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

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July 14–31, 2010

The Newsletter of the Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara, CA

Newsletter: Nancy VanAntwerp

DeBenville Pines Cluster Retreat, September 24–26. Register NOW!

Children's RE Teacher Training

Saturday, August 28 from 9–1:30:

USSB Intergenerational Campout at Skofield Park

Saturday, September 4, Labor Day Weekend

Multigenerational Ingathering Service

Sunday, September 12

RE Classes Begin and Open House

Sunday, September 19

Adult RE

Our Fall semester of Well-spring Wednesdays, our Adult Religious Education program will run October 6th–November 10th

USSB Campout in Big Sur

Veterans Day Weekend, November 12–14

Connection Circles Start Up In September

Sign up now for a spot in a September *Connection Circle*, our small groups which meet to give us a way to get to know each other on a deeper level through sharing and listening. It's a rare opportunity to learn a spiritual practice, to listen openly and be listened to and to form bonds based on understanding.

Groups will meet twice a month from September through May. One hundred of us participated the last session, and most of us are signing up for a new group of 6–10. We envision the congregation bound together by a crisscrossing network of friendships based on sharing.

Sign up in the garden between the services or email Carol Schwyzer, carolschwzyer@gmail.com, or call 687-0890.

Choirs Corner

"You don't have to be singing about love all the time in order to give love to the people." (Jimi Hendrix)

You may hear many themes when our choirs sing but love is the main message of our music ministry. Love for the expression of singing, love for the unifying experiences in congregational hymns, love for the enhancement music brings to one's own worship experience, and most important love for one another as we support each other's special voice.

There is always room for more in our chancel and women's choirs. There is more love in your life awaiting you if you join us. And we now have child care available.

So give yourself the gift of music. Contact Ken Ryals, Music Director or a choir member for more information. KATHLEEN BOEHM, 687-6218

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

July 18

The Reverend Aaron McEmrys

Sharing Our Gifts with the World

There are many stories in the Hebrew Bible where people offer the best of what they have to the Divine in the form of burnt offerings: a prized white bull or delicious fruits and fine oils. In India and many other places, loved ones who have died are gently laid on funeral pyres and burned. In each case, a treasure, something important and dearly loved, is transformed—rising up into the air in gentle plumes of smoke which travel up and away from us into the world and into the heavens.

This act of offering is one of the most important and profound acts human beings can engage in. We reach far beyond ourselves, committing our treasures, and ourselves, to that which we hold most sacred. For some of us, this might be god; for others, family, community or the Earth itself. Join us as we explore the spiritual practice of offering.

July 25

The Reverend Aaron McEmrys

Waiting For the Flood

Floods are often dangerous and always scary, in part because the waters can rise so quickly and uncontrollably, as if out of nowhere.

But what if we do know in advance, and can still do little more than wait and hope? What do we do when we know the waters must rise?

In this service we will paddle through flood stories old and new, literal and figurative, as we look for the wisdom to survive the personal and collective floods that we all must weather.



New USSB Photo Directory!

The time has come for USSB to create another edition of our always beloved and helpful photo directory. This is an early “heads up” that all members and friends will be asked to schedule their photo sitting appointment later this summer (with photos taken in September). We may expect to have final production of the directory completed in January, 2011. Please watch for future announcements and schedule early to save volunteer and staff time!

Here are the days that we will be making available for your photos to be taken. Plan now to be in Santa Barbara at least one of these dates! Appointments will be scheduled between the hours of 2 PM and 9 PM on these days.

Monday, September 13, Wednesday, September 15, Thursday, September 16,

Monday, September 27, Tuesday, September 28, Wednesday, September 29,

Thursday, September 30, Friday, October 1, and Saturday, October 2, (until 5 PM).

Adult Religious Ed

Our Fall semester of **WellSpring Wednesdays**, our Adult Religious Education program will run October 6–November 10.

USSB Campout...

...in Big Sur, Veterans Day Weekend, 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.

DeBenneville Pines: Early Bird Registration ends July 31

Our retreat to DeBenneville Pines is filling up rapidly. This will be the last *Kaleidoscope* before the July 31 early bird deadline. For registration information, please see one of our fabulous DeBenneville Pines boosters at our table on the patio, or go to the ussb.org website, mouse over the “For Families” tab, and click on DeBenneville Pines retreat.

For more info on your accommodation options, you can visit the camp website, uucamp.org and scroll down and click on Facilities.

As I have mentioned in the past, one of the many wonderful things about the retreat to DeBenneville Pines is the intergenerational blending that goes on there. Here’s what two of our youth have to say about their experience there:

Ian Narine went in the winter, and he says he “enjoyed the snow!”

Ryan Johnsen sums it up: “Awesome :-) :-) :-)!”

CHRIS SHORB AT 805 636-6086, OR EMAIL AT <INORBIT@IX.NETCOM.COM>.

Rhinoceros Interrupt-us

As you may have heard, the USSB Theater Group has decided to postpone the production of *Rhinoceros* in order to accommodate some unexpected changes that occurred in the final weeks of the show. With masks made and staging nearly completed, the cast and crew are looking forward to picking things back up for an October series of performances.

Stay tuned for more information on dates and times. If you are interested in participating in the show or assisting with production, please contact Paul Freeman at pfreeman@prodevpartners.com for more information!

Film Night

Our next USSB Film Night will be Friday, August 20 starting at 7 PM in Parish Hall with a showing of *Plunder: The Crime of Our Time*. Our August hosts are Debbie and Gary Welterlen.

