



June 14–30, 2010

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

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The Newsletter of the Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara, CA

Newsletter: Nancy VanAntwerp,

**Offices will be closed
beginning Monday, June
21 to Friday June 25**

**Summer Office Hours
Begin June 14, Mon-
day to Friday 9 AM to
12 noon.**

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**Looking ahead:
USSB Intergenerational
Campout at Skofield
Park**
Saturday, September 4,
Labor Day Weekend

Unitarian Society Of Santa Barbara Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 13, 12:45 PM Parish Hall

We hope to see you here for an energetic format, meeting and celebration!

Please make arrangements to vote by absentee ballot or proxy if you are unable to attend.

*Quorum for the meeting (per our new by-laws):

To Conduct Business (10% of membership at time of meeting notice): 48 members

To make additions or deletions from agenda (20% of membership at time of meeting notice): 95 members

Agenda

1. Opening and Call to Order—Gary Welterlen, Board of Trustees President
2. Affirmation of Covenants and Core Values—Gun Dukes, Board of Trustees Vice President
3. In Memoriam—Reverend Aaron McEmrys
4. Year in Review: A Retrospective—Nancy Edmundson, Director of Administration, Aaron McEmrys, Gary Welterlen
5. Additions or Deletions from Agenda (if 20% total members present)
6. Election of Board of Trustee and Nominating Committee Members
7. Presentation of Annual Fiscal Plan and Vote To Adopt Annual Fiscal Plan
8. Vote to Accept Updated Long Range Plan
9. Vote to Receive Annual Reports
10. Installation of Board and Nominating Committee
11. New Business
12. Closing—Gary Welterlen, President Board of Trustees
13. Adjournment

Sunday Morning Services—9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

June 20

The Reverend Aaron McEmrys

Let the Sun Shine Down

Please join us as we celebrate the Summer Solstice, the day when the sun shines down upon us at the very apex of its power and light!

This Sunday we will add our voices to the great chorus of celebration and gratitude that echo across the ages. What does it mean to be illuminated? Come and find out!!

June 27

Jody Thomas, worship host

The Sabbath: To Keep it Holy?

What if we reduced our carbon footprint by 1/7th and immediately got something out of doing so? The Sabbath is a foreign idea to many Unitarians, but a day of intentional renewal—without electricity, without a combustion engine, without machines at all—could be restorative. It would be quieter, slower: a day filled with...? resting? hiking? talking with others? community? writing Letters?

Holding a day sacred, for the earth and for yourself...that is what we will be talking about on this sabbath.

Meet More of Our Newest Members

Nica, Michael and Gabriel Guinn are so excited to be new members at USSB.

NicaXXXX

Michael XXXX

Michael Richard Jude Just or "Em Jay"

Michael XXXX**The Freeman family: Tracy, Paul, Parker (8), Cole (12)**

PaulXXXX

Tracy XXXX

Board Candidate Biographies

The following USSB members are presented by the USSB Nomination for election to our Board of Trustees. Beginning July 1, 2010 our Board of Trustees will become a nine member board.

Gary Welterlen: one-year term

Gun Dukes: three-year term

Sue Carmody: three-term

Sue Carmody

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Gun Dukes

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Gary Welterlen

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Our Music Program: Moving Forward

Our music program has surfaced as a powerful and enriching component of our worship services. Led by choral director Ken Ryals, the program not only attracts top-notch musicians but engages the congregation in new and dynamic ways.

For many years the Society has had excellent music as the foundation for the worship experience. Mahlon Balderston, our organist emeritis served us for over fifty years(!) and still plays with us, often supplementing the inspired and brilliant piano-playing of virtuoso Natasha Kislenko. Our adult choir has been the anchor for the musical experience, and often joins in the special music of invited guest musicians.

When Ken Ryals joined us as choir director a year and a half ago, our choral program took off! We now have three choirs: the existing Chancel Choir, open to everyone, the new Women's Choir, open to women in the community and the newly formed Chalice Singers, a smaller ensemble of auditioned singers. Ken has a keen talent for bringing each of these

groups to performance standards, and each performance is different, both in the selection of the music and in the way he encourages the congregation to participate. One of the many innovations is having the choir members stand at the ends of the pews during hymn singing to support and elevate the singing experience for everyone.

