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

November 1–15, 2009

The Newsletter of the Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara

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## Sunday Morning Services

**9:30 AM and 11:30 AM**

**November 1  
For All That Is Our Lives  
The Reverend Aaron McEmrys**

This month we will turn our attention to gratitude. It is all too easy to think of gratitude as something that happens to us—someone bakes me my favorite pie, I see an amazing sunset—and voilà, I feel grateful—as if gratitude comes from somewhere outside of me, always in response to some external stimulus. This is all well and good, but it seems a bit passive to me. What becomes possible if instead of seeing gratitude as just another feeling that can happen to me, I start to think about gratitude as a practice, as something I decide to (actively) do? Please join us as we explore what becomes possible when we begin to treat gratitude as a skill, an art through which we can live lives of increasing richness and depth.

**November 8  
Thank You, Mrs. Henderson  
The Reverend Aaron McEmrys**

On this, our annual Heritage Sunday, we will look back at one of our congregation's forgotten leaders, the incomparable Mrs. Henderson. In her day, she seems to have served on every committee, had a hand in every campaign and taken minutes at nearly every meeting (oh, my!). There are Mrs. Hendersons in every community, those hearty and devoted saints who step into every gap and up to every challenge. In this service we will thank all the Mrs. Hendersons in our lives as we honor our long-term members for all their years of love and commitment to our Society, even as we welcome a new cohort of members into the heart of our congregation. What is the best way to honor Mrs. Henderson? Come this Sunday to find out, and be warned—the answer may surprise you!

**November 15  
All That Glitters  
Jody Thomas, Worship Host**

The goal is to live in gratitude. But what about when greed and want show up uninvited? How do we appreciate what we have, everyday, even when things are hard? It is easier to be grateful when things are good, but it is life's work to maintain gratitude in the face of adversity and challenge.

## Our Bylaws

On November 15, we will take a vote to restate our Society's Bylaws and establish a new governance baseline to conduct our affairs. Many have wondered why now, and for what purpose. Well, when things are going well, as I believe they are, conventional wisdom would say let things keep going along as they are. And, on face value, that would appear to be right. However, as the person who closes the barn door after the horse has left the premises has learned, this is the right time to address our governance rules for changes. The last thing we want is to have to interpret what our Bylaws mean when we are dealing with a new crisis.

Over the past two years there has been a lot of work done by selfless people who feel strongly about having a solid foundation for the Unitarian Society. We developed a deep appreciation for why the Bylaws remained intact for over thirty years. We involved many people in this process. A healthy dialogue developed about what bylaws worked and what needed review; we learned where we needed to keep wise rules in place and where we thought we needed to make changes. The Bylaws were then turned over to our members for their comment and suggestions and that, too, added to the thoughtful process. These additional perspectives expanded the discussion and improved the final document that you have received in the mail and on which we will vote to approve (or not) on November 15.

All in all, I feel these bylaws represent the continuing effort to balance accountability with responsibility among our Members, our elected officers, and our Ministerial staff. They are not perfect, and in the future I am confident that others, with the wisdom of their day, will improve on what we have done. It is an honorable, best effort to align our written rules of conduct with the way we operate the day-to-day affairs of Unitarian Society life. Thanks for your participation in our democratic process. On November 1 at 1 PM there will be another community discussion of these proposed changes. Please join us in voting on November 15. See you there.

GARY WELTERLEN, BOARD PRESIDENT

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# Annual Services Auction 2009 Saturday November 7 5–9 PM in Parish Hall

## Saturday Night Fever



The *Disco Fever* Service Auction is right around the corner and I really hope you'll put it on your calendar and plan on attending. If you're new to the Unitarian Society and haven't attended our annual Service Auction you're in for a treat. Each fall we hold a themed auction event where we offer dinners, vacation homes, hikes, crafts, services and skills, and art and treasures for your purchase. The proceeds benefit the Unitarian Society and the general fund. This year we celebrate that great period of American culture The Disco Era. I can hardly wait to break out my John Travolta approved Hustle DVD and practice my moves once again!!

