian Society needs a total of 4 ushers each Sunday (two each service). This will allow ushers to serve as usher one time a month. We look forward to your response, and welcoming you to the USSB usher team!

June Alliance Meeting

Everyone is invited to the June Alliance meeting which will be held on Friday, June 5 at 2:00 PM in Parish Hall and in the Sanctuary. We will meet first in Parish Hall then go into the Sanctuary to hear a special program by our Organist-Emeritus, Mahlon Balderston. He will reveal the secrets of the organ by playing beautiful music (as always) to illustrate the various periods in the growth of this "King of Instruments" of which our organ is a fine example. (The current replacement value is \$600,000!). This will be the last meeting until fall.

Refreshments will be provided by Alliance members (A thru H).

Welcoming As a Spiritual Practice

Spread our welcome!

Saturday, June 6, 9 am to 11:30 am

Parish Hall

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

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 focus on our increased outreach, growing numbers of new members and the summer time...when many families "church shop"! 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."

Childcare and refreshments provided.

Congregational Vote on By-law Revision Postponed

A scheduled vote of the congregation on the issue of whether to approve Revised Bylaws has been postponed. It had been included in the matters to be considered at the Annual Meeting, which is set for June 14, 2009. The vote will now be scheduled for a Special Meeting in the fall, on a date not yet determined. Prior to that vote, in accordance with the procedure defined in our governing document, timely notice of the vote and a proposed draft of the Revised Bylaws will be sent by mail. Two meetings will be held to discuss the proposed new bylaws.

This decision was made after careful consideration by the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Governance Review Committee. The Society currently operates under a "Constitution" that was adopted in 1980 and last revised in 2003. While it is out of

date and does not meet the current needs of the congregation, the approval of new, up-to-date bylaws is a weighty matter. More time is needed to thoroughly consider and craft changes that will bring the governance of the Society in line with best practices. A deliberate and well-paced approach is necessary. This decision assures that ample time will be taken to conduct a thorough analysis and well-considered revision proposal.

There will be no negative effect arising from this delay, as the Society governance is still being conducted in a properly authorized manner. Thank you for your patience while we complete this project. We look forward to having your attention and feedback when the congregation considers the issue next fall.

Sayre Macneil
Chair, Governance Review Committee

Ken Ralph Assumes New Role at USSB

I have been your facility manager for over five years. The job has been fun, challenging and very satisfying but now I am ready to enter a new phase in my life. I want more leisure, more travel with Anita, more time with the grandkids, more time just to be an involved congregant once again. So, I have tendered my resignation, effective May 28, 2009.

I am not leaving the Unitarian Society. I'm only leaving my post as Facility Manager, but this won't be easy. I'll need your help to pull this off. When something breaks, my instinct is to fix it. When the microphones don't work I cringe and want to see what can be done. When a group needs a space to meet in I immediately want to find a way to make it happen. **Well, this has got to stop!** I'll do my part by employing a new mantra when confronted with facility needs. I'll simply say, "Ask Nancy" to myself or to you. You can do your part by bringing any facility needs directly to Nancy. Not me. And, please, if you see me forgetting and acting like a facility

manager give me a good hard shake and say "Stop, Ken! You're a congregant now!"

I do plan to become a more fully engaged **congregant** once again. I have joined the Worship Committee and the Membership Committee and I hope to become one of the Small Group Facilitators. I look forward to exploring and developing a whole new set of talents here at USSB and I'm anxious to work with you in a new way.

It's very gratifying to look back at some of the major projects accomplished over these five years: renovating the Parsonage, remodeling the Parish Hall Kitchen and completing a \$2 million Capital Campaign Building Project. But, make no mistake. These accomplishments were yours. I thank you for the trust and confidence you showed in me to help make these dreams realities. I also have to say that it has been an honor and a privilege to be a part of this amazing USSB staff team, particularly Nancy Edmundson and Carol Doose. I cannot imagine a more dedicated and hardworking duo. Treat them nice.

Planning for Ken's Retirement

The Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara, our staff and the wider Santa Barbara community have all been the very fortunate recipients of Ken Ralph's service as our Facility Manager. Ken has truly seen his work here at USSB as a ministry, and for that we are all the better. Ken has been a fountain of inspiration, a model of persistence, and an example of living one's call in the world. We all know that no one deserves more to retire after a job well done than Ken! And we are so very lucky to have Ken and Anita with us, continuing as active members of our congregation.

So then, the natural question comes to mind: "What will we do without Ken?" Fortunately, Ken and Rev. Aaron McEmrys and I have been in a planning conversation about this for some time now and this has allowed us to begin to evaluate what our facility management needs will be for the future. We

are also fortunate that Ken has agreed to remain as a temporary paid consultant to me for the next year or so. (When Garland Harris retired, I made t-shirts for all our staff that read "What Would Garland Do?"...with Ken as a consultant, I'll be able to keep a list, and wear a more fashionable shirt!) This, combined with the completion of a significant building project, means that I will be evaluating how best to meet the needs of USSB now, and that it is not likely that we will be hiring "someone just like Ken" (how could we find that person), or that we will be hiring a $\frac{3}{4}$ time Facility Manager (that is the position Ken is retiring from).