And then there are the talented members who are musicians too: singers Ellen Rockne, Kanga LaVrado, Nica and Michael Quinn, and harpist Marcia Sherman are among those who provide exciting musical experiences for us.

With the support of the congregation, undoubtedly the music program will continue to grow. As Ken says to the choir during rehearsal: "Ours is a music ministry. You have to feel the music for it to reach the audience."

It is a privilege to be a part of the choir, and knowing that the music adds to the depth of the worship service is deeply satisfying. Come join us!

JOHN WARNOCK

Announcements & Current Events

Welcome Nica Guinn, USSB Membership Coordinator

We are pleased to announce that Nica will join our staff team on June 10th as our new **Membership Coordinator!** Nica is a new member of USSB (see New Members, Page 2), and has lived in Santa Barbara for eight years. She is approachable, kind, outgoing, well-organized and eager to serve USSB. Make a point of meeting her soon.

Do You Have A Reimbursement Request?

We are quickly approaching the end of our program and fiscal year. Please submit all your approved requests for reimbursement to Nancy Edmundson, Director of Administration no later than June 15, 2010!

Summer Pastoral Care

This is a reminder that as ministers and staff begin our staggered vacations and study leave time, we remain available for pastoral care emergencies and needs. Should you find yourself

in need of pastoral care assistance, please call the office—965-4583. Appropriate referrals will be made to our Pastoral Care Network or on-call Minister.

Summer Office Hours Begin June 14, Monday to Friday, 9 AM to 12 noon.

Each summer we reduce our open office hours to allow staff to focus time on special projects and to manage vacation workloads! We welcome your phone calls and drop-in visits during the 9-12 hours, and ask that you plan accordingly. Staff does not reduce its work hours, and phone and email messages continue to be checked throughout the afternoons.

Offices Will be Closed Monday, June 21 to Friday, June 25

For this one week only, the USSB offices will be closed for staff vacations. Our trusted and well-trained volunteers will check phone messages several times daily.

Program Council Seeks Coordinators for Two Programs

Program Council members have coordinated two community programs in the past year. We now seek leaders outside the Council to coordinate the monthly Sunday brunches and the monthly Saturday night potlucks. Unless a potluck coordinator steps forward for next year, the Saturday night potluck suppers will be discontinued.

Program Council is completing its program evaluation and budgeting for 2010-2011 in accordance with the return of the

requisite self-evaluation and budget request documents from each program.

Glenn Bacheller and Chuck Wolfe will continue on the Council. Due to family responsibilities, Catherine Birtalan will step down and so will Susan Neufeldt who begins her term as Board President in July.

Unitarianaturalicious!

The Deadline for early-bird pricing for the cluster DeBenneville Pines quickly approaches. You can find the registration form under the "For Families" tab on the ussb.org website.

Dates are **September 24-26, Friday through Sunday.** Please contact Chris Shorb with any questions: 805 636-6086 or inorbit@ix.netcom.com.

Here are some quick words that our fellow church member Kir Zecher shared about DeBenneville Pines:

I mark my years by the revelations and revitalizations I've had during deBenneville retreats.

You. Must. Go! (To know how good it feels)
Mountain. Momentous Marking of Time.
Fresh. Freeing. Unforgettable.

So join friends from Live Oak, Ventura and Conejo Valley (Thousand Oaks) congregations at DeBenneville Pines in the San Bernadino Mountains, at the foot of San Geronio Mountain (the highest mountain in Southern California).

Think of something you may want to do—and it'll already be in motion! Relationships developed at DeBenneville Pines will be stronger and deeper when you return to the "real world." Guaranteed!

USSB Campout...

...in Big Sur, Veterans Day Weekend, November 12-14, 2010. Interested in camping out with USSB on the beautiful Big Sur coast? Contact Rachel Petkus at rachel.petkus@gmail.com to find out more.

Announcements & Current Events

Film Night June 27

Join Jody Thomas on Friday, June 25 at 7 PM in Parish Hall for a screening of *No Impact Man*. (See also June 27 service announcement, Page 1.)

A guilty New York liberal decides to practice what he preaches for one year. He turns off the electricity, stops making garbage, gives up TV, taxis and takeout and becomes a walking, bicycling, composting, tree-hugging, polar bear-saving, local food-eating citizen...all the while taking his baby girl and wife along for the ride.