The auction serves three purposes. It is a powerful and most important fund raiser for the Unitarian Society. Each year through the generosity of our members and friends we raise over \$30,000 for the general fund to help us meet our annual budget. That represents close to 5% of our annual budget and allows the Society to continue to provide the high quality of programming and services we have come to expect. Secondly, the dinners, vacations, classes, and services offered are terrific ways to fill out your social calendar, meet new people and renew friendships. Go to places you've always wanted to go, both near and far, like a week to the coast of France, Cape Cod, or the California Sierras; or a guided hike on a local trail. Learn a new hobby like Geo-caching, and do things you might never have had the opportunity before, or attend a night at the movies under the stars with popcorn and a cold beverage. These are but a sampling of the hundreds of items offered this year.

And last but not least it's a great event! The Auction is one of the most fun evenings we have all year. You spend an evening with your friends, eat great food, laugh and have fun! Oh yeah, you also have a chance to take home some great offerings that help the Unitarian Society as well. What's not to like?

We'll see you under the disco globe. As the Bee Gees said:

*And we're stayin' alive, stayin' alive.  
Ah, ha, ha, ha,  
Stayin' alive.  
Stayin' alive.  
Ah, ha, ha, ha,  
Stayin' alive.*



GARY WELTERLEN, BOARD PRESIDENT

## Plan Ahead!

Which Vacation Get-Away will you bid on at the Services Auction? See your auction brochure or our website, [www.ussb.org](http://www.ussb.org), for more details! Here are just a few:

- ★A Week in Biarritz, France—[www.VRBO/114927](http://www.VRBO/114927).
- ★7 Nights in a Maui Condo—[www.halekai.com/condos/214/index.htm](http://www.halekai.com/condos/214/index.htm).
- ★Historic Cottage on Cape Cod
- ★Blue Ridge Mountain Top Retreat—[www.VRBO.com/91637](http://www.VRBO.com/91637).
- ★Visit Orcas Island
- ★2 Night Stay in Walnut Creek & Tour of Bancroft Gardens—[www.ruthbancroftgarden.org](http://www.ruthbancroftgarden.org).
- ★Enjoy a Mammoth Condo
- ★Marriott Desert Springs Condo with Fabulous Spa—[www.marriottdeserthotsprings.com](http://www.marriottdeserthotsprings.com)
- ★A poolside cottage is yours in Ojai Valley.

## Our Auction—Some Practical Matters

Recognizing that we have a great diversity of discretionary income in our congregation, the auction planning committee makes special efforts to create an event that is economically accessible for all the members of our congregation. How?

**THE EVENT IS FREE:** Please attend. Childcare is provided for FREE.

**Affordable fixed price items:** Note in the Auction Brochure that there are a number of affordable events that have a set fee. You will not need to bid against others. These events are fixed cost. Sign up and go. You will not be bumped by a higher bid.

**Lottery of scholarship events:** If your financial circumstances prohibit you from bidding at all, please contact Nancy Edmundson, Director of Administration at 965-4583 x 225, [director@ussb.org](mailto:director@ussb.org). You will be entered into a CONFIDENTIAL lottery of event items that are being held for members that we do NOT want excluded from the many activities that occur throughout the year.

## Can't make it to the USSB Services Auction?

Well, chill out groovy guys and gals. Here's the skinny.

If you are unable to make it to the auction you have several options to bid on items you want and help make this the best auction yet!

Send your very own "Cool Cat", aka your friend, to do the bidding for you! Partner with a friend and let them know what item(s) you want to bid on and the maximum amount you are willing to pay for it. Can you dig it?

OR...Contact Nancy Edmundson before Thursday Nov. 5 with your proxy bids. Now that's totally awesome!

## USSB Services Auction

Far out and Totally Stoked Bidding Encouraged  
Come Early—First bidding tables close at 6:30 PM!

Concerned about bidding on an item that may get re-scheduled? What happens when an event scheduled for a future date, has the date changed by the hosts and you absolutely cannot attend? This is unavoidable, and we do not want you to hesitate to bid and purchase any item. Here are the options available to you.

\*If your circumstances allow, consider this a donation to the congregation or give your purchased event spaces to another member. Contact Nancy Edmundson, Director of Administration, for the names of new members to give your space to!