So stay tuned about what is next in how we make the best use of our resources to care for our beautiful campus....and remember Ken's parting words "Go ask Nancy".

-Nancy Edmundson, Director of Administration

Calendar

Saturday, May 23, 2009

7:00 AM Early Morning Exercise, with Linda,
Parish Hall

Sunday, May 24, 2009 Worship Services 9:30 &

11:30 am 9:00 AM USSB Childcare, Starr King
9:30 AM Children's RE Classes, Blake Building
10:45 AM Youth Choir, Jefferson Hall
12:45 PM Ethical Eating, Blake Lounge
3:00 PM Natasha Chamber Music Concert,
Sanctuary
7:00 PM USSB Women's Group, Jefferson Hall

Monday, May 25, 2009

6:00 AM Early Morning Exercise, with Linda,
Parish Hall
5:30 PM Lark Yoga Classes, Jefferson Hall
7:00 PM USSB Men's Council, Blake Lounge

Tuesday, May 26, 2009

7:00 AM Toastmasters Club #5 (Free for USSB
Members), Parish Hall
12:15 PM USSB I.T. Committee, LaPaz Lounge
5:30 PM USSB Worship Committee, LaPaz Lounge

Wednesday, May 27, 2009

6:00 AM Early Morning Exercise, with Linda,
Parish Hall
5:30 PM Lark Yoga Classes, Jefferson Hall
6:00 PM Children's RE Council, LaPaz Lounge
7:00 PM Interspiritual Meditation, Blake Lounge

Thursday, May 28, 2009

7:00 PM USSB Choir, Sanctuary

Friday, May 29, 2009

6:00 AM Early Morning Exercise, with Linda,
Parish Hall
8:00 AM USSB Coffee Boys, Off Campus
2:00 PM Alliance Board Meeting, LaPaz Lounge
7:00 PM Film Night w/ Chuck Wolfe, Parish Hall
7:30 PM Danceaway, Jefferson Hall

Saturday, May 30, 2009

7:00 AM Early Morning Exercise, with Linda,
Parish Hall
8:00 PM Santa Barbara Master Chorale, Sanctuary

Sunday, May 31, 2009 Worship Services 9:30 &

11:30 am
9:00 AM USSB Childcare, Starr King
9:30 AM Children's RE Classes, Blake Building
10:40 AM UU Inquiry Conversation, Reception
Office
10:45 AM Youth Choir, Jefferson Hall
3:00 PM Santa Barbara Master Chorale, Sanctuary

Monday, June 01, 2009

6:00 AM Early Morning Exercise, with Linda,
Parish Hall
5:30 PM Lark Yoga Classes, Jefferson Hall

Tuesday, June 02, 2009

7:00 AM Toastmasters Club #5 (Free for USSB
Members), Parish Hall
5:30 PM USSB Executive Committee, Blake Lounge

Wednesday, June 03, 2009

6:00 AM Early Morning Exercise, with Linda,
Parish Hall
12:15 PM USSB Long Range Planning, Blake
Lounge
5:30 PM Lark Yoga Classes, Jefferson Hall
6:00 PM USSB Vespers Potluck, LaPaz Lounge
7:00 PM Interspiritual Meditation, Blake Lounge
7:00 PM Book Discussion, Classroom B
7:00 PM USSB Vespers, LaPaz Lounge

Thursday, June 04, 2009

7:00 PM USSB Choir, Sanctuary

Friday, June 05, 2009

6:00 AM Early Morning Exercise, with Linda,
Parish Hall
8:00 AM USSB Coffee Boys, Off Campus
2:00 PM Alliance General Meeting, Parish Hall
6:00 PM Danceaway Committee, Parish Hall
7:30 PM Danceaway, Parish Hall

Looking Ahead

June 6 Hospitality Workshop
June 7 Town Meeting on Budget
June 14 Annual Congregation Meeting
June 26 Summer Fashion Fling

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John Alexie Crane, Minister Emeritus
Nancy Edmundson, Director of Administration

Sunday Worship Services: 9:30 & 11:30 AM; Children's Program: 9:30 AM
Nursery & Children's Care: Sunday, 9:00 AM-12:45 PM, Starr King
Office Hours: Mon-Fri: 9 AM-4 PM; SUN: 10:00 AM-NOON

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UU Principles

Unitarian Universalist individuals and congregations are a uniquely diverse in our beliefs and practices. We are unified in our commitment to affirm and promote the following seven principles:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.