Childcare provided with advance request. For childcare contact LeeAnn Williams at 965-6273 or lifespan@usb.org

All in the Family

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Sound the Horn! *Rhinoceros* July 1-3

Our church has a residential theater company again. The first production will be Ionesco's strange and wonderful allegory *Rhinoceros*, about a society going mad (which may seem familiar to some). Volunteers are still needed for a variety of production and ticketing jobs. To volunteer, please call Paul Freeman (805) 845-6376, or email Kanga LaVrado at kangajan@silcom.com. Tickets will be available soon for sale between our church services. Make a date now to come to one of the three performances on Thursday, Friday or Saturday, July 1, 2 or 3.

Family Fun Night Moves Outdoors!

2nd Friday of the month, 6-8 PM

Our monthly family potluck moves to area parks and beaches to fully enjoy the long days of summer. Join RE families on the second Friday of each month from 6-8 PM for dinner and community. A BBQ will be available if you'd like to bring something to grill for your family. In addition, please bring a dish to share (see the alphabetical assignments for each month below), and plates, utensils and drinks for your family.

See you at the park!

June 11: Stevens Park

Hosted by the Petkus/Lammers family

A-G: salads/sides

H-L: dessert

M-Z: main dish

July 9: La Mesa Park

Hosted by the Block family

A-G: main dish

H-L: salads/sides

M-Z: dessert

August 13: Goleta Beach Park (near the playground)

Hosted by the Cable family

A-G: dessert

H-L: main dish

M-Z: salads/sides

September 10: Kiwanis Meadows (at Tucker's Grove)

Hosted by the Shorb family

(Dogs are welcome this month to this off-leash dog-friendly park!)

A-G: salads/sides

H-L: dessert

M-Z: main dish

Lifespan Religious Education News

Looking for a good time?

Want to meet some awesome kids? Want to save the world and promote our UU Faith? Then consider teaching in our Religious Education program next year!

What's the commitment? Because we like to give our teachers plenty of opportunities to participate in worship, our classroom schedule for next year is September through November (with all of December off) for the Fall/Winter session. RE classes resume for the Spring session in January and continue through February. Then you are done!

Do the math and that means you are teaching only five Sundays and assisting five Sundays. Join us for an amazing adventure!

For more information contact LeeAnn in the RE office.

Summer Sundays

During the summer our RE children enjoy a wide variety of children's worship services and activities led by parents and other friends and members of our congregation.

In past summers kids have enjoyed cartooning, bird watching, lego-building, map-making, drum circles, painting, bee keeping, and more.

Please visit the RE table in the garden for more information about Children's summer RE and to sign up to lead a Summer Sunday service. It's fun!

Summer Sundays begin with the June 13, 9:30 AM service, and then meet in Jefferson Hall after the *Story for All Ages*.

CHARLA BREGANTE: RE@USSB.ORD OR 965-4583 X227.

Upcoming Summer Sundays

June 13	Building Roxaboxen Village	Children's RE Council
June 20	Whirling Workshop	Patrick Block
June 27	Drawing with the Stars: Art and Astronomy	Max Neufeldt

Cupcakes for Social Justice

Thank you to everyone who bought cupcakes at the Sweet Shop Sale in May. The kids raised over \$150. These funds were used to create hygiene packages for the clients of the Warming Shelters and to assemble a game and movie night basket for the kids living at Transition House.

Simply "Thanks!"

All of us at USSB offer our deepest thanks for our 2009-2010 Religious Education teachers:

Rachel Petkus	Ken Ralph
Jo Saxon	Anita Blume
Hope Saxon	Paul Kretschmer
Astrid Nelson	Kir Zecher
Scott Barnett	Emiliano Campobello
Chuck Champlin	Dennis Lammers
Tish Housh	Alan Edmundson
Rosaleen Lancet	Nancy Edmundson
Courtney Narine	Sarah Bennett
Carol Millar	Craig Bennett

*Every human being has a work
To carry on within, duties to perform
Abroad, influence to exert, which are peculiarly hers and
Which no conscience but her own can teach.*

WILLIAM ELLERY CHANNING

Prayer Workshop

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Prayer Workshop which will be offered six Tuesday evenings in June and July from 7-8:30 PM in La Paz Lounge. New member Diana Cecala will lead the workshop.

We'll explore the concept of prayer from different perspectives: What is prayer? Why do we pray? How can we incorporate prayer into our daily life? How do all these questions play out in different cultures and religions?