\*Sell your event spaces to another member. List your offer to sell on reflections@ussb.org. This is almost ALWAYS successful!

\*Ask your event host to offer you a RAINCHECK for the following year.

\*If none of the above works out for you, contact Nancy Edmundson for a refund of your donation.

We want you to bid generously, and with confidence that you will enjoy your event purchases! How is that for keeping it real, baby?

## Having a Chillaxin' Time and Keeping Our Kids Safe! Free Childcare the Night of the Services Auction!

We want all groovy gals and guys to enjoy Good Vibes to the max. So here is the skinny on young ones at our Disco Fever Auction Event. Parents, we ask your support in all of the following areas.

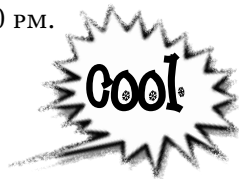
\*Children of all ages are welcome at the event under the direct supervision of their parents.

\*Childcare is also provided for children the night of the event from 5 to 9 PM. Parents are asked to escort their children to and from childcare at all times, and sign the children in and out of childcare. (Especially if your children will attend part of the party event in Parish Hall).

\*Parents, please do not "send" your children to childcare without an adult to sign them in! All children need to be escorted across campus at all times, for their safety.

\*Childcare for the evening will include pizza for dinner, and age appropriate activities.

\*Childcare will begin at 4 PM for parents who are event volunteers with shifts beginning before 5 PM, and will continue until 9:30 PM for parents who are event volunteers with shifts ending at 9:30 PM.



## We Celebrate Our New Program Launches!

With a congregation as active and busy as USSB, we need to make a conscious effort to recognize and celebrate our accomplishments from time to time. This is one of those times! USSB launched five new programs in the past two months, and that is an extraordinary accomplishment. Thank you to the congregation leaders and staff that have helped to make this happen...read on to understand why I am so appreciative and excited.

### High School Youth Programming Our Whole Lives and Emerging Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU)

It has been a number of years since we have had a thriving youth program for our high school-aged youth, and this year we are focusing considerable organizational resources on changing that! September through December an energetic and engaged group of 9 youth and 2 adult facilitators are participating in an OWL program on Sunday afternoons. OWL is a comprehensive sexuality course, based on the four values of Self-Worth, Sexual Health, Justice and Inclusivity, and Responsibility. In addition, Rev. Aaron McEmrys is meeting with the group monthly to build leadership, and LeeAnn Williams, Director of Lifespan Religious Education, has met with the group to plan a youth group that these youth will be willing to participate in regularly and invite their friends to! Our youth are already envisioning a service-oriented group that will begin fundraising for their short- and long-term efforts in December!

### New Member Host Program

As you may know, we have welcomed over 50 new members to USSB over the past year. To help these new members "plug in" to our community, the Welcome Committee has created the New Member Host Program. We invited established members of our congregation to connect with one of our new members and become a "host" for a period of 6 months. The task of the host is very limited; simply make contact with your assigned new member twice a month to see how things are going, answer questions (or refer to someone who knows the answer) and highlight upcoming events, classes, etc. This is done by phone or in person after a Sunday Service. That's it! So far we have approximately 30 hosts in action. The reports are positive and the program seems to be working well. New members continue to join our congregation. More hosts are needed every month. Contact Ken Ralph (committee chair), or Jen Stroh (Membership Coordinator) at membership@ussb.org.

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## Lifespan RE News

### Family Fun Night

Join us for Family Fun Night on Friday, November 13 from 6–8 PM in Jefferson Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity for those new to the Unitarian Society to connect with other families in our congregation. Bring a potluck dish to share and plates, cups, and utensils for your family.

### Día de los Muertos

Our annual *Día de los Muertos* children's worship and fiesta will be Sunday, November 1 in Jefferson Hall. Join us for this special celebration of loved ones who are no longer with us. We encourage kids to bring pictures of deceased loved ones or pets for our *ofrenda* (altar).