This film is a hard-hitting investigative film by Danny Schechte which explores how the financial crisis was built on a foundation of criminal activity. It uncovers the connection between the collapse of the housing market and the economic catastrophe that followed.

For childcare contact LeeAnn Williams at 965-6273 or lifespan@ussb.org.

Help Welcome Children’s Choir from Mexico with a Potluck

Please join a committee to put on a potluck in Jefferson Hall on Saturday, July 24 for 42 members of the Children’s Choir from the Ciudad de los Niño orphanage in Salamanca, Mexico.

This amazing choir and their mariachi band whose members range in age from 7 to 26 will be in Santa Barbara from July 21 to 27. They will be performing at the Marjorie Luke Theatre on Friday evening, July 23 and will be exploring the downtown area on Saturday afternoon.

Having a potluck for them from 5 to 6:30 PM Saturday evening is a good opportunity for UUs to welcome and greet them. We hope that they will also perform a few songs for those who attend. Please contact Sandy Grasso-Boyd at 805-448-6676 or sgrasso38@cox.net to be part of this unique opportunity.

Coming of Age

The purpose of the COA program is for our 8th grade youth to explore their own religious and spiritual beliefs, and the history, programs, and organization of both this congregation and the Unitarian Universalist denomination. The culminating project of the COA program is the development of a personal faith statement by each participant. These faith statements are presented to the congregation and the young people are honored during the *Coming of Age* recognition service each spring.

If you have a youth who is entering the 8th Grade this fall and are interested in learning more about this milestone year or registering your 8th Grader for this program, please contact LeeAnn Williams in the Religious Education office (965-4583).

All in the Family

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Summer Sundays

During the summer our RE children enjoy a wide variety of children's worship services and activities lead 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

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.

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; **M-Z** main dish; **H-L** dessert

See you at the park!

Aaron's Gone Fishing. Really!

We wish Rev. Aaron McEmrys a restful and fun vacation with his children—fishing in Oregon! Aaron's column will return next issue, and Aaron will be back in our pulpit on July 18 and July 25.

more information about Children's RE during the summer and to sign to lead a Summer Sunday Service which is part of the opening of the 9:30 AM service after the 'story for all ages.' Charla Bregante, re@ussb.org or 965-4583 x227.

Summer Sundays meet in Jefferson Hall after the *Story for All Ages*.

Date	Worship Leader	Service Title
July 11	Glenn Bacheller	Climbing Mountains Around the Globe
July 18	Emiliano Campobello	Native American Flutes
July 25	Jared Dawson & Kathleen Boehm	Nature Walk in the Park
August 1	Paul Freeman	Cooking
August 8	Chris & Tammy Shorb	Games
August 15	Carla Neufeldt-Abatie	Number Games & Puzzles
August 22	Cheryl Kelmar	Dancing: A variety of free style dancing
August 29	Gary Welterlen	Bee Buzz
Sept. 5	Astrid Nelson	Bubbles!

Calendar

Thursday, July 15, 2010

- 6:30 PM Parent Circle, Blake Lounge
- 7:00 PM USSB Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Friday, July 16, 2010

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

Saturday, July 17, 2010

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

Sunday, July 18, 2010 9:30 & 11:30 AM Worship Services

- 9:00 AM Childcare, Starr King
- 9:30 AM Children's Summer Sundays, Jefferson Hall
- 9:30 AM Community Social Hour, Parish Garden

Monday, July 19, 2010

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

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

- 7:00 AM Toastmasters Club #5, Parish Hall
- 5:30 PM Board of Trustees, Parish Hall
- 7:00 PM Adult RE Council Meeting, Blake Lounge
- 7:00 PM Prayer Workshop, LaPaz Lounge

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

- 6:00 AM Early Morning Exercise, with Linda, Parish Hall
- 10:00 AM Women's Chorale, Sanctuary
- 2:30 PM Pastoral Care Committee, LaPaz Lounge
- 5:30 PM Lark Yoga Classes, Jefferson Hall
- 5:30 PM Committee on Shared Ministry, LaPaz Lounge
- 7:00 PM Wednesday Book Discussion, Classroom B

Thursday, July 22, 2010

- 7:00 PM USSB Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Friday, July 23, 2010

- 7:30 PM DanceAway, Parish Hall

Saturday, July 24, 2010

- 9:00 AM Path to Membership Class, Blake Lounge

Sunday, July 25, 2010 9:30 & 11:30 AM Worship Services

- 9:00 AM Childcare, Starr King
- 9:30 AM Children's Summer Sundays, Jefferson Hall
- 9:30 AM Community Social Hour, Parish Garden
- 10:40 AM Guest Orientation, Reception Office
- 12:00 PM Library Committee, Classroom B
- 7:00 PM USSB Women's Group, LaPaz Lounge

Monday, July 26, 2010

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

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

- 7:00 AM Toastmasters Club #5, Parish Hall
- 5:30 PM Worship Committee, Blake Lounge
- 7:00 PM Prayer Workshop, LaPaz Lounge

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

- 6:00 AM Early Morning Exercise, with Linda, Parish Hall
- 5:30 PM Lark Yoga Classes, Jefferson Hall
- 7:00 PM Wednesday Book Discussion, Classroom B

Thursday, July 29, 2010

- 7:00 PM USSB Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Friday, July 30, 2010

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

Saturday, July 31, 2010

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

Next Newsletter Deadline
July 15, for material covering
August 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
Summer Office Hours: Mon-Fri: 9 AM-noon; Sun 10 AM-noon

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