The workshop will be a six-part course. Some people may choose to come every week; others may drop in some weeks and not others as schedules dictate.

Childcare will be provided. (Please let Diana know you need this.) The workshop will be offered June 15, June 22, June 29, July 6, July 20 and July 27, (not July 13).

Sign up by contacting Diana Cecala at dcecala@earthlink.net and put "UU Prayer Workshop" in the subject line. If no email please call 970/376-4004.

Sketches by Aaron

Sharing Our Gifts

I am constantly amazed by all the talent, experience and skill we have in our community. Nearly every Sunday I discover something new and wonderful that I would never have guessed about at least one or two of you.

These gifts, so plentiful in our congregation, are our riches!

We have launched a number of major programs in the last couple of years, and every single one of them is powered by the creativity, commitment and talent of our members. Connection Circles, our Theatre Group, our new choirs, the important work we are doing on homelessness and marriage equality—all of these things, which do so much for so many, have arisen from within the congregation, from individuals and groups of individuals just like you who have a bright idea and the commitment to see it through.

Right now, I want to tell you about two particular areas where your gifts are needed most.

Let's start with music.

We have an amazing music staff, led by our fabulous Choir Director, Ken Ryals. We have two adult choirs and a new sixteen-voice vocal ensemble, all of which are wonderful. Now, as we begin to plan for the Fall, we want to create a more organized pool of instrumental talent: if you drum, play guitar, flute, cello, bagpipe—or any other instrument, no matter how obscure—we want to know about it!

You don't have to be a master, prodigy or secret musical genius in order to share your gifts in ways that make a difference.

Whatever your instrument or skill level—if you have something to give, we can help you find a way to make that happen!

We have a growing database of musical talent, and we'd love to add your name to our list! Please email Ken Ryals at k.ryals@hotmail.com to get started—you'll be so glad you did!

The second area I want to talk about is Social Justice. Our justice projects and programs come from our members and rely on your energy and commitment for their success. If you are passionate about something that you feel should be addressed in a religious context by the Unitarian Society, let us know, because we want to help meld the congregation's passions with the needs of the world.

To start a Social Justice Task Force all you have to do is enlist at least five other members to form your Task Force. Then, with my help, your team can develop your project and then introduce it to the congregation. Ethical Eating, Sustainable Living, Homelessness, Marriage Equality—whatever it is that calls you, let's talk about it, and before you know it—YOU may be helping our congregation change the world!

If you have a burning idea or any questions, please feel free to email me at minister@ussb.org

While I have focused here on two specific program areas, I love to hear about any and all ideas you may have, so don't be shy!

See you in church, Aaron

Path To Membership Class

The more you know about Unitarian Universalism and the Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara, the more rewarding your experience will be. Through worship and participation, you may realize that this place and our congregants add significantly to the quality of your life.

At this time, if you are considering membership, please attend the *Path to Membership* Class. If you are unsure, or not ready to become a member yet, this class is still a wonderful opportunity to learn about UU and the programs and events offered at USSB.

The 3-hour class is led by our Parish Minister, Reverend Aaron McEmrys, and is an educational, informational and communal time to discover:

- * more about your own journey
- * history and theology of UU

* programs and services offered at USSB

* meaning of membership and how to officially join USSB
Potential members should know that this place is a spiritual home and that you will support the work of the Society in these four ways:

- * 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
- * signing the membership book

The Next Path to Membership Classes:

Thursday, June 17th, 6:30-9 PM or Saturday, July 24th, 9-12:30 PM in Blake Lounge

Refreshments and childcare will be provided.

Calendar

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TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2010

- 7:00 AM TOASTMASTERS CLUB #5, PARISH HALL
- 3:30 PM ENDOWMENT BOARD, LAPAZ LOUNGE
- 5:30 PM USSB BOARD MEETING, BLAKE LOUNGE
- 7:00 PM PRAYER WORKSHOP, LAPAZ LOUNGE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2010

- 6:00 AM EARLY MORNING EXERCISE, WITH LINDA, PARISH HALL
- 10:00 AM WOMEN'S CHORAL GROUP, SANCTUARY
- 2:30 PM PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE, LAPAZ LOUNGE
- 5:30 PM LARK YOGA CLASSES (FREE FOR USSB MEMBERS), JEFFERSON HALL
- 5:30 PM COMMITTEE ON SHARED MINISTRY, LAPAZ LOUNGE
- 7:00 PM PARENT SUPPORT GROUP, BLAKE MEETING ROOM
- 7:00 PM WEDNESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION, CLASSROOM B