### New Adult RE Class Offerings

**Unplugging the Christmas Machine** (2 sessions), with **Charla Bregante**, Wednesdays, Nov. 4 and Nov. 11, La Paz Lounge. This two-session workshop is designed to help manage Christmas stress and combat commercialism. Participants will receive advice on how to make their celebrations more spiritual and less materialistic. Practical discussions, such as shopping lists, holiday recipes, and family activities, meld with deeper issues, such as how to teach children that Christmas is more than a present and how to find meaning in the holiday in a non-Christian context. \$5 for text. Sign up at the RE table in the garden on Sunday morning or contact LeeAnn Williams at 965-4583 x229 or [lifespan@ussb.org](mailto:lifespan@ussb.org). Childcare available.

Join **Eliza McEmrys** on Wednesdays, Nov. 4 and Nov. 11, in Parish Hall for **Qi Gong**. Qi Gong means energy work or breath work in Chinese, and it involves meditative movements which enliven the body and calm the mind. The exercises include shaking, standing postures, walking meditations and other t'ai chi-like movements, which can be adapted for different levels of fitness and mobility. Regular practice of these traditional Daoist moving meditations can bring a variety of general health improvements such as better sleep and improved concentration, as we live and move in harmony with nature. To register call LeeAnn in the RE office.

### Kid for a Day

Want to find out what's up over in Religious Education? Volunteer to be a Kid For A Day in one of our RE classes. Come join us in songs, crafts, and games. You'll learn a lot about Unitarian Universalism, too! To volunteer for this program, contact LeeAnn Williams in the RE office.

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## Lifespan Religious Education News...

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A big thank you and high five to our Kid For A Day Volunteers: Betty Noling, Eliza McEmrys, Bonnie Jensen, Cat Brown, Carla Neufeldt-Abatie, Linda Hill, Barbara Margerum, and Deb Karoff.

LEEANN WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## Upcoming Membership Outreach Activities

### Guest Orientation (formerly known as UU Inquiry)

For those of you who don't know what our Guest Orientation is, it is an informal discussion that is offered to newcomers every other week during coffee hour at 10:40 AM.

The meeting is led by the Membership Coordinator Jen Stroh and one of our Membership Committee members. It's held in the Reception Office for 15–20 minutes. Although it is announced at the beginning of the 9:30 service, I encourage each of you to invite visitors and show them where the Reception Office is located. Even if you've been a member for long time, you are also invited to attend. I think you would enjoy it. Having a seasoned member and a committee member there is a great opportunity to share personal experience and meet new people. Guests have a lot of questions about USSB and this is a chance for them to find out all about us.

The next orientations have been scheduled with the following Membership committee members:

Nov 1 with Sue Carmody

Nov 15 with Jo Saxon

Nov 29 with Kathy Eastman

Dec 13 with Sally Hamilton

Dec 27 with Sandy Grasso-Boyd

### Path To Membership Class

Path to Membership is offered once per month—a class that we think you might enjoy, even if you are already a member, but especially if you are considering membership. The class is led by our Parish Minister, Reverend Aaron McEmrys. It is an educational, informational, and communal time to discover more about the history and theology of Unitarian Universalism and about the programs and services offered at USSB.

Do you know anyone who is interested in becoming involved with the Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara? Invite them to the Path to Membership Class!

Potential members should know that this place is a spiritual home and that members support the work of the Society in these four ways:

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## Path To Membership Class...

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⚙️ your presence through attendance and participation in the programs of the society;

⚙️ your personal commitment to your own ongoing growth;

⚙️ your financial contribution to support the work of the Society;

⚙️ and by signing the membership book.

The next Path to Membership is scheduled on Saturday, November 21, from 9 AM until 12:30 PM.

Refreshments and childcare will be provided for those interested. I hope that you will take this opportunity to learn and grow.

To register for the class, please contact the USSB Membership Coordinator, Jennifer Stroh, at 965-4583 ext 221. Also, see our website: <http://www.ussb.org>.

## Outreach Cards Are Here!

Have you had a look at these gorgeous postcards? They were made so that we could offer them to friends and extend an invitation to those who might be interested in visiting USSB. Please stop by our Hospitality Table and pick up a handful and send them to your friends.

JENNIFER STROH, MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

## New Program Launches...

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### Connection Circles Update

It is launched! Ninety-nine people in ten Connection Circles are now meeting twice monthly in facilitated groups. The themes for the meetings are the same as the Society-wide themes for each month. It is surprising how quickly people become connected through sharing and deep listening. The groups will meet until June, and new groups will form next fall. A few spots remain open as a way for new people to make friends in the congregation. Contact Carol Schwyzer for more information.

### The New Women's Choir

Please see page 6, column 2, for an update of our newest choral group offering directed by Ken Ryals.

### Wellspring Wednesdays— Multigenerational Adult Religious Education

Our first series of Wellspring Wednesdays is off to a solid start, with a total of 5 courses offered in the fall series and over 30 adults participating. The evening includes refreshments and community time, an ingathering worship, classes for adults, a homework hangout for kids and childcare! See previous page, column 1, for the two newest course offerings beginning in November.

NANCY EDMUNDSON, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

## Foodbank Donation

Our third Sunday contribution for November 15 will be to the Santa Barbara County Foodbank. Helping out children and families in need is what keeps the people at the Foodbank going. Families are grateful to be together this Thanksgiving, but throughout our community they are facing very tough economic times. We will have food barrels set out the week of November 8 to Nov 15. Non-perishable foods like peanut butter, tuna, and canned fruits are needed. The Foodbank supports 220 local non-profits. Every \$1 donated allows the Foodbank to distribute \$7 worth of food.

## Looking Ahead...In Gratitude

### All Member Third Saturday Thanksgiving Feast

Come join us on November 21 for the monthly 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday meal in Parish Hall. This time it's not a potluck. Instead, Ethical Eating will be providing the luscious fare as our holiday gift to the congregation. You can just sit back and enjoy! We'll all help set up at 5:30 PM and eat at 6:00. All are welcome, friends and families. After the meal, we'll hear from a renowned organic cook and sustainable food expert, so bring your questions and an empty stomach. Please do not bring any food.

### Multigenerational Thanksgiving Service

Join us for a multigenerational worship service celebrating Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 22. Multigenerational worship is an important piece in the life of our congregation, so don't miss this service.

## Alliance Meeting

Come to the Alliance meeting and bring a friend! Everyone is invited to the monthly Alliance meeting, which will be in Parish Hall on Friday, November 6 at 2:00 PM. The speaker will be Patricia Fabing, the Marketing Director for Friendship Manor. She will present interesting information about her experiences in that challenging job. Afterwards she will answer any questions we may have.

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

## News From Our Choirs

Our first annual Choir Retreat on October 3 was a great success (see photo below). The music committee helped the choir through a special service of guided musical meditations that included spontaneous singing with Buhdie Harlow and some reflection time with our own Rev. McEmrys. The music workshop was called "Choir on the Ball", learning singing exercises on the work-out ball. Many choir members were surprised to find out that the muscles used to keep from rolling off the ball are the same muscles we use to sing. The most important aspect of the retreat was the ability to bond and share with each other and to appreciate each other for the commitment to the music ministry here at USSB. Music is far-reaching and has powers that express feelings where words fall short. This retreat was about honoring the commitment to offer special music with the highest level of production and sincerity we can achieve. As the director I am truly moved at the participation in the choir and am so thankful for the opportunity to work with such highly motivated people. This retreat was a blast and I look forward to the same enthusiasm next year.



Our Women's Choir is off to a great start, we are really motivated by the interest and participation! This group is still gaining new members and will do so until the end of the first rehearsal in November. The possibilities of outreach with this group are endless. Remember our new Women's Choir meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 10:00 AM to noon. These dates are Nov. 4 and 18, and Dec. 2 and 16. We have not secured dates for services and special programs yet but hope to have dates together for the Nov. rehearsals. Please call Ken Ryals at Ext. 240 with any questions. We are looking into child care for the rehearsal times and hoping to bring together people who have trouble getting to the ongoing Thursday night Chancel Choir rehearsals.