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2010

- 6:30 PM PATH TO MEMBERSHIP, BLAKE LOUNGE
- 7:00 PM CHOIR, SANCTUARY

FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 2010

- 6:00 AM EARLY MORNING EXERCISE, WITH LINDA, PARISH HALL
- 7:30 PM DANCEAWAY, PARISH HALL

SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 2010

- 7:00 AM EARLY MORNING EXERCISE, WITH LINDA, PARISH HALL

SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2010 9:30 & 11:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICES

- 9:00 AM CHILDCARE, STARR KING
- 9:30 AM SUMMER SUNDAYS, JEFFERSON HALL
- 10:30 AM COMMUNITY SOCIAL HOUR, PARISH GARDEN
- 4:00 PM YRUU, BLAKE MEETING ROOM

MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2010 OFFICES CLOSED

- 6:00 AM EARLY MORNING EXERCISE, WITH LINDA, PARISH HALL
- 5:30 PM LARK YOGA CLASSES (FREE FOR USSB MEMBERS), JEFFERSON HALL

TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2010 OFFICES CLOSED

- 7:00 AM TOASTMASTERS CLUB #5, PARISH HALL
- 7:00 PM PRAYER WORKSHOP, LAPAZ LOUNGE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2010 OFFICES CLOSED

- 6:00 AM EARLY MORNING EXERCISE, WITH LINDA, PARISH HALL
- 5:30 PM LARK YOGA CLASSES (FREE FOR USSB MEMBERS), JEFFERSON HALL
- 7:00 PM WEDNESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION, CLASSROOM B

THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2010 OFFICES CLOSED

- 7:00 PM CHOIR, SANCTUARY

FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2010 OFFICES CLOSED

- 6:00 AM EARLY MORNING EXERCISE, WITH LINDA, PARISH HALL
- 7:00 PM FILM NO IMPACT MAN, PARISH HALL
- 7:30 PM DANCEAWAY, JEFFERSON HALL

SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2010

- 7:00 AM EARLY MORNING EXERCISE, WITH LINDA, PARISH HALL
- 6:00 PM CONNECTION CIRCLES POTLUCK, PARISH HALL

SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2010 9:30 & 11:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICES

- 9:00 AM CHILDCARE, STARR KING
- 9:30 AM SUMMER SUNDAYS, JEFFERSON HALL
- 10:30 AM COMMUNITY SOCIAL HOUR, PARISH GARDEN
- 10:40 AM UU INQUIRY, RECEPTION OFFICE
- 12:00 PM LIBRARY COMMITTEE, CLASSROOM B
- 4:00 PM YRUU, BLAKE MEETING ROOM
- 7:00 PM USSB WOMEN'S GROUP, LAPAZ LOUNGE

MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2010

- 6:00 AM EARLY MORNING EXERCISE, WITH LINDA, PARISH HALL
- 5:30 PM LARK YOGA CLASSES (FREE FOR USSB MEMBERS), JEFFERSON HALL
- 7:00 PM OPEN MEN'S CIRCLE, BLAKE LOUNGE

TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 2010

- 7:00 AM TOASTMASTERS CLUB #5, PARISH HALL
- 12:15 PM USSB IT COMMITTEE, LAPAZ LOUNGE
- 7:00 PM PRAYER WORKSHOP, LAPAZ LOUNGE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 2010

- 6:00 AM EARLY MORNING EXERCISE, WITH LINDA, PARISH HALL
- 5:30 PM LARK YOGA CLASSES (FREE FOR USSB MEMBERS), JEFFERSON HALL
- 7:00 PM WEDNESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION, CLASSROOM B

**Next Newsletter Deadline
June 15, for material covering
July 1–15, 2010
E-mail: kaleidoscope@ussb.org**

Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM; Children's Program: 9:30 AM
 Nursery & Children's Care: Sun 9:00 AM–12:45 AM, Starr King
 Office Hours: Mon–Fri: 9 AM–4 AM; Sun 10 AM–noon
 Aaron McEmrys, Parish Minister
 John Alexie Crane, Minister Emeritus
 LeAnn Williams, Director of Lifespan Religious Education
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