KEN RYALS, MUSIC DIRECTOR

## Sketches . . . by Aaron

### The Green, Green Valley of Dreams

I have just finished another of my whirlwind Dreaming Big study group meetings. Dreaming Big is an exciting program designed to prepare UU Ministers to serve large congregations and lead our wider movement into the future. Over a two-year period we will visit six outstanding congregations that, in their own unique ways, are modeling the very best that Unitarian Universalism has to offer. Each visit offers opportunities for learning, experimentation, and analysis, facilitated by leading experts in the core pillars of large church ministry.

Last year we visited Concord, MA, St. Paul, MN, and Albuquerque, NM. And now, in our first meeting of year two, we visited my home congregation, the First Unitarian Church of Portland, OR.

This was a special visit for me. It was in that church, listening to the transcendent preaching of the Rev. Dr. Marilyn Sewell, that I first felt called to a life in ministry. It was in that old sanctuary that Eliza and I were married and from that old sanctuary that we marched against war and for same-sex marriage.

So it was a sort of homecoming.

But that's not why we, the 20 ministers in the Dreaming Big program, were in Portland. We were there because First Church has developed one of the most powerful and effective ministries of witness in the country.

Today their congregation is THE voice of liberal religion in Portland, and beyond. When something important happens in the Pacific Northwest, or even nationally, the eyes and ears of decision-makers and community leaders turn to First Church. Whether organizing marches or community dialogues, public forums or public actions—First Unitarian is at the very center of Portland's public life.

It all started when Rev. Sewell first arrived in Portland, almost twenty years ago now. A vicious anti-gay measure was on the ballot, and the people of First Unitarian came up with an inspired idea: after church one Sunday they took an enormous ribbon and wound it all the way around the city block (which they own), hundreds and hundreds of people joining to ribbon off an entire city block and declaring it a "Hate-Free Zone."

After that there was no turning back. They had captured the dreams and imaginations of a city that yearned for a powerful and loving response to the world. It took many more years to build the robust public ministry they have today, years of developing resources, hiring staff, training leaders and empowering everybody to step up and make a difference, but they have done it. Their dream, their vision, is to "be the church that walks its talk."

And so far, they have succeeded beyond anything they could have imagined on that yellow-ribbon day so long ago. It worked for me. Their reputation as "the church that walks its talk" is exactly what brought me into the sanctuary one Sunday morning, and the rest, as they say, is history.

This is what I want the people of Santa Barbara County to say of US—that we are the church that walks our talk. I want our congregation to be a powerful, courageous and loving voice that the leaders and decision-makers in our community want to hear from when we find ourselves at the crossroads of decision.

We can do it. We are already doing it. We are a leader in the burgeoning eco-faith movement and a powerful voice for marriage equality. And there is SO MUCH MORE we can do!

But it can't happen all on its own. If this is a vision we want to make manifest, we will all have to step up to the plate, and it won't happen overnight. Over the next year or two we will be re-visioning our approach to justice work and evaluating what kinds of leadership development and staff capacity we will need to make it possible for us to turn our gaze outward in ever-more transformative ways.

If you are interested in helping us do this, please let me know. I would like to put together some listening-circles this winter to help us begin our visioning, in concert with the Empowerment survey work that you may already have participated in. If you are interested in being part of a social justice listening-circle (which is kind of like a focus group), just call or email me so I can add you to the pool. Your answers to the question: "What might it look like if we choose to become 'the church that walks its talk?'" will help us build the blueprint of our future.

THE REVEREND AARON MCEMRY, PARISH MINISTER

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## Upcoming Nov. 20 Concert

New works by local composer Stephen Wilcox will be presented in our Concert Series on Friday, November 20 at 7:30 PM. His is a truly eclectic musical language and he is as happy incorporating bagpipe music into his music as he is paying harmonic tribute to the Romantic masters.

The concert will include several major works for solo piano that will be played by pianist Joseph Bognar. In addition, Stephen has written some new songs for voice that will be performed by well known local soprano Deborah Marks Bertling. Look for more details in our next issue.

# Calendar

## Sunday, November 1 9:30 and 11:30 AM Worship Services

- 9:00 AM Youth Choir, Jefferson Hall
- 9:00 AM Childcare, Starr King
- 9:30 AM Dia de los Muertos Service/Celebration, Jefferson Hall
- 10:30 AM Community Social Hour, Parish Garden
- 10:30 AM Brunch Break, Parish Hall
- 10:40 AM UU Inquiry, Reception Office
- 1:00 PM Bylaws Discussion Meeting, Parish Hall
- 4:00 PM High School OWL, Blake Lounge

## Monday, November 2

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

## Tuesday, November 3

- 7:00 AM Toastmasters Club #5, Parish Hall
- 5:30 PM USSB Executive Committee, Blake Lounge
- 6:00 PM RE Council Meeting, Classroom I

## Wednesday, November 4

- 6:00 AM Early Morning Exercise, with Linda, Parish Hall
- 10:00 AM Women's Choral Group, Sanctuary
- 12:15 PM Long Range Planning, Blake Lounge
- 5:00 PM Membership Committee Meeting, LaPaz Lounge
- 6:00 PM ARE Wellspring Wednesday, Parish Hall
- 7:00 PM UU History with Aaron, Blake Lounge
- 7:00 PM Homework Hangout, Classroom I
- 7:00 PM Wednesday Book Discussion, Classroom B
- 7:00 PM ARE Unplugging Christmas, LaPaz Lounge
- 7:00 PM ARE Qi Gong, Parish Hall

## Thursday, November 5

- 7:00 PM USSB Choir, Sanctuary

## Friday, November 6

- 6:00 AM Early Morning Exercise, with Linda, Parish Hall
- 2:00 PM Alliance General Meeting, Parish Hall
- 6:00 PM Danceaway Committee, Jefferson Hall
- 7:30 PM DanceAway, Jefferson Hall

## Saturday, November 7

- 7:00 AM Early Morning Exercise, with Linda, Parish Hall
- 5:00 PM Disco Fever Annual Services Auction

## Sunday, November 8 9:30 and 11:30 AM Worship Services

- 9:00 AM Childcare, Starr King
- 9:30 AM Coming of Age, Blake Lounge
- 9:30 AM Children's RE Classes
- 10:30 AM Community Social Hour, Parish Garden
- 10:45 AM Youth Choir, Jefferson Hall
- 4:00 PM High School OWL, Blake Lounge
- 7:00 PM USSB Women's Group, LaPaz Lounge

## Monday, November 9

- 6:00 AM Early Morning Exercise, with Linda, Parish Hall
- 7:00 PM USSB Men's Council, Blake Lounge

## Tuesday, November 10

- 7:00 AM Toastmasters Club #5, Parish Hall
- 5:30 PM Program Council, Blake Lounge

## Wednesday, November 11

- 6:00 AM Early Morning Exercise, with Linda, Parish Hall
- 4:00 PM Finance Committee, Blake Lounge
- 6:00 PM ARE Wellspring Wednesday, Parish Hall
- 7:00 PM UU History with Aaron, Blake Lounge
- 7:00 PM Homework Hangout, Classroom I
- 7:00 PM Wednesday Book Discussion, Classroom B
- 7:00 PM ARE Unplugging Christmas, LaPaz Lounge
- 7:00 PM ARE Qi Gong, Parish Hall

## Thursday, November 12

- 7:00 PM USSB Choir, Sanctuary

## Friday, November 13

- 6:00 AM Early Morning Exercise, with Linda, Parish Hall
- 6:00 PM Family Fun Night, Jefferson Hall
- 7:30 PM DanceAway, Parish Hall

## Saturday, November 14

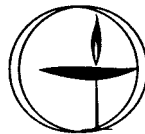
- 7:00 AM Early Morning Exercise, with Linda, Parish Hall
- 2:30 PM Esperanto Circle, LaPaz Lounge

## Sunday, November 15 9:30 and 11:30 AM Worship Services

- 9:00 AM Childcare, Starr King
- 9:30 AM Coming of Age, Blake Lounge
- 9:30 AM Children's RE Classes
- 10:30 AM Community Social Hour, Parish Garden
- 10:40 AM UU Inquiry, Reception Office
- 10:45 AM Youth Choir, Jefferson Hall
- 1:00 PM Congregation Meeting, Sanctuary

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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